

## Partition of Bengal 1905 Facts and General Knowledge

Partition of Bengal 1905 is also known as **Banga Vanga Andolon** in India. In the first decade of the twentieth century, the partition of Bengal started to create the strong national movement of the extremists in India.

**What was the reason behind the partition of Bengal 1905?**

**Causes Shown by British:**

⇒ The geographical area of Bengal was very large and due to this, for British, it was going to be difficult to control throughout the Bengal easily.

⇒ At that time there was approximately 55 million people in Greater Bengal out of them 18 million was Bengali speaking people and rest 37 million was Hindi (or Bihari) and Oriya speaking people. So British govt wanted to split Bengal into two parts. One is East Bengal (Bengal and Assam) with Muslim populated region and other part is Western Bengal (Bihar, Odisha and small part of Bengal) with Hindu.

⇒ At this time a large number of experienced political leaders were presented in Bengal who had the capacity to influence and guide political agitation. And they were going to be more popular and stronger against British govt in India. This was uncomfortable for British to rule and loot effectively from India.

⇒ But the British govt shown a reason that this partition will help to develop the eastern region economically and culturally. Because in eastern part, Muslim were in majority. They thought that they can take economical advantages against Hindu.

That's why British government wanted to divide the bengal.

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### Actual Causes behind the partition of Bengal:

⇒ Actually these were not the original reason behind the partition of bengal 1905.

Lord Curzon planned to divide Bengal for weakening British critics and opposition political power in Bengal.

⇒ Some people also consider that to suppress the nationalist and as well as the unity of bengali people, British govt forcefully wanted to divide the Bengal.

⇒ Lord Curzon's actual motive was political and not administrative. He wanted to destroy the good relation of Hindu with minority Muslim community (I.e in religious ground).

⇒ Also tried to suppress or inhibit the influence of educated middle class person (and congress) to uneducated, poor hindu and muslim. And for this Lord Curzon adopted the idea of "**divide and rule**".

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### Implementation the idea of partition of Bengal

⇒ In the year 1874, Assam was separated from Bengal as a distinct region.

⇒ The british government planned to separate bengal on 19th July 1905.

⇒ In this year **(1905) 16th October, plan of partition of Bengal was officially implemented.**

### Effects of Partition of Bengal:

⇒ Boycott and swadeshi movement was arisen due to this proposal of partition of Bengal by Lord Curzon.

⇒ At the end of this movement, the real form of extremism had appeared as a model of **modern Indian national movement.**

⇒ The educated Indian as well as INC (Indian National Congress) oppose the matter and tried to push an effort to enlarge the **national movement of India** to a right direction.

### Reunion of Bengal

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⇒ Because of gigantic political challenge, for example, Swadeshi and boycott movement throughout India, these two parts of bengal is brought together in 1911. Be that as it may, the division of bengal made based on language instead of religious ground.

### Important facts to Remember regarding bengal partition:

If you are preparing for any kind of competitive examinations like IAS, UPSC, SSC, CGL, MTS, Railway group C D exams Defence, Police, then you should remember these important points about the partition of bengal in 1905.

- ⇒ **The government reported the thought for partition of bengal in January 1904.**
- ⇒ **The thought was restricted by Henry John Stedman Cotton, Chief Commissioner of Assam.**
- ⇒ **Partition of Bengal proceeded and implemented officially on October 16, 1905 by Viceroy Lord Curzon.**
- ⇒ **Mahatma Gandhi** was not the chief architect of Swadeshi Movement caused by partition of bengal.
- ⇒ **At this time the viceroy of India was Lord Minto.**
- ⇒ **On 12 December 1911, the partition of bengal was revoked.**
- ⇒ **Hardinge II was the viceroy of bengal when the bengal partition was cancelled.**
- ⇒ **Gopal Krishna was the president of INC during this time.**

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