



*The night of 9th August 1942 is still alive in Mr. Chaturvedi's eyes. He remembers seeing the Indian tricolor being hoisted amidst clouds of smoke, gunshots, and cries of 'Vande Mataram!'*

Within a few precious years, many such stories will be lost to us forever.

The Citizens' Archive of India aims to record and archive the personal stories of Indian citizens who have witnessed India develop into the nation we see today. We believe that eyewitness accounts and personal experiences form an integral part of a nation's history. It is critical that we preserve these accounts for future generations to understand a history that finds no place in our schoolbooks.

Our vision is to create a publicly accessible archive for scholars, students, and ordinary citizens who wish to listen to and learn from these stories. We also aim to develop educational and outreach programmes using these narratives to build dialogue and foster mutual understanding about the nation's past, present, and future.

Our ongoing project, The Generation 1947 Project, aims to record and archive the personal stories of Indian citizens who have witnessed life in pre-independent India, as well as the subsequent formative nation-building years.

The focus of the project goes well beyond the political climate of the time. Citizens tell us about their personal lives, their social lives, about the culture and community they grew up in, and how times have changed. The project also digitally preserves various records such as letters, newspapers, documents, personal pictures, historical pictures, and other memorabilia from this period.

**You can take a look at some of our interviews and photographs here:**

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## **For interns**

### Duties:

- Conducting topic-based historical research
- Helping identify potential nominees to be interviewed, and liaising with nominators and nominees.
- Research nominees and prepare specialized questionnaires.
- Assist with conducting interviews and material collection.
- Transcribe interviews to archival standards and to strict deadlines.
- Help catalogue archival material.

### An ideal candidate should have:

- A passion for and understanding of Indian and World History of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Exceptional verbal communication skills in English. Native or bilingual proficiency in at least one other regional Indian language is an added bonus.
- Excellent written communication skills in English.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office, especially Microsoft Word.
- An ability to multitask.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you do not have all the skills and experience listed here. We are looking for a hard worker and a team player who is willing to learn quickly. If you are interested in applying for this position, send us your CV along with a cover letter telling us why we should hire you to [jobs@citizensarchiveofindia.org](mailto:jobs@citizensarchiveofindia.org).