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Sindhi Voices Project

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Dear Supporters,

We are excited to share our recent happenings with you. We've been fortunate to spend time in India listening to Sindhi elders, age 70+, recount their life stories. We spent six months this past year meeting with elders in Adipur-Gandhidham, Bangalore, Bombay, Kolkata, and Ulhasnagar. We recorded poignant first-hand experiences on: teenage girls protesting British rule in 1940s, Sufism's dynamic place in Sindhi communities, emotional journeys of reconnecting across Pakistan and India today, and powerful visions for a borderless South Asia. Quite exciting, right?! The web-based library will include all of these reflections and more! Despite not being the most active internet-users themselves, many of the elders that we interviewed felt hopeful about the internet as a key platform for reaching out to youth.

The recent hate crimes and targeting of Muslims and Sikhs in the United States are in our thoughts and cause us sorrow. We express our resolve and commitment to building mutual understanding and respect for all and their stories. Additionally, in working on the Sindhi Voices Project, we have met many Sindhi families from these communities, making these tragedies feel even closer to home.

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Narrator Kala Dadi, Sharing her Stories, Gujarat, India, 2012

Listen to or Share a story!

[Download an interview field kit or just get in touch.](#)

(English, Hindi, Sindhi, and Urdu)

Free recording software:

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>



Sweets, Ulhasnagar, India, 2012

What we've been up?

- Sharing Sindhi experiences of Partition with undergraduate students studying, "Contemporary India and Pakistan" at the University of Washington.
- Connecting with U.S. supporters - received a very warm welcome in Los Angeles.
- Participated in a "Talk Back" – a post show dialogue on using the arts to engage and build communities across different geo-political contexts after a provocative play on Partition called, "Parts of Parts and Stitches" that premiered in New York City.

What's in the near future?

- Listening and editing 80+ life narratives so YOU can hear them! Please get in touch if you'd like to help edit and/or translate an interview! We are waiting to upload our recordings until they can be edited for quality and translated for wider audiences.
- Building a network of passionate listeners who want to mobilize local interview collections.
- Answering your FAQs on our website so everyone can learn more about the nitty gritty of SVP.

Gratitude:

A shared value for documenting Sindhi stories for current and future generations has turned strangers into supporters. We are extremely grateful for our new and continuing guides who let us into their past and present in Adipur, Ahmedabad, Banaglore, Bhuj, Gandhidam, Kolkata, Los Angeles, Mumbai, Porvorim, and Ulhasnagar.

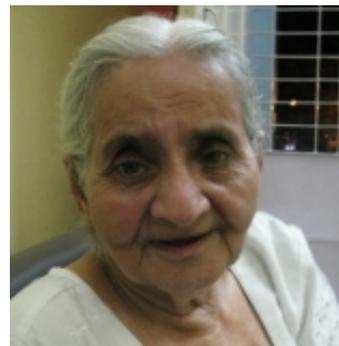
Resource Connection:

Works we've been inspired by that may interest you:

Events:

- 1) [Sacred Sites: Post-Gujarat Hindu-Muslim Violence Reconciliation Workshop](#)

[Click here](#) or on the sweets above to feast on photos from our recent journeys. Food is almost always part of the listening and sharing.



Narrator Sita Nani, India, 2012

"Many people don't talk to their elders. Here you are asking elders about their lives. They must think you are odd at first, but I'm sure you make them happy by listening".

Sita Nani, hearing your stories is an honor for us. Your words are with us and with future generations to come. Thank you!

2) [Parts of Parts and Stitches](#)

Films:

- 1) [Crosswinds Over Ichhamati](#) gives a glimpse of life experiences on the Indo Bangladesh border.
- 2) [El Gusto](#) is a story of musicians torn apart by history in Algeria and brought together by music.



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