

## **Havaldar Adbul Hamid**

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Recently, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief visited the village Dhamupur in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh, the native village of 1965 war hero Abdul Hamid.

- He released two books- 'Mere Papa Paramvir' on Hamid and 'Bharat ka Musalman'.
- Abdul Hamid was a soldier in the 4th Grenadiers in the Indian Army who fought and died during the Battle of Asal Uttar in the 1965 India-Pakistan war.
  - **Asal Uttar** is situated in **Punjab** near the India-Pakistan border.
  - The Battle of Asal Uttar was one of the largest tank battles fought during the 1965 war, where the Pakistani 1 Armoured Division's offensive was decimated by the Indian forces.
  - The battle resulted in the loss of 97 Patton tanks for the Pakistani Army, and the surrender of an entire Pakistani armoured regiment.
- Hamid was deployed near Chima village. On 10<sup>th</sup> September 1965, he destroyed 3 Pakistani tanks and disabled a 4th one but was **killed in the process**.
- Hamid was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest gallantry award, posthumously for his bravery.
- The site of his death is now part of a **war memorial**, with a **captu**red Pakistani Patton tank standing as a tribute.

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