

CLASS X HISTORY UNIT II - NATIONALISM IN INDIA

NOTES

- 1. Nationalism meant the national consciousness of a people regarding their identity and sense of belonging.
- 2. Indian society is a plural society as its population consists of diverse ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural groups. Making of a national identity was a long process for India.
- 3. Nationalism emerged in India as an outcome of a great national movement launched by the Indian people against the British colonialism.
- The British ruled India for about two centuries and they brought political unification, uniform system of administration, Western education and many modern technologies in India.
- 5. The Socio-religious reform movements started in the 19th Century led to the evolution of a National consciousness among the people.
- 6. The Great Revolt of 1857 had been regarded as the first war of Indian Independence and it inspired the generations of the Indian middle class.
- 7. The formation of India National Congress in 1885 provided democratic forum of nationalist minded intellectuals and middle class for discussion and debates on social, economic and administrative issues.
- 8. The partition of Bengal in 1905 by Lord Curzon aroused a strong anti-British sentiment in many parts of India and it led to the *Swadeshi* Movement.
- 9. Besides nationalist minded intellectuals and middle class, the peasants, workers and tribals also took part in the Indian national movement.
- 10. The Indian national movement became a mass movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. Under the banner of the Indian National Congress, Mahatma Gandhi led the Indians towards their independence in 1947.