

The British government introduced several commercial enterprises towards the colonies for their profit and also to compete with other colonial competitors throughout the colonial period. Shashi Tharoor discussed how the British were able to convince the Indians by making false promises and ignoring the Indians in their own country. The British also had no interest in educating all Indians; instead, they only allowed education for the privileged class, from which they would profit the most. Beyond victory and deception, the British Empire shot down rebels with cannons, killed innocent protestors, institutionalized discrimination, and millions of Indians starved to death. British imperialism defended itself as enlightened despotism for the benefit of the ruled, but Shashi Tharoor refutes this argument, demonstrating how each ostensible colonial 'gift,' from railways to the legal system, was organized only for Britain's profit. He also didn't forget to highlight the British's terrible massacre at Jallianwala Bagh. Even after so much discrimination, torture, and other abuses, the British claimed to have saved India. He showed how India's deindustrialization and the end of the textile industry prepared the path for Britain's Industrial Revolution. The presenter then gave the audience the opportunity to ask Mr. Shashi Tharoor whatever questions they had. In the end, he provided certain historical events and facts in a clear manner, as well as briefly responding to the questions.