

HELLO-FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE LONELY PLANET CALLED EARTH

This is about us (who had just crossed -40/50/60/70/80 years and above)* -

We should be proud...and above all be thankful for this “our lives”

Best Era Ever

Born in..... 40s

Grew up in50s

Educated in 60s

Ventured out in70s

Messed around in.. 80s

Stabilized a bit in ..90s

Got a bit wiser in ...2000s

Made it to 2024

We have lived in

NINE Different Decades

TWO Different Centuries

TWO Different Millennia

Have been through...



 -> STD booth, Pager, Basic mobile phone to latest Smart phone -

Radio, Transistor radios

TV with glass shell screen to (From big one with shutter door)
to compact smart TV flat screen.

Gramophone player, Tape recorder, VCR, Walkman, YouTube to Wireless Streaming.

Handwritten letters , Typewriter (Popular brand of Remington, Imperial, Oliver, Olivetti, Underwood, Halda), Pitman Stenography as shorthand to electronic typewriter (Brother), Telegrams, Teleprinters (Telex) to email  n WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram

Used Log tables, Slide Rule

Money Orders, Postal Orders, Hundi, Bankers Cheque, DD to NEFT, RTGS, PayTM, Google Pay, etc. Basic computers (20 MB Hard disk drive to 2 TB) to latest laptop, 5.25 inch to 3.5 inch floppydisk to CD disk to Pen Drive

And ...we missed the Spanish Flu  but on time for Corona 

Started with bell bottoms👤, went through "drainpipes"👤 and then settled in between.

Walked👤, cycled🚲, Played Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Table Tennis, Field Hockey, Golf, Volley Ball, Boxing, Played Chess, Rummy, Poker, Bridge, Canasta,

Rode🚲, drove🚗, Speak five languages. went on train🚂, on sea🚢, on Buses, played in the street with dust👤, mud, went underground

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🚂, hung in the air🚢, surfed🏄, flew✈️



Now await the Elon Musk -SpaceX 🚀 to the Moon, Mars

Have sailed all Oceans, All Seas, most rivers and Canals, visited 109 Countries, Lived in 20 Countries. Sailor for 40 years.

Have been in Typhoons, Hurricanes, Shipboard Mutinies, fire on Shipboard.

Have lived with people on Ships from the following countries Hyphenated Humans— English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Dutch, Germans, French, Somalia, Canada, USA, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, South Africa, Trinidad, Barbados, St Vincent, Grenada, St Kitts, Aruba, Cayman, BVI-Jamaica, British Guyana, Singapore Malaysia, Phillipines, Burmese St Vincent. UAR, Romania, Greece.,

HAVE been on British Ships during the War in VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA-Carrying Armaments on British Ships to Saigon, Cambodia-the killing fields, to Hiroshima and Nagasaki-the sites of the First Atomic BOMB-after 20 years.

Have seen the Pyramids in Egypt-The Nile and the Taj MAHAL IN INDIA And the Leaning Tower of PISA and the Colosseum in Rome- ITALY and threw coins in the Trevi Fountain in Rome. ITALY

Have sailed on Self Unloading Ships, Bulkiers, Tankers, Container Ships, Barges, Yachts, Sailing Ships, freighters, Passenger Ships, Cruisers. Catamarans, dinghy's,

Have Swum In the ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, INDIAN, OCEAN-LAKES, LAKE TAHOE, SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN, HURON, ERIE, ONTARIO-BITTER-SEAS SOUTH CHINA SEA, SEA OF JAPAN-, MEDITERRANEAN, CARIBBEAN, CASPIAN, -RIVERS-NILE, MISSISSIPPI, IRRIWADY, HOOGHLY, GANGES, BRAHMAPUTRA, JAMUNA, KRISHNA, CAUVERY

Have used my expertise in Naval Architecture to build the Sailing Ship S.V.LEGACY, IN Port of Spain Trinidad and an Anti -Submarine in Hooghly Docks Calcutta during my Apprenticeship days.

Have been arrested, beaten Stabbed, Abused, hated for being a hyphenated Human, cheated, lied to-all Human frailties. Have fought for just Causes.

In spite of all adversity mostly I Have been loved many times by my Wife, Grandparents and Mother-My Daughters-and my grandchildren

Have written and published

books 📖 Wow 😊!!!

What a Life it's been ? 😊
Yes, we truly went through many more...



Typically, we can be termed as "Xennials"
a "cross-over generation" of people whose birth years were in the 40s, 50s, 60s

Had an 🕒 analog childhood,
a 📀 digital adulthood, and now a 'SeenAll age' 🧐?

Literally....our generation has lived through, witnessed so much and more in every dimension of LIFE...



This is our generation that has given a new paradigm to the word "CHANGE"



We thank God 🙏 for this wonderful, meaningful, amazing rollercoaster LIFE ...



Surely...

We beat the 20s & cross over the 30s & 40s. Holding each other's hand with fun & frolic...



Best Wishes my dear friends, to all of you who are from the era that was, that is, that will be ~ none such as ours

Let us continue to live our lives to the fullest, one day at a time 🙏

Truly—Life is for the Living- Truly worth it- enjoy it to the fullest while it lasts.Above all be gracious and thankful for small mercies.

I have been there and done that-A full life for any human who has a dream and the courageof their convictions.

It has been an awesome spirit of adventure experience to cherish the memories of the yester years and enjoy the present and look to the future.
God Bless this Planet called EARTH-when you transpose it becomes your Heart AMEN.

RAJ.

25th December,2023—Adds up to my life number-8