

# Prajamandal Movement in Rajasthan

## Jodhpur/Marwar Prajamandal-

- There was tyrannical rule in Jodhpur during the tenure of Maharaja Ummed Singh , many autocratic acts were passed to curb freedom in the state ,e.g. Marwar Sedition Act 1909 and Marwar Press Act 1922.
- In 1918 , Marwar Hitkarini Sabha(MHS) was formed by Chandmal Surana to raise voice against the tyrannical rule .
- In 1920 ,Marwar Sewa Sangh was formed by Jainarayan Vyas

- In 1921 Marwar Hitkarini Sabha was again revived
- Two books published by (मारवाड़ हितकारिणी सभा) MHS- Marwar ki Awastha (मारवाड़ की अवस्था) & Popa Bai Ki Pol (पोपा बाई की पोल) ,in which the plight of farmers in the state of Marwar was described and the Marwar government was criticized.
- So sedition charges were leveled against Jainaryan Vyas , Aanadraaj Surana , And Bhanwar lal Sarraf.(they were put behind the bars for 4 to 5 years)

- On 10<sup>th</sup> May 1931, Marwar Youth League was established by Jai Narayan Vyas , which was declared illegal by the state.( so they changed it's name to "Bal Bharat Sabha" and Chhaganraj Chaupasani was made its minister.)
- 1929 , Marwar Rajya Lok Parishad was formed by Jai Narayan Vyas ,its first conference held at Pushkar in November 1931 which headed by Chand Karan Sharda ,in which leaders like kasturba Gandhi & Kaka Kalelkar had also participated

- 22 proposals were passed in this conference related to political, economic and social life of people in Marwar. **Ganeshilal Ustaad** left the government job and spread the political awareness in people of Marwar through his poems which were later compiled in a book named "**Garibon ki Aawaj**".
- In March 1932 Marwar Hitkarini Sabha was declared illegal.
- **In 1934, Jodhpur(Marwar) Prajamandal** was formed with the objective of establishing responsible government in the state and its first president was **Bhanwarlal Sarraf**.

- 1936, in Akhil Bhartiya Deshi Rajya Lok Parishad's Karachi Conference ,Jainaryan was elected as General Secretary & at Mumbai Vyas he published 'Akhand Bharat' (अखंड भारत)
- In 1937 , Jodhpur Prajamandal was declared illegal and Jainaryan Vyas was banished from Jodhpur.
- In 1937 Bikaner's Maharaj Ganga Singh wrote a letter to Jodhpur's PM Donald Field to remove the ban on entry of Jai Narayan Vyas in Jodhpur.

- In **1938 Marwar Lok Parishad** established – with an aim to establish responsible govt under the Maharaja's guidance which raised the demand of releasing political prisoners ,reconstitution of Jodhpur Municipality and conducting election for the Muncipality
- Jodhpur Maharaj constituted Central Advisory council and nominated Jainarayan Vyas as its member
- On 29<sup>th</sup> March 1940 Marwar Lok Parishad was declared illegal by Jodhpur State and many leaders like Ranchhoddas Gattani , Mathuradas Mathur , Kanhaiya lal Manihaar, Indraman Jain ,Aanandraj Surana ,Bhanwarlal Saraf were imprisoned .later the ban lifted in June 1940 , & Jainarayan Vyas was elected as its chairman.



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