

You are my son's discovery, Raman told daughter-in-law

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FOND MEMORIES: Dominique Radhakrishnan says her father-in-law was an emotional person

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Frenchwoman **Dominique Radhakrishnan** was in awe of the occasion: she had to meet her future father-in-law who was a great scientist, for the first time. She gingerly stepped into the room where C V Raman was resting.

Raman, though, was amiable. Raising his head, Raman said: "So you're Dominique? You are my son's discovery and I shall respect you for that." This is how Raman welcomed his daughter-in-law when they met for the first time in 1970.

"I shall not forget that moment. He was so nice to me," Dominique Radhakrishnan told TOI. According to her, "Raman had an attractive personality and piercing, sharp eyes. He often quipped that my name sounds like an island."

Asked for her most memorable moment with Raman, Dominique said he had once told her he would gift her his col-

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lection of opal crystals. "He had some rare gems, and had displayed them in his private museum. One evening, he asked me to visit the museum. After my visit, he suddenly said he would gift all the opals to me," she said.

But Dominique decided not to take possession of them. "I strongly felt the opals should remain in the museum," she said.

Raman relished South Indian food. "He was a teetotaler and preferred South Indian dishes. He often took me to hotels like Blue Fox on MG Road and Quality Hotel on Brigade Road. In his leisure time, he would listen to Carnatic music," Dominique recalled.