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Subject: Social Science

Aspect: Supported

Topic: The National Movement - First

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Learning Objectives:

- Outline the major developments within the national movement, with focus on a detailed study of one major event
- Show how contemporary writings and documents can be used to reconstruct the histories of political movements.

A Nation in the Making:

(i) Indian National Congress has 2 groups, namely- Moderates and Radicals.

- Moderates were those who believed in pleading with the British government to bring about reforms.
- Radicals were those who wanted to oppose the British strongly; they were in favour of strikes & boycott.

(ii) A greater voice for Indians in the government and in administration was their demand.

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(v) The early Congress raised a number of economic issues. It declared that British rule had led to poverty and famines, increase in land revenue had impoverished peasants and Zamindars and there was food shortage because of exports and grains to Europe.

Freedom is Our Birth Right:

(i) In Bengal, Maharashtra, and Punjab, leaders such as Bipin Chandra Pal, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Lala Lajpat Rai was popularly known as 'Lal, Bal, Pal', strongly criticized the policies of the colonial government.

(ii) They demanded 'Swaraj'. **Tilak declared, 'Freedom is my birthright and I shall have it'.**

(iii) In 1905, Viceroy Curzon announced the partition of the biggest province British of India, Bengal which included Bihar and parts of Odisha.

(iv) The partition of Bengal infuriated people all over India. Both, the moderates and the radicals protested the partition.

(v) Large public meetings and demonstrations were organized; People in order to show that they are united tied 'rakhi' on each other's wrist and celebrated 'Raksha Bandhan' and this led to the birth of **Swadeshi Movement**.