

● Reasons for growth of nationalism.

→ Awakening of Indians to their rich cultural Heritage.

* The work of Theosophical society, the Brahmo Samaj, the Arya Samaj and the Ramakrishna mission awoke a feeling of pride in Indians.

* Western scholars like Max Muller and William Jones translated the Vedas, the Upanishads and other works of Indian literature into English.

* Their research and writing made Indians aware of their great cultural heritage and made them realise that they were in no way inferior to the Europeans.

→ Exposure to western ideas of democracy and nationalism.

* The new system of education exposed the Indian leaders to western ideas of democracy and nationalism.

- English became a common medium of exchange of thoughts and ideas for people from different parts of the country which helped unite them.
- Indians learnt a lot and were inspired by the freedom struggles taken place in America and France.
- Better means of transport and communication
 - The rail and road networks, the post and telegraph systems established by the British helped to unite the Indians.
 - Support for revolutionary ideas could spread faster now from one part of the country to another.

→ Growth of regional press and literature

- ☒ Growth of vernacular journalism and literature was major factor for rise of nationalism.
- ☒ People like Lokamanya Tilak, Subramanya Bharati, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, inspired people with their literary writings in their mother tongue.
- ☒ Regional press was able to reach a far greater audience with its revolutionary ideas than the English language press.