

India's Struggle for Freedom 1857 – 1947

Learning Objectives:

1. To know the process of the founding of the British Empire.
2. To know the causes and consequences of the first war of Indian Independence.
3. To know the origins of nationalism, Indian National Congress and its Programs.
4. To know the stages of liberation struggle and India's independence with partition.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the paper, students will come to know the following

1. Understand the emergence of British rule and its process and resistance to it.
 2. Understand the origins, growth and ideologies of Indian nationalism Congress party.
 3. Understand the phases of freedom struggle, its leaders and ideology and legacy.
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1. Foundation of the British Empire: the Imperial ideology –the 'First War of Indian Independence-1857' and its impact.
 2. Formation of the Indian National Congress: the Moderate Phase –Dadabai Naoroji and Economic Nationalism – Partition of Bengal – Tilak and the rise of Extremism – the Swadeshi Movement – the Home Rule Movement.
 3. The Age of Gandhian Politics: Khilafat and Non- Cooperation Movement – Civil Disobedience Movement – Bhagat Singh and Revolutionary Movement – Gandhi-Ambedkar Debates and Social reforms.
 4. Freedom with Partition: World War II and Indian nationalism – Quit India Movement – circumstances leading to Partition and Independence – the legacy of Indian Nationalism.

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