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**For those who grew up during the 70's and early 80's in middle class India, here are some things that you can identify with.**

**1. Though you may not publicly own to this, at the age of 12-17 years, you were very proud of your first "Bellbottom" or your first "Maxi".**

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2. Phantom & Mandrake were your only true heroes. The brainy ones read Competition Success Review.
3. Your Camlin geometry box & Natraj/Flora pencil were your prized possessions.
4. The only Holidays you took were to go to your grandparents' or your cousins' houses.

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5. Ice-cream meant only either an orange stick, a vanilla stick or a Choco Bar if you were better off.

6. You gave your neighbour’s phone number to others with a ‘c/o’ written against it because you'd booked yours 7 years ago & were still waiting for your number to come.

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7. Your parents were proud owners of HMT watches. You "earned" yours after SSC exams.

8. You have been to Jumbo Circus, held your breath while pretty girls in glittery skirts did acrobatics, enjoyed elephants hitting football & the motorcyclist vrooming in "Maut-ka-Gola".

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9. If you had a TV, it was normal to expect the neighbourhood to gather around to watch Chitrahaar or the Sunday movie. If you didn't have a TV, you just went to a house that did. It mattered little if you knew the owners or not.

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10. Sometimes the owners of these TVs got creative and got a tri-coloured anti-glare screen which they attached with two side clips onto their Weston TVs. That confused the hell out of you!
11. You have at least once heard Hawa Mahal and Binaca Geetmala on the radio.

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12. You thought your Dad rocked because you got your own (the family's; not your own own!) colour TV when the Asian Games started. Everyone else got the same idea as well and ever since, no one came over to your house and you didn't go to anyone else's.

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13. B & W TVs weren't so bad after all because cricket was played in whites.
14. You dreaded the death of any political leader because of the mourning they would announce on the TV. After all how much Shashtriya Sangeet can a kid take? Salma Sultana also didn't smile.

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15. You knew that " Indira Gandhi " was somebody really powerful and terribly important. And that's all you needed to know.

16. Movies meant Rajesh Khanna or Amitabh Bachchan. Before the start of the movie you always had to watch the obligatory "Newsreel".

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17. The only Gadgets in the house were the TV, the Fridge & possibly a mixer.
18. You thought you were so rocking because you knew almost all the songs of Abba & Boney M.
19. Your hormones went crazy when you heard “Aap Jaisa Koi Meri Jindagi Mein Aaye” by Nazia Hassan.

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20. Photograph taking was a big thing. You were lucky if your family owned a camera. A reel of 36 exposures was valuable hence it justified the half hour preparation & "setting" & the "posing" for each picture.

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Therefore, you have at least one family picture where everyone is holding their breath and standing at attention!

And we were really happy then, weren't we? Look where we have come now and all those small pleasures seem so distant.

End of #Thread! #nostalgia #Middleclass