RASHTRA JYOTI

REPORT BRIEF
900035 · October 2023

Pakistan · From the reporting archive

Inside the Delhi Colony of a Pakistan Asylum Seeker

Original reporting by **Swati Goel Sharma**

Mohammed Hasnain and his son sought asylum in Pakistan alleging religious persecution in India. This October 2023 ground report visits his Delhi neighbourhood, where acquaintances questioned his departure, and examines the political activity and published views behind his public claims.



Mohammed Hasnain hailed from Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, but had been living in Delhi for five decades.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Before leaving, Hasnain told neighbours that he and his son were travelling to Abu Dhabi for work and would return within ten days.
- Their account described travel through Abu Dhabi and Afghanistan, followed by entry into Pakistan without proper documentation with assistance from agents.
- A shopkeeper outside Hasnain's house considered his departure unwarranted and described his own experience of living in the neighbourhood as trouble-free.
- The report also examined Hasnain's earlier political writing, including a 2015 editorial lamenting that Muslim rule had not returned after British departure.

THE TAKEAWAY

Hasnain and his son told Dawn they sought asylum over threats they attributed to religious persecution, while several neighbours in Gautampuri said they were puzzled by his departure.

BACK RASHTRA JYOTI.

Support Rashtra Jyoti's ground investigations that test public claims against local testimony, documents and the people directly involved.

rashtrajyoti.com/support/

Full article and sources: rashtrajyoti.com/?p=912616

SCAN TO SUPPORT

Updated from an original written by Swati Goel Sharma in October 2023. Summary prepared by Rashtra Jyoti Staff. Facts refer to the original reporting date.