

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Abstract: **Satish G. Jhingran**

Dr. Jhingran was born in India in 1935. He came to Houston in 1967 on a Fellowship in Nuclear medicine. After his wife and children arrived, they settled in permanently first in Houston and later in Sugar Land. Satish still practices medicine, on a part time basis, to ensure financial support.

Dr. Jhingran shares many stories about being one of the few Indians in Houston in the 1960s, arriving with \$8 in his pocket, having to order bulk Indian vegetarian food from New York, wrecking his first car and coming to love the friendly people of Texas.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Dr. Menon – first Indian friend in America

Col. Raj Bhalla – president, Indian Cultural Center (ICC)

Ashok Dhingra – ICC Election Commission Officer

Koshy Thomas – ICC Election Commission Officer

Nanda Vura – president, Indo American Charity Foundation (IACF)

Sushvon Guha – IACF Board Director

### Places / Businesses

Baylor College of Medicine

First Colony

Hindu Worship Society

### Events

Dr. Jhingran was born in India in 1935 and moved to Houston to advance his medical career. He accepted a Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

Due to restrictions, the Indian government only allowed him to leave the country with \$8. To survive, he had to take out a loan with the help of the hospital.

After serving as Chief of Nuclear Medicine, Satish retired in 2001. He now works part time.

Dr. Jhingran became a partner in the first Indian restaurant in the State of Texas – Tandoor in Houston.

He and his wife care for their adult son who was disabled in an automobile accident. His daughter is a full professor at M. D. Anderson Hospital System.

He loves living in Sugar Land and finds the people of Texas very friendly.

India

Indian Cultural Center (ICC)

Indian Doctors Association

Indoamerican Charity Foundation

Parkwood Apartments

M. D. Anderson Cancer Hospital

Baylor College of Medicine and Methodist Hospital

Sweetwater Country Club

Tandoor Restaurant

Smith College

Westbury High School

Nortwestern

University of Houston

Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital