

Q. Evaluate the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the independence of India. (250 words)

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, a lawyer by profession returned to his country in 1915, which was by then already going through its journey for independence. He already had his own record of struggles and satyagrahas, he fought in Africa, then a British colony, and now was the time he applied it to India.

In 1917, his first ever satyagraha in India in Champaran for the sake of peasants, seems to be successful followed by 1918 Kheda Satyagraha. Till 1920's, Gandhi's principles of non-violence, demonstration, presentations have made him a hero of masses which was further upraised by Non-cooperation in 1921. Gandhi now a national hero, influenced people to throw away an ageing alien rule.

Whether, it was Civil disobedience in 1931, Non-cooperation of 1921 or Poona Pact of 1932 or the Quit India movement of 1942, what Gandhi tried till the very end was an image of United India and Indians against the setting sun of mighty British empire.

But like every other human Gandhi too was not perfect, his single handedness in calling of Non-cooperation movement or his being somewhat diluting the secular fabric of congress as had some or other way angered people. His idea of bringing every one along through Khilafat committee or the Poona Pact, did not fully solve any problems.

his very ideology of non-violence, simple living,
better thinking, and a minimalistic material
living has what inspired people from every
fold, who participated in freedom struggle,
correctly earning him the title ~~from~~ of
Father of Nation by his anti ~~and~~ S.C Bose and
Mahatma by Tagore.

May be his values may not be followed
daily, but he will be remembered as a
person, clothed in khadi with a leathi,
standing against a mighty empire, asking
his supporters to Do or Die until independence
is achieved.