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i. In Kheda, Gujarat, Patidar peasants organised nonviolent campaigns against the high land revenue demand of the British.

ii. In coastal Andhra and interior Tamil Nadu, liquor shops were picketed.

iii. In the Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, tribals and poor peasants staged a number of "forest satyagrahas", sometimes sending their cattle into forests without paying grazing fee. They were protesting because the colonial state had restricted their use of forest resources in various ways.

iv. In Sind (now in Pakistan), Muslim traders and peasants were very enthusiastic about the Khilafat call. In Bengal too, the Khilafat-Non-Cooperation alliance gave enormous communal unity and strength to the national movement.

v. In Punjab, the Akali agitation of the Sikhs sought to remove corrupt mahants – supported by the British – from their gurdwaras. This movement got closely identified with the Non-Cooperation Movement.

vi. In Assam, tea garden labourers, shouting "Gandhi Maharaj ki Jai", demanded a big increase in their wages. They left the British-owned plantations amidst declarations that they were following Gandhiji's wish.

People thought of Gandhiji as a kind of messiah, as someone who could help them overcome their misery and poverty.