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Iqbal Ansari: The Babri Litigant Who Welcomed The Temple Verdict

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In this December 2023 profile, Iqbal Ansari presents himself first as an Ayodhya resident. The former Babri litigant welcomed the Supreme Court verdict and accepted the temple's bhoomi pujan invitation, while recalling the burning of his family home and friendships that survived the dispute.



Iqbal Ansari

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- After the 2019 verdict, Ansari said he welcomed the decision, consistent with his earlier commitment to accept whatever the court decided.
- Ansari received the first invitation to the Ram temple's 5 August 2020 bhoomi pujan and accepted it, describing the invitation in devotional terms.
- Recalling the 1992 violence, Ansari said a mob searching for the petitioner burned his home and then other Muslim houses nearby.
- The report records that the annual mourning gathering associated with the dispute ceased after the Supreme Court delivered its verdict in 2019.

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