

Q) The culmination of the Swadeshi movement proved failures of the moderates. Comment

Ans) After the announcement of partition by the Britishers in July, the moderates adopted the policy of public meetings, newspapers, pamphlets etc. to show its protest. They started the Swadeshi and Boycott movement and took anti-partition resolution in 1905 Benaras INC meetings. The Swadeshi and Boycott movement went on for approx. 3 yrs, till 1908 and it slowly fizzled out.

The movement showed gradual decline but it was able to create an impact on the coming freedom struggle. It had the following positive outcomes:-

- 1) It was ~~able to~~ able to convince most of the masses of the Indian population. Students, women workers, trade unions, some sections of the urban and rural population ~~also~~ participated in the movement.
- 2) People started believing that they can also participate in the national movement. The movement was not confined to only political sphere.
- 3) The SBM took a different direction under the extremists where ~~they~~ they boycotted all the government offices, schools, institutions etc.

The different direction of the SBM indicated that the Moderates policy of petitions and prayers were no longer working. They didn't able to succeed to keep up with the time and they failed to bring the support of the young generation into the freedom struggle. Their

initial days of work (1885-1905) didn't able to bring masses in the nationalism. Their propaganda didn't reach the masses. People and general masses had the fear that Moderates were the group of intelligent people and they ~~didn't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> have any in their own freedom struggle. No All India movement like SBM was organised unless and until the Extremists gave a different direction to the movement. by the Moderates. and in this campaign they realised they are not the natural leaders.

The Extremists gave a different angle to the Nationalist movement as we can see it can be seen from the SBM. They also lacked in their 'consistency' of their ideology but their only aim was to remove the British from India by bringing masses from all over the India. The culmination of the SBM showed us that the policies of the Moderates failed and it led the way for the Extremists, who didn't hesitate to use extra constitutional methods like boycott and passive resistance to achieve their goals.

~~Good attempt~~

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