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Question . The culmination of Swadeshi Movement proved failure of the Moderates. Comment.

Answer :- Indian National Congress initiated the Swadeshi movement in Bengal against the announcement of the partition of Bengal in July 1905 by Lord Curzon.

The agitation following the partition of Bengal brought into prominence the rise of Extremists which differed in following points from moderates as :-

- (1) Extremists emphasis on mass participation was an improvement upon moderate policies.
- (2) The extremists raised the level of nationalism from academic past time to service and sacrifice for the country.
- (3) Extremists wanted to extend Swadeshi & Boycott movement to outside Bengal while moderates wanted to confine it to Bengal and opposed the boycott of councils, courts etc.

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The Extremists were so encouraged that they gave a call for boycott of schools, colleges, legislative councils, courts etc.

Extremists decided to object to the duly elected president, Rash Behari Ghosh, of the surat session which they wanted to be held in Nagpur. They also wanted reiteration of Swadeshi, Boycott and National Education Resolutions of 1906 session. But moderates wanted to drop these resolutions. Thus, there was a formal split of the congress into moderates & extremists. This by large ended the moderate politics of the National Movement.