

Q Was Congress a Safety Valve?

Ans Indian National Congress, which was established in 1885 by A.O. Hume, who was retired civil servant. Although Indian National Congress was not the first political organisation in Modern India, but it was the first one to have the national character.

Some historians might believe that Congress was a safety valve, as in, any popular discontent among the masses, was released through Congress, and Congress restrained itself from any educational activity.

Like Lala Lajpat Rai thought yes it was, but others believe that Political and National awareness was growing among the masses, especially the educated masses.

They wanted to grow an organisation, that can support and represent Indian masses, but they also thought that to make them heard, it was important to have an English as a leader and that too a retired civil servant, so that he has enough experience and information to have. Additionally, Govt would also not suppress the organisation. If any Indian was founder - Govt. would

Hence A.O. Hume was made the President. He was used as a lightning conductor. It can be referred have that he was just projected as a founder. The crushed first session held at 1885 in Gokuldas Tejpal Sanskrit College, Bombay and since then every year a session was in organised. its budding.