

Beginning of the Freedom Movement

Chapter 6: Beginning of the Freedom Movement · Topic 1

Key Concept

Early political associations, like the Indian Association, worked to represent Indian interests and raise awareness of colonial injustices.

The Indian National Congress (INC) was founded in 1885, initially seeking moderate reforms and greater Indian participation in governance.

Early INC leaders, known as Moderates, believed in constitutional methods, petitions, and dialogue with British authorities for gradual change.

This period marked the beginning of organised political resistance, setting the foundation for the larger freedom struggle that followed.

Quick Revision Notes

- Early associations: Indian Association, others.
- They represented interests, raised awareness.
- Indian National Congress (INC) founded 1885.
- Initially sought moderate reforms.
- Also greater Indian governance participation.
- Early leaders (Moderates): constitutional methods.
- They used petitions, dialogue with British.
- This began organised political resistance.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the founding of the Indian National Congress.
- 2 Discuss the Moderates' approach to reform.
- 3 Research an early political association in India.
- 4 Discuss why constitutional methods were used initially.
- 5 Draw a timeline of the freedom movement's beginning.
- 6 Explain the role of early INC leaders.