

A Drawer Full Of Happiness

'A Drawer full of happiness' is a newspaper article written by Aanchal Jagnani *who* is a specialist in digital marketing, communications professional and a contributing writer to The Hindu newspaper. In the article the writer feels nostalgic for the things or the products that she finds in the drawer of the custom - made dressing table. She presents the memoirs, the technological innovations and the life of the millennial of 1990s.

When the drawer has been opened with a hammer all the family members have been astonished to find wooden hair pins, metal bindi stamps with tiny containers of coloured bindi powder, small wooden kumkum cases, an array of cosmetics including eye shadow kit, blush, mascara and liquid foundation and a collection of lipsticks from 1990. The author kept glancing and touching the items while making comparisons of the present day technology to the past serenity. Technology is within the reach of an ordinary person today. Cable TV and Cellular TV are not able to grip the attention of the younger generation. The contemporary generation do not know much about the old iconic T.V.shows. They spend most of their time in mobile games, iPod and iPad. .

The author is surprised at the uniqueness of the cosmetics and the ways in which the women used everyday products differently back in 1990s. The author believes that 1990s have a balanced way of living and the memories are still present in the hearts of the people. Though people have limited choice, they are happy. On the other hand, the present generation has so much to choose but dissatisfied with their lives. People have been more contented in 1990s, when it is compared with next generation. Money is less, but the quality life is more. Children are interested in outdoor games but not in computer and mobile games. Children are untouched by the technology. They are happy by reading magazines like "Champak" and "Tinkle". They used to get ready for school while listening to the song "School chale hum" on radio. Every day play time is also a big thing in the evenings, mothers used to permit their children to play only after completing homework. Children enjoyed watching great TV shows like *Ramananda Sagar's Ramayana* and *Small Wonder* by sitting with grandparents and parents. Occasionally they go to theatre to watch movies. They used to collect stamps as their hobby. They are close to humans and nature not to technology. The author opines that the children of 1990s led a balanced and happy life untouched by the vicious impact of technology. Thus the writer compares and contrasts the present day with the days of 1990 in a beautiful manner.

