

# Hobbies

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Though I have a number of hobbies, lately **photography** becomes the principal one. I remember in early 70's my brother had got an **Agfa** camera. Though I showed specific interest in photography even then, first steps in this field I made in 1983 when I came to Russia for higher study. Dr. Amal Halder was my first mentor, who helped me to buy an SLR **Zenith** camera and explained me how it works. Until 2005 I mainly shot for myself and for my close friends. Colorful autumn and snow white winter attract me more than anything and I with great pleasure catch them in my camera. Those days I used to follow Shishkin, Levitan and other Russian and foreign painters. But in 2005 when I met photographers of Dubna and we organized photo-club **FOCUS** little by little I began to take photography seriously.

It results in a number of personal and collective photo exhibitions:

Eyes, 2005, Dubna, Russia;

Looking through the lens, 2006, ICTP, Trieste, Italy;

Greetings from Dubna, 2007, IFIN, Bucharest, Romania;

Slipping away beauty, 2007, Dubna, Russia

Dubna - a personal vision, 2008, Jasmin, Dubna, Russia;

Our kids, 2009, Dubna, Russia

Russia Calls, 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Back to the Childhood, 2012, Dubna, Russia

In search of Yesterday, 2014, Moscow, Russia

Touching the Past, 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh

I also participate in the annual collective photo-exhibitions of FOCUS and OBRAZ in Dubna and Dmitrov.

# Readings

My hobby is reading. My favorite authors are F.M. Dostoevski , F.Kafka , A. Camus , J.-P. Sartre , authors, who are known as existentialists. Beside those mentioned above I like E. Hemingway , J. Steinbeck , H. Hesse , T. Mann , A. Gide , A. Saint-Exupery , G.G. Marquez , W. Faulkner , P. S. Buck , L. Tolstoy , A Chekhov , S. Bellow , and many others. Among Bengali writers my favorites are Rabindra Nath Tagore , Manik Bandopadhaya , Bibhuti Bhushan , Sunil Ganguli , Satyen Sen and many others. Still now I like to read the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

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But now-a-days I mainly read books related to different aspects of physics and cosmology. And **Stephen Hawking** is my most favorite author followed by **Brian Green**.

Lately I am reading a lot of books on history - both the history of World and Indian History. History and biography of distinguished people. In fact while in the past I read just for the sake of reading, now a days it is more research than simply reading.

# Music and movies

I also like music. Indian classical is my most favorite music. Like Sitar by **Ravi Shankar** and **Nikhil Banarjee**, Sarod by **Amzad Ali Khan**, Flute by **Hariprashad Chaurasia** and Santoor by **Shivkumar Sharma** as well as music by **L. Subramaniam**. I also like **James Last**, **Richard Clayderman** and **G. Zamfir**, **Pink Floyd**, **The Beatles** and **Elvis Prislej**, Jazz and Blues. I also like Tagore song, Russian war-time songs.

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Another hobby is to watch good film. My favorite directors are Andrei tarkovsky , Milos Forman , Nikita Mikhalkov and Satyajeet Roy .

Beside these I like to watch News and Analytical programs on TV, follow cricket news and regularly contact my friends via e-mail or other social networks.