

Political Awakening in Rajasthan: Praja Mandal Movements

Formation:

- In 1927, the **All India States People's Conference** was held in Bombay after which the Congress party allowed people from different Princely States to join the party and the Indian freedom struggle movement.
- In 1927 itself, the **Akhil Bhartiya Desi Rajya Lok Parishad** or All India Native States Public Council was established in Bombay and Vijay Singh Pathik became its chairperson.
- In Rajasthan, **Rajputana Desi Lok Parishad** or Rajputana Native States Public Council was established. These councils laid the foundation for Praja Mandal movement in Rajasthan.

Nature of the Praja Mandal Movements:

- The people of Praja Mandal fought against feudalism and colonialism.
- They fought against their feudal princes and the British administration simultaneously for their rights.
- The main demand of the Praja Mandal movements was of democratic (fundamental) rights.

Activities of Praja Mandal Movements:

- The people of the Praja Mandal Movements implemented constructive programmes of the Indian National Movement in their princely states.
- They established schools, used khadi, encouraged cottage industries and started agitation against the Untouchability.

Contribution of Praja Mandals:

- The Praja Mandal movement not only created a political awakening among the people in the Indian States but also fought for their rights, their share in the government and their dynamic participation in the future political set up of the country.
- Other contributions included:
 - Improvement in Education
 - Rise of social equality
- The most important contribution of these organisation was to break the insularity of the peasant movements by linking them with one another in different princely states, as well as with peasant movements in British India.

1 Jaipur PrajaMandal Established: 1931 & 38

- Founded by Arjunlal Sethi & Kapur Chand Patni in 1931.
- Founded again by Jamnalal Bajaj & Hiralal Shastri in 1938.
- Chairman - Hiralal Shastri
- President - Jamnalal Bajaj

2 Bundi PrajaMandal Established: 1931

- Founded by Kantilal
- Nityanand was the most active member.

3 Marwar Praja Mandal Established: 1934

- Founded by Jaynarayan Vyas
- President - Bhanwarlal Sarraf

4 Hadoti PrajaMandal Established: 1934

- Founded by Nayanuram Sharma

5 Dholpur PrajaMandal Established: 1934

- Founded by Krishnadutt Paliwal, Mulchand, Jwala Prasad Jigasu

6 Bikaner PrajaMandal Established: 1936

- Founded by Mangharam Vaidya & Raghuvar Dayal Goyal

7 Mewar PrajaMandal Established: 1938

- Founded by Manikyalal Verma
- President - Balwant Singh Mehta
- Vice President - Bhure Lal Baya

8 Bharatpur Prajamandal Established: 1938

- Founded by Jugal Kishore Chaturvedi at Rewari in March 1938.
- Chairman : Gopilal Yadav

9 Shahpura PrajaMandal Established: 1938

- Founded by Gokul Lal Asawa, Madan Lal Purohit.
- First state to establish responsible governance

10 Alwar PrajaMandal Established: 1938

- Founded Pt. Harinarayan Sharma and Kunjibhari Modi.
- After its registration in 1939, Sardar Nathimala became its president.

11 Kota PrajaMandal Established: 1938

- Founded by Nayanuram Sharma and Abhinna Hari

12 Kishangarh PrajaMandal Established: 1939

- Founded by Kantilal Chauthani & Jamal Shah.

13 Karauli PrajaMandal Established: 1939

- Founded by Trilok Chand Mathur

14 Sirohi PrajaMandal Established: 1939

- Founded by Gopal Bhatt on Jan 22, 1949

15 Kushalgarh PrajaMandal Established: 1942

- Bhanwarlal Nigam (President) & Kanhyalal Sethia

16 Banswara PrajaMandal Established: 1943

- Founded by Bhupendranath Trivedi, Dhulaji Bhai

17 Dungarpur PrajaMandal Established: 1944

- Founded by Bhogilal Pandya (Gandhi of Vagad)

- Haridev Joshi & Nana bhai also associated

18 Bundi State People Council (Lok Parsihad) Established: 1944

- Founded under leadership of Harimohan
- Minister - Brij Sundar Sharma

19 Jaisalmer PrajaMandal Established: 1945

- Founded by Mithalal Vyas

20 Pratapgarh PrajaMandal Established: 1946

- Founded by Thakkar Bapa, Amritlal Payak & Chunni Lai

21 Jhalawar PrajaMandal Established: 1947

- Founded by Mangilal Bhavya & Kanhiya Lal Mittal