

BEGINNING OF THE GANDHIAN ERA

After World War I, the Britishers came up with some reforms. Indian leaders were, however, not appeased. The freedom movement had advanced far beyond such halting concession. It was, in fact, to enter its last phase called the Gandhian Era. Mahatma Gandhi dominated the Indian political scene from 1918 to 1947. It was the most intense and eventful phase of India's freedom struggle. Mahatma Gandhi provided leadership of the highest order and his philosophy of non-violent Satyagraha became the most potent weapon to drive out the British from the Indian soil.

Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms

Lord Montagu visited India and remained here for six months. During the period of his stay, he met various government and non-government people. At last, along with Governor- General Lord Chelmsford, he introduced a report on the constitutional reforms for India in 1918. There were discussions on the report in the British Parliament and it was approved. It became the Government of India Act of 1919. This act is popularly known as the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms.

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