



## **Memories of my grandfather Mr. Abul Hasan Ansari A Freedom Fighter**

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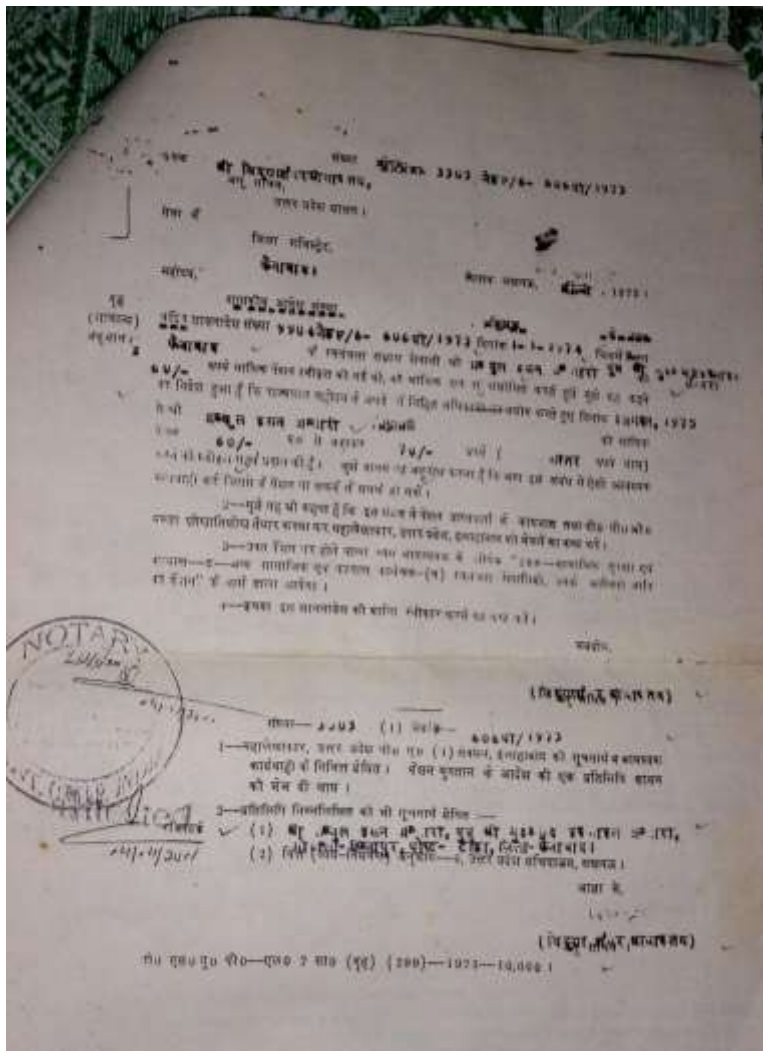
*“Hindu hai ki Muslim hai is subah-e-darakshan mein  
Shamil hai lahu mera tameer-e-gulistan mein”*

We are celebrating Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava: to commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievement. We are living in a free India and enjoying many rights and which is the result of sacrifices of freedom fighters. They inspired and motivated others to fight injustice. They are pillars behind the freedom movement. They made people aware of their rights and power. It is all because of freedom fighters that we prosper into a free country. Countless freedom fighters of India fought in their own way through years of struggle to help India become free and independent. The path to Indian Independence is paved with the efforts and endeavors of freedom fighters.

At this juncture I would like to highlight the contributions and memories of my own grandfather Abul Hasan Ansari belonging to Faizabad (1891-1981) who was in prison for one year and bore the torture of the British Government. He also actively participated in the Quit India Movement 1942. He always worked for freedom. Therefore it is our duty to keep intact and preserve our freedom and contribute to nation building. My grandfather was upholder of values enshrined in the constitution such as - humanism, brotherhood, secularism, equality etc. He was a member of the executive committee of Management SSK, Faizabad which has now become Awadh University. He was a great supporter of education, specially women education leading to women empowerment. He was always ready for helping people to solve their problems. On the occasion of 25th Anniversary of Independence Day he was honored with Tamra Patra by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister of India. He was also getting monthly pension of freedom fighter from the Indian government.



**Tamra Patra presented to Mr. Abul Hasan Ansari (Freedom Fighter) by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister, on the occasion of 25th Anniversary of Independence Day**



**Letter of Pension for Freedom Fighter to Mr. Abul Hasan Ansari**

My memories with him are still alive. He shared with me how the freedom fighters used to organize secret meetings for the purpose. He used to guide me to prepare speeches for 15th August and 26th January. I used to go with my grandfather to celebrations of Azadi at various important places and Eid milan and Holi Milan Samaroh. It shows his love for nation and strong belief in secular character and love for Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb-the Cultural Heritage of India.He was a great follower of Mahatma Gandhi. I still remember when he had told me that the whole nation was stunned by the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. He further explained that the whole first page of Newspaper black on that day and the news was written on it depicting the grief of the nation.He was impressed by Gandhi's philosophy of life and education which emphasizes all round and best development of human, body, mind and soul. He had gone to Delhi to pay Homage to him at his Samadhi(photo attached). He told me that the press played an important role and powerful tool to propagate political ideas. Freedom fighters were the propelling force behind the success of the freedom struggle. They spread patriotic awareness among Indians.



***Freedom Fighter Mr. Abul Hasan Ansari, paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, Delhi***

Although India's journey towards freedom was tough, freedom fighters never lost their hope.No matter how high one speaks about the role and contribution of freedom fighters in India's freedom struggle, it will never be enough.They were the ones who took every impossible way to get freedom for their country. Their contribution can never be expressed in terms of words.The freedom with which we are living in the nation today, the foundation of this very freedom was laid by them.

*“Wo Hindi naujawan Muslim ya ke sikh ki isa”  
“Watan ke paswan wo bas alam bardar e Azadi”*

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