

INTERVIEW WITH KALAVATHI

TRANSCRIPT

DATE: 21/11/20

DAY: Saturday

START OF INTERVIEW

(This interview was done in Telugu)

PRANEETH: What is your name/age/education/gender?

KALAVATHI: My name is Kalavathi. I am 70 years old. I studied till 10th class and I am a female.

PRANEETH: What medium was your education in and what is your mother tongue?

KALAVATHI: Both my mother tongue and education were in Telugu.

PRANEETH: What do u think is better for cleaning your hands? Soap and water or hand sanitizer?

KALAVATHI: As far as I know soap and water is better.

PRANEETH: Tell us some home remedies that you have heard of. Do you think drinking turmeric/herb water will help with COVID prevention/cure?

KALAVATHI: I have not heard of any at home remedies as such but I know turmeric with milk helps a lot for cold.

PRANEETH: Do you know the symptoms of COVID and what actions would you take to combat it or deal with it?

KALAVATHI: Yes I know u get symptoms like cold, cough, sore throat, lack of smell and taste because your uncle has gotten infected. I know he went to RIMS (Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences) to tested. Also taking paracetamol, gargling with warm salt water, drinking warm water and steam are helpful.

PRANEETH: Do you think masks and sanitisers are effective?

KALAVATHI: Yes I believe they are effective.

PRANEETH: Do you know what vaccines are?

KALAVATHI: Yes

PRANEETH: Do u know any vaccines for COVID-19?

KALAVATHI: I do not remember the names but I know there is an Oxford vaccine and one Indian vaccine.

PRANEETH: Do you know about the various vaccine stages?

KALAVATHI: I don't know the stages in particular but I vaguely remember seeing in the news that they test it on animals first before humans.

PRANEETH: Where do you get most of your news from?

KALAVATHI: I watch a bit of news and read the newspaper.

PRANEETH: What's your most trusted source?

KALAVATHI: Most of the news I get are from news channels like Sakshi and TV9 and also from Sakshi newspaper (Telugu news channels and newspaper).

PRANEETH: Which of the following are you up to date with/knowledgeable about:-
deaths/cases/recoveries/vaccines/lockdown or travel rules?

KALAVATHI: I used to follow here and there when they used to read out in the news but these days I haven't been following much.

PRANEETH: (shows the covid India graph) Do you know what this is?

KALAVATHI: No I do not understand this sort of complex pictures.

PRANEETH: Do you know what this point is?(the point shows the COVID-19 cases on that particular day)

KALAVATHI: No I just see some numbers and some English below.

PRANEETH: Thank you for your time.

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