

Mr. Sabur

This story is narrated by him. He is the grandfather of my friend. Consent was granted. It was a semi-formal interview to make it more comfortable.

I was in Lahore, studying. Muslims didn't know the condition or situation of the country. I got know about the partition through the radio. At the time of partition, I was in Lahore. I didn't have to migrate or move. I stayed at my house. But one of my friends was displaced from Ferozpur as a refugee. He didn't have any arrangements to live so he stays at. He was my class fellow at Ferozpur, when I was studying there, before partition. Due to partition, when my father was transferred from Ferozpur to Lahore, I missed a year or 6 months of my classes. My education was effected. Muslim administrations were not trained. Their social society (of Muslims) was not trained nor experienced since most of the administration was in the hands of Indians. As per Lahore, after partition, there wasn't much of a difference. People had their work and the understanding that now they have to take care and work hard for themselves and this was the reason Pakistan got success. Since Pakistan had a vacuum, so people had to make up for the lack of finances, knowledge. They learnt what was needed. We grew from there. Pakistan became a better place to live. When Indians left, Muslims tried to gather heir resources and improve like for example the society in which we are living today that is the result Muslims back then. During partition the weakness and different and lacks in administration etc., Muslims tried to overcome them together.