

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS





Associations formed before Congress

Bangabhasha Prakashika Sabha

- 1836: by Raja Ram Mohan Roy's Associates

East India Association

- 1866: by Dadabhai Naoroji

Poona Sarvajanic Sabha

- 1870: M G Ranade

• 1st Indian to qualify ICS: Satyendranath Tagore

Indian League

1875: by Sisir Kumar Ghosh

Indian National Association

- 1876: by Surendranath Banerjee, Anand Mohan Bose

Bombay Presidency Association

- 1885: by Pherozeshah Mehta, K. T. Telang, and Badruddin Tyabji

Madras Mahajan Sabha: 1884

Dadabhai Naoroji

- 1st British Indian Member of Parliament
- 1st to calculate National Income and Poverty Line (1st by him)
- Rast Goftar (weekly newspaper) → For Parsi Community
- Book: "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" → Gives Drain Theory
- Used the term "Swaraj" for the 1st time
- Also known as "Grand Old Man of India"
- 3 times Congress President (1886, 1893, 1906)



Formation of Congress

Founder: Ornithologist → Allen Octavian Hume (Qualified ICS, Father of Indian Ornithology) in 1885

1885: Poona (not possible due to plague)

- 1st session held at Gokuldas Tejpal Sanskrit College, Bombay → 72 delegates attended this
- No women participated

1st session

→ By Ilbert

Ilbert Bill: 1884, by Ripon

- A measure that allow senior Indian magistrates to preside over cases involving British Subjects in India → But this received a huge backlash

Different Theories

- Saffrey Valve Theory: By Lala Lajpat Rai (Young India)
- Conspiracy Theory: R. P. Dutt
- Lightning Conductor Theory: Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- Viceroy at the time of formation of Congress → Dufferin called Congress a Factory of Sedition

Important Sessions of Congress

- **1st:** 1885 → W. C Banerjee, Bombay → 72 delegates attended
- **2nd:** 1886 → Dadabhai Naoroji, Calcutta → 434 delegates attended
- **3rd:** 1887 → Badruddin Tyabji, Madras → 1st Muslim President of Congress
- **4th:** 1888 → George Yule, Allahabad → 1st British President of Congress

1896: in Calcutta

- National Song (Vande Mataram) was sung for the 1st time by Tagore

↳ **Written by:** Bankim Chatterjee



1901: in Calcutta

- 1st time Gandhi appeared

1905: in Banaras

- Gopal Krishna Gokhale

1906: in Calcutta

- Dadabhai Naoroji
- 4 resolutions: Swaraj, Swadeshi, Boycott, and National Education

1907: in Surat

- R. B Ghosh
- Congress split during this time

1911: in Calcutta

- 1st time National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) Sung → Written by Rabindranath Tagore

1916: in Lucknow

- Ambika Charan Mazumdar
- Merger of Congress

1917: in Calcutta

- Annie Besant → 1st Women president of Congress

1924: in Belgaum (Karnataka)

Mahatma Gandhi (president)

1925: in Kanpur

- Sarojini Naidu → 1st Indian women

1929: in Lahore

J. L Nehru (President of INC)

- Madan Mohan Malviya → Most no. of times President

1931: in Karachi

- Sardar Patel



1937: Faizpur

- J. L Nehru → 1st session held in village

Governor Generals

William Bentinck (1828-1835)

- 1st Governor General of India
- 1829: Abolition of Sati
- Suppression of Thug
- Abolished Circuit Courts

Metcafe (1835-36)

- He is known as liberator of Indian Press

Dalhousie (1848-1856)

- During his time
- Doctrine of Lapse (1848)
- 1st railway line (1853) → From Bombay to Thane
- Widow Remarriage Act (1856)
- Postal Act, Telegraph lines spread across
- Wood's Dispatch

Mayo (1869-1872)

- 1st Census held at his time (1872)
- Not complete, synchronised Census

Lytton (1876-1880)

- Arms Act (1878)
- Brought Vernacular Press Act (1878) To ban local newspapers
- 1st newspaper "**Bengal Gazette**" by: James Augustus Hickey

Famous Newspapers:

- **Prabuddha Bharata:** by Swami Vivekananda
- **Al-Hilal:** by Abul Kalam Azad
- **Mook Nayak:** by B. R Ambedkar



Ripon (1880-1884)

- Ilbert Bill Controversy
- He repealed Vernacular Press Act
- 1st synchronised/complete Census held → 1881
- Father of Local Self Government
- Hunter Commission (1882) → Related to Education
- Factory Act (1881)

One Liners (MCQs)

- 1st to qualify Indian Civil Services: Satyendranath Tagore
- In 1929, INC demanded Complete Independence under the Presidency of J. L. Nehru at Lahore
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad presided over the special session of Congress in September 1923 and at the age of 35
- He also became the youngest man to be elected as the President of the Congress
- President of INC at the time of independence in 1947: J. B. Kriplani
- 1st President of All India Trade Union Congress: Lala Lajpat Rai
- President of the INC in year 1938 and 1939: Subash Chandra Bose
- "Purna Swaraj" was adopted by Congress Session in: Lahore Session
- Indian National Association was established in 1876 by: Anand Mohan Bose in 1876