

# Prajamandal Movement in Rajasthan

## Bikaner Prajamandal

- Bikaner's ruler Maharaja Ganga Singh was a revolutionary ruler
- In 1910 he established independent Judiciary in Bikaner state (first state to separate executive from Judiciary)
- 1912 he adopted Hindi as its official language
- In 1913 Bikaner ruler Ganga Singh established 35 member (later increased to 45) Pratinidhi Sabha (Representative Council) (it was first such responsible Political organization in India), 1917 it was renamed as Vidhansabha

- he was founder of (नरेन्द्र मंडल) Narendra Mandal (Chamber of Princes) an organization of the rulers in 1921.
- Ganga singh also participated in first round table conference at London along with Alwar's Jai Singh & Dhaulpur's Udai Bhan Singh (Congress Boycotted first RTC)
- Despite all his reforms, Ganga Singh was against the freedom of expression and he trampled upon the political movements raised in the state of Bikaner

- In **1907 Sarvahitkarani Sabha** was established by Swami Gopaldas and Kanhaiya Lal Dhondh in Churu , it was a social-educational and Semi-political organization which was in favor of bringing social reform and responsible government in the state of Bikaner
- Kanhaiya Lal Dhund also started **Kabir Pathsala**(कबीर पाठशाला) for dalits
- 1920 in the Bikaner state **Sadvidya Pracharini Sabha** was established ,its main purpose was to raise voice against injustice and corruption in the state , for this purpose it organized two dramas in Bikaner i.e, **"Dharmvijay"** and **"Satya Vijay"**

- On 26<sup>th</sup> January 1930 Tricolor flag was hoisted by Mahant Ganpati Das, Chandanmal Bahad and Vaidya Shant Sharma on a temple in Bikaner
- Maharaja Ganga infuriated with the incident and seized the temple
- **Vijay Singh Mehta** wrote a book on Maharaja Ganga Singh “**Nadirshahi in Bikaner State**”.
- Many text were published by Satyanarayan sarraf and Khoobnarayan Sarraf against Maharaja Ganga Singh's unjust rule in newspapers like Princely India ,Riyasati( New Delhi) and Tyagbhumi(Ajmer)



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