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## Sessions of the Indian National Congress

Year	Place	President	Important Details
1885	Bombay	W.C. Banerjee (also written WC Bonnerjee)	First session of Congress. Attended by 72 delegates.
1886	Calcutta	Dadabhai Naoroji	Naoroji was the first <b>Parsi</b> President.
1887	Madras	Badruddin Tyabji	Tyabji was the first <b>Muslim</b> President
1888	Allahabad	George Yule	George Yule was the first <b>Christian</b> President.
1889	Bombay	Sir William Wedderburn	—
1890	Calcutta	Pherozeshah Mehta	—
1891	Nagpur	Anand Charlu	The word "National" was added to the Congress name.
1892	Allahabad	W.C. Banerjee	—
1893	Lahore	Dadabhai Naoroji	—
1894	Madras	Alfred Web	—
1895	Poona	Surendranath Banerjee	—
1896	Calcutta	Rahimatullah M. Sayani	<b>Bande-Mataram</b> was sung by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
1897	Amraoti	C. Sankaran Nair	—
1898	Madras	Anand Mohan Bose	—
1899	Lucknow	Romesh Chandra Dutt	—
1900	Lahore	Narain Ganesh Chandavarkar	—
1901	Calcutta	Sir Dinshaw Wacha	—



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1902	Ahmedabad	Surendranath Banerjee	—
1903	Madras	Lal Mohan Ghosh	—
1904	Bombay	Sir Henry Cotton	—
1905	Banaras	Gopal Krishna Gokhale	Resentment against partition of Bengal expressed in this session.
1906	Calcutta	Dadabhai Naoroji	'Swaraj' mentioned for the first time and resolution supporting Swadeshi, boycott and national education was passed.
1907	Surat	Rash Behari Ghosh	Congress split into two factions, namely the Moderates and the Extremists, known as <b>Surat Split</b> .
1908	Madras	Rash Behari Ghosh	Congress constitution drawn.
1909	Lahore	Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya	Disapproval given over formation of separate electorates based on religion (Indian Council Act, 1909)
1910	Allahabad	Sir William Wedderburn	—
1911	Calcutta	Pandit Bishan Narayan Dhar	<b>Jana Gana Mana</b> written by Rabindranath Tagore was sung for the first time.
1912	Bankipur	R.N. Mudhalkar	
1913	Karachi	Nawab Syed Muhammad Bahadur	
1914	Madras	Bhupendra Nath Bose	
1915	Bombay	Lord Satyendra Prasanna Sinha	
1916	Lucknow	Ambica Charan Mazumdar	Lead to the <b>Lucknow Pact</b> (between the Congress and the Muslim league) as well as the merger of the two factions of the Congress (i.e. the Moderates and the Extremists).
1917	Calcutta	Annie Besant	First session to be presided by a <b>woman</b> .
1918	Delhi	Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya	—

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1918	Bombay	Syed Hasan Imam	Special Session
1919	Amritsar	Pandit Motilal Nehru	—
1920	Calcutta	Lala Lajpat Rai	Special session. Gandhi proposed for Non-Cooperation.
1920	Nagpur	C. Vijayaraghavachariar	New Constitution for the Congress framed. Resolution supporting Non-Cooperation Movement passed.
1921	Ahmedabad	Hakim Ajmal Khan	C.R. Das (President) was in prison and Hakim Ajmal Khan was acting President.
1922	Gaya	C.R. Das	Swaraj Party formed.
1923	Kakinada	Maulana Muhammad Ali	Formation of All India Khadi Board.
1923	Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	Special session. Maulana Azad became the youngest President here to preside a session.
1924	Belgaum	Mahatma Gandhi	The only session presided over by <b>Mahatma Gandhi</b> .
1925	Kanpur	Sarojini Naidu	First <b>Indian woman</b> President.
1926	Guwahati	S. Srinivasa Iyengar	For the first time, Khadi was made compulsory for Congress workers.
1927	Madras	Dr. M.A. Ansari	Adoption of Independence resolution and boycott of Simon Commission.
1928	Calcutta	Pandit Motilal Nehru	—
1929	Lahore	Jawaharlal Nehru	' <b>Purna Swaraj</b> ' resolution passed; Civil Disobedience movement launched; 26 <sup>th</sup> January to be celebrated as Independence Day from here on.
1930	No session	Jawaharlal Nehru	Pandit Nehru continued as President.



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1931	Karachi	Vallabhbhai Patel	Resolution on Fundamental Rights and National Economic Programme passed; Gandhi-Irwin pact endorsed.
1932	Delhi	Amritlal Ranchhorddas Seth	—
1933	Calcutta	Mrs. Nelli Sengupta	—
1934	Bombay	Rajendra Prasad	Formation of the Congress Socialist Party.
1935	No session	Rajendra Prasad	Rajendra Prasad continued as President.
1936	Lucknow	Jawaharlal Nehru	The President urged the Congress to adopt Socialism as its goal.
1937	Faizpur	Jawaharlal Nehru	First session to be held in a village.
1938	Haripura	Subhas Chandra Bose	National Planning Committee set up under the chairmanship of Jawaharlal Nehru.
1939	Tripuri	Subhas Chandra Bose	Subhas Chandra Bose defeated Pattabhi Sitaramayya; Rajendra Prasad took over as President after Bose resigned; Forward Block formed by Bose after resignation on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1939.
1940	Ramgarh	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	Proposal for Individual Satyagraha passed.
1941 – 1945	No session	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad continued as President.
1946	Meerut	Acharya J.B. Kripalani	—
1947	Delhi	Rajendra Prasad	—
1948	Jaipur	Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya	—

#### Note-

- No Congress Sessions were held in the year 1930, 1935 and 1941–45.
- Dadabhai Naoroji and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru presided over Congress sessions for maximum number of times.