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Ans. Role of Mahatma Gandhi

- i. Mahatma Gandhi emerged as a mass leader. Gandhiji, aged 46, arrived in India in 1915 from South Africa.
- ii. Having led Indians in that country in non-violent marches against racist restrictions, he was already a respected leader, known internationally.
- iii. His South African campaigns had brought him in contact with various types of Indians.
- iv. Mahatma Gandhi spent his first year in India travelling throughout the country, understanding the people, their needs and the overall situation.
- v. His earliest interventions were in local movements in Champaran, Kheda and Ahmedabad where he came into contact with Rajendra Prasad and Vallabhbhai Patel. In Ahmedabad he led a successful millworkers' strike in 1918.
- vi. In 1919 Gandhiji gave a call for a satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act that the British had just passed.
- vii. Gandhiji supported urged the Congress to campaign against "Punjab wrongs" (Jallianwala massacre), the Khilafat wrong and demand swaraj. The Non-Cooperation Movement gained momentum through 1921-22.
- viii. He abruptly called off the Non-Cooperation Movement when in February 1922 a crowd of peasants set fire to a police station in Chauri Chaura.
- ix. Gandhi again took off with another nonviolent movement known as the civil disobedience movement in 1930.
- x. The Quit India Movement was launched under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in August 1942.