

Modern Indian History Class 25

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THE CLASS STARTED (IN CONTINUATION) AT: (01:05 PM):

ROLE OF BRITISH IN MODERNIZING INDIA: (01:07 PM):

- **Did the British Modernize India:** (so colonial mentality moderates are giving arguments in favor of Britishers.)
- 1) Any modernization was an unintended by-product. (moderates are saying that any modernization that was done by Britishers was not for selfish interest.)
- 2) Connected India internally (through railways, and roads) and to the World Economy:
- 2.1) Railways were introduced for the faster movement of armies. (Railway was first introduced in Maharashtra by Dalhousie in 1853.)
- 2.2) Connected Indian markets and raw materials (RM) to ports and not Indian manufacturers. (i.e. they built only those roads and railway lines which connect RM to ports and Ports to Urban area and didn't built in common area for public use. (*notice: Selfish interest))
- 2.3) Very limited transfer of the technology and not high technology.
- 2.4) The goal was business for the British Railways Companies as there were 5% guaranteed returns on the FDI.
- Also, companies got free land with 99 years of lease, and at any time they could sell the railway line to the Govt. of India at a price equal to capital + 5 % interest rate.
- This led to wasteful construction (Profits= Private and losses = taxpayers). This money could have been invested in irrigation.
- The byproduct is equal to 1947 78% of India was covered, and feeder roads enabled use by Indian businesses, this also promoted stronger interregional bonds. (* i.e. INM benefitting)
- Canals became role models for Asia + helped the food security. (this is the argument of moderates but Indian people arguments are as follows.)
- By, 1947 only 25% of the cultivated area was under public irrigation. so everyone could not afford to pay
- Canals were not built in Permanent Settlement areas, water charges were high therefore poor quantity and quality of infra has been developed. (*In PS1793 areas LR was fixed i.e. they can't increase LR so they didn't built Canals. proof = recurrent famines)
- Drain paid for development e.g. attracted the FDI, drain equals to only two percent of Indian exports value in the early 1900s. (* so Indian economists proved that drain is happening so Britishers says perceive drain is like payment for the development that we brought but then Indians argued that it should be reasonable.)
- No GDP boost, uneven regional growth (link Bimaru), and low investments in agriculture, health, and education. (* these things were argued by Indians)
- Therefore, the poor quality and quantity of the wealth given by us are a drain.
- This 2% was a surplus that if invested in India. would have led to the GDP growth.

(Britishers says why are you crying so much, only 2% has drained so Indians argued in contrast to this.)

(so we were fighting for limiting self government since ICA 1861 but this was fulfilled in ICA 1892)

MODERATES: (01:56 PM):

- **Proof of Failure of Moderates:**
(Cross was PM) (8894) (earlier was Duffrein from 1884-88) Ripon8084, Lytton7680
- ICA 1892 (Lord Cross Act, Viceroy Lansdowne).
- First-time grain of indirect elections: Indirectly elected members in Indian Legislative Councils (ILCs) and Provincial Legislative Councils (PLCs), It was not election but selection.
(as we have studied that Viceroy could take 6 to 12 additional members among which at least half must be non-officer.)
- A local body sends the name from which the Governor, selects the candidates.
and PLC 10 to 16 could be (in 1861)
- The size of the ILC expanded, in ILC tends to be non-official (non-officers 3 to 6).
- First-time questions would be asked by the executive, but no discussions of answers and no supplementary questions.
- No resolution by the opposition and no voting on the govt. resolution (opposition is equal to non-officer members).
- Govt. could make laws without ILC/PLC.
- First time Budget discussion was allowed but no voting, no amendment. (* NTWR sad)
- Imperial/PCS was created from CCS, and Statutory Civil Services was abolished, therefore moderates failed. as -
and UCS
- There was no elected majority. Non-official majority ?
Indianization of CS ?
Age limit increased ?
- No conduct of proper indirect elections.
- Expansion of the ILCs and PLCs happened but was ~~dissatisfactory~~ dissatisfactory.
- No powerful councils with no constitutionalism.
- Now moderates began demanding Self Governments(SG) like Australia, and Canada (officially INC's goal from 1906 i.e. Swaraj/SG within the empire and gave drain theory)

EXTREMISTS: (02:19 PM):

- The methods of the extremists were non-cooperation+civil disobedience fie to unjust law, violence or repression+constructive work.
- Non-cooperation means opposing someone without breaking the law.
- Civil Disobedience means opposing by violating ^{unjust} law/orders.

Non-Cooperation:

- Non-cooperation is like a coin with 2 sides one side is Boycott, and the other one is Swadeshi.
- Boycott of goods and institutions.


Legislature Boycott:

- Don't fight elections.
- Don't vote in elections.



- Resign if already elected as a member.
- **Judiciary Boycott:**
- Resign or don't join as a Judge.
- Lawyers don't fight cases.
- Swadeshi courts/panchayats/Arbitration Courts.
- **Goods Boycott:**
- Use of swadeshi goods promoted.
- **Executive Boycott:**
- Resign as Ministers.
- Don't form or join government if in majority.
- Resign from civil services or don't join.
- **Boycott in Education:**
- Don't teach and learn.
- National/Swadeshi Education in which the books prompted Cultural Nationalism, the establishment of schools and colleges.
- **Boycott Of Goods:**
- Boycott of those goods which are made by the British in Britain.
- Also, goods made by the British in India.
- Importers won't import and the staff at the ports will not unload the ships coming from Britain.
- Domestic traders won't circulate British goods.
- Indian workers in India declared a strike against British owners.
- Shopkeepers don't keep British goods.
- Consumers don't buy British goods.
- **Picketing** of shops, either hurt demand or hurt the supply of British goods.
- Swadeshi enterprises for the supply of Indian goods otherwise, the Boycott will fail and inflation will increase @ Swadeshi Goods.

i.e. INC members would go to shops and will not allow Br goods to come.



CONSTRUCTIVE WORKS: (03:16 PM): (*i.e. bhalai ke kaam like done by Swami Vivekananda etc.)

- **Constructive Work (CW):**
- a) Education for the poor since the costly.
- b) Syllabus equal to nationalistic therefore cultural nationalism.
- c) Vernacular medium as the poor do not ^{know} English.
- d) Focus on skill development (but no machines/factories).
- Therefore focus on the Swadeshi skill set i.e. handicraft sector eg. Charkha and Khadi.
- e) Goal equal to increase the income of poor masses, therefore focusing on Swadeshi Goods.
- Promote Swadeshi Goods among the rich to create demand.
- Pooling of money by the community to extend loans to the community members (like cooperative banks today) as traditional banks don't give credit/loans to the poor.
- Community/Joint Labor for the members of the community (since no money to hire labor individually) like SHGs of today.
- Focus on social/community unity @ Upper Caste-Lower Caste, Hindus-Muslims, and women empowerment. Goal equal to community self-help/atmashakti.
- Therefore, CW is equal to Atmashakti that of an individual or community, and Atmanirbharta via ^{social} unity, national education, skill development and focus on spirituality for confidence among the poor.
- Also, Anti-Liquor Campaign.
- CW was apolitical but gave political benefits.
- Therefore, in the passive phase INC did the CW e.g. Cultural Nationalism promoted, INC popularised (if the INC leader doing CW), and social unity later led to stronger mass-based movements. (* Both UC-LC, Men-Women, H-M can join satyagraha.)
- Mahatma Gandhi used CW to train people in non-violent satyagraha.
- **CW by:**
- Social Reformers like Swami Vivekanand.
- Rabindranath Tagore.
- By extremists and Mahatma Gandhi.
- By class organization(worker's class movement, women, lower caste related, etc.)

REASONS FOR THE RISE OF EXTREMISTS & SWADESHI MOVEMENT: (03:50 PM):

- (*Refer to this portion from the Handouts).

TOPICS OF THE NEXT CLASS: Surat Split, etc.