

Ques- The culmination of Swadeshi Movement proved failure of the Moderates. Comment.

Ans- With the formation of INC in year 1885 there was the rise in nationalism and Bengal became the nerve centre of the rising spirit of nationalism. Lord Curzon became viceroy and planned a master scheme to divide Bengal with giving administrative convenience as reason. The partition news spread on July 1905 and in protest Anti-partition movement started with Boycotting of British goods and setting up Swadeshi Industries, to promote nationalism and spread anti-partition.

Culmination of Swadeshi Movement and failure of moderates:-

The adoption of swadeshi Movement and boycott resolution made it clear that moderates and their ways had become obsolete. Their ideas did not find roots among masses and cannot get the support of younger masses as they did not succeed in keeping pace with time.

On other hand, extremists emphasis on mass participation was an improvement upon moderate politics. They raised the level of nationalism from academic part time to service & sacrifice for the country.

But their functioning lacked consistency. Like - Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Lala Lajpat Rai, Bipin Chandra Pal and Aurobindo Ghosh had different perception of their goal. For Tilak swaraj meant - Some sort of self Govt while for Aurobindo Ghosh meant complete independence.

There were some more limitations :-

→ Tilak's opposition to age of consent bill, organising ganpati and shivaji festivals, support of anti-cow killing campaign

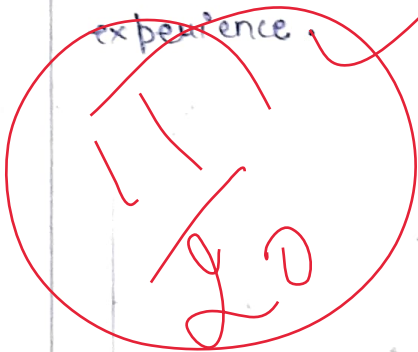
portrayed him as Hindu nationalist.

→ Bipin chandra Pal and Anurobindo Ghosh spoke of a Hindu nation and Hindu interest.

→ These things alienated many Muslims, from the movement.

The clash of thoughts between Moderates and Extremists led to Swat Split and this led to leaderless movement and the movement was almost over by year 1908.

But the movement led basis for future movements as gained experience.



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