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Scholars come in all sizes and ages. V. Rajendran, 56, is working on his Ph.D on bank frauds.

His guide, professor M. Srinivasan is 43 years old, while Rajendran's son, 24-year-old Siddharth, is doing a Ph.D. on cataract.

Rajendran's interest in bank frauds stemmed from the rise in reports of swindling millions from several bank accounts. More interestingly, the impetus for his work came from his mother V.Jayam, 84, who had the distinction of completing M.A. in Hindi when she was 60.

A cyber law consultant by profession, Rajendran spends at least five hours a day on his Ph.D research. "It took two months for me



**V. Rajendran**

to frame the five-page questionnaire. I also have to prepare notes for my guest lectures on cyber crime at the Indian institute of banking and finance, the police academy and some universities in Chennai", he told *DC*.

What is the biggest challenge in his research work? "I need case studies of victims of online banking

frauds, with their responses, the amounts of money lost, and so on", Mr Rajendran replied. The man is quite thrilled that he is competing with someone half his age for getting a Ph.D. "In my case, the competitor is my son", he chuckled.

Son Siddharth gets the required books from the libraries to help Mr Rajendran. "I get to improve my research skills when I help my father," says Siddharth.

Unlike many Ph.D. projects, Rajendran's area of research is quite relevant, and useful, to the common man, points out his guide Mr Srinivasan. "Rajendran is an active researcher", he says.

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