

# THIS IS WHAT WE EAT AT HOME

SAKTHIVEL SHOBAN, 13

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- Shiyun: What was your experience like telling your mother about this project?
- Shoban: My mother first said no, then after that, AJ\* came to our house, then talked to my mother about the project. Then my mother thought about it, then she said okay. But she was like "I have a lot of paper correction (to mark), I can't do, but I do for you." She said like that.
- Shiyun: Can you tell us more about the whole preparation for that day, because your father also shaved, and (it) seemed like everybody was prepared for it.
- Shiyun: That day, we thought to do vadai, but then the auntie, our neighbour, gave us so many eggs. So we thought, like, an egg snack would be better. So my mother

prepared that. This snack is so ordinary in India. It's very easy to prepare. Even I can also do.

Shiyun: Do you feel that you will fuse different elements - something that you eat in India, something in Singapore - then put them together?

Shoban: In India, they give a separate chutney for this dish. But (over here) we use Singapore, the Chinese garlic, chili sauce. It was nice. But we only found the combo that day. We didn't know it before.

Shiyun: Do you feel like you're inspired to learn more about photography or pick up more cooking?

Shoban: I thought of buying a simple camera and take our family, a group photo like that. Because before that I was talking with my family (and) my grandparents from India, by video call. We've never taken a group photo before. So now I've learned photography, I want to take separate photos with my grandparents. My grandparents on my father's side already passed away. But my grandparents on my mother's side are still alive. So need to take. I want to.

Shiyun: So you feel that (having) photograph is important?

Shoban: Yes.

Shoban: My name is Shoban. I like to dance.

\* AJ refers to project manager, Ajriani Asrul.