Lalita Jha spent her early childhood in the Medinipur district of Nepal and grew up in Kathmandu. Her mother instilled the value of education in her at a very young age. Sneha Jha spent her early life in a small village in Morang, in southeastern Nepal. At the age of 15, her family scraped together enough money to pay the huge dowry of $7,000 US in cash and provide a motorbike.

Both girls had to marry young and are now being rebroadcast. The 104-episode series, “Seeking Bride, Motorbike, and $7,000,” shows the disastrous consequences of early marriage and highlights the need for better nutrition. PMC partnered with Nepal’s微型通讯公司和生产公司，阿塔拉通讯技术公司（AFN），to broadcast the hard-hitting series in 40 countries worldwide.

Sneha, who has been married for five years now, talks about Hilkor. “It is a story of a girl who is not allowed to continue her education and who has to marry at a young age. People start gossiping about her when she is young and doesn’t have a job. Her family starts pressuring her into marriage. And after marriage, she suffers a lot.”

Sneha’s personal story is deeply connected to stories she writes. Some of the situations, inspirations, and conflicts that she faces are similar to what she writes about in her stories. For example, Sneha’s story of facing marriage proposals, with no control over the boy’s family, is also how she feels about her fictional characters. Some of her stories are also based on her personal experiences of getting married at a young age.

“From my childhood, I used to think that women should not be dependent on men,” says Sneha. “I do not consider myself a model in our life, but I do not consider myself a model in my life, and it is my way.”

Her brother informed her that she was going to another district, Mucking, to study in a college. The boy who went to college was a student of the Tibb family, who had a lot to do with the Tibb family.

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Lalita stepped through so much even though she was only 15 years old. She shared with the writer how her family took together enough money to pay the huge dowry of $7,000 US in cash and provide a motorbike. The financial sacrifice went unnoticed. This teenager would say, “Shall we like the time, remove the financial burden of caring for someone else’s. Her new family was very poor. Lalita found herself pregnant, physically and mentally abused, and in a community where she knew nobody. She ran from the violent household, while pregnant, back to her brother’s home. Her husband and his family never came to see her, even after the birth of her daughter. That is why she filed a legal case against Lalita accusing her of getting pregnant and raping her husband.

More about Lalita’s story inside >.

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PMC CURRENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

PMC's Big Book with a Bigger Message Receives IPPY Award

This year’s 21st annual Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPYs) reaching new heights, including outstanding efforts by PMC’s radio shows. The IPPYs are awarded to a radio show in its first year that “most creatively, compellingly and effectively conveys the human condition through radio.” PMC received the IPPY award for its radio drama “Song of Life,” which debuted on October 1, 2016, and was recognized for its “innovative and compelling use of radio to address issues of concern.” The award was presented by the IPPY Awards Foundation for Deep Ecology for the project. PMC’s Big Book with a Bigger Message Receives IPPY Award. This year’s IPPY Awards were held in New York City on November 30, 2016.

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