

Most Important Congress Sessions

Year	Venue	President	Importance
1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bombay</li><li>Tejpal College</li></ul>	W.C. Bannerji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> Session</li><li>72 delegates</li></ul>
1886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Dadabhai Naoroji	
1887	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Madras</li></ul>	Badruddin Tyabji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> Muslim president</li></ul>
1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allahabad</li></ul>	George Yule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> English president</li></ul>
1889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bombay</li></ul>	Sir William Wedderburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wedderburn: wrote biography of A. O. Hume</li></ul>
1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Sir Feroze Shah Mehta	
1895	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Poona</li></ul>	S.N.Banerjee	
1896	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Rahimtulla M. Sayani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The National Song</b> , <b>Vande Mataram</b> : was sung for the first time.</li></ul>
1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Banaras</li></ul>	G.K.Gokhale	
1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surat</li></ul>	Rasbehari Ghosh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>INC split<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Moderates</li><li>Extremists</li></ul></li></ul>
1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lahore</li></ul>	M.M.Malviya	
1911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Pandit Bishan Narayan Das	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The National Anthem</b> , <b>Jana Gana Mana</b> was sung for the first time</li></ul>
1916	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lucknow</li></ul>	A.C.Majumdar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Joint session</b> with <b>Muslim league</b> in which the historic <b>Lucknow pact</b> was signed.</li><li><b>Re-union</b> of Moderates and Extremists</li></ul>
1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Annie Besant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> lady President</li></ul>
1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amritsar</li></ul>	Motilal Nehru	
1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li><li><i>special session</i></li></ul>	Lala Lajpat Rai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resolution of Non - cooperation</li></ul>
1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nagpur</li><li><i>Regular Session</i></li></ul>	Vijayraghavachari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gandhiji restructured Congress<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CWC</li><li>fee ↓</li></ul></li></ul>
1921	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ahmedabad</li></ul>	C.R. Das	
1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Delhi</li><li><i>special session</i></li></ul>	Abdul Kalam Azad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Youngest President</li></ul>
1924	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Belgaon/ Belgaum</li></ul>	M.K.Gandhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only Congress session presided by Gandhiji</li></ul>
1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kanpur</li></ul>	Sarojini Naidu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> session to be presided by an Indian lady.</li></ul>
1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	Motilal Nehru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> All India Youth Congress Formed</li></ul>
1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lahore</li></ul>	J.L.Nehru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to launch a civil disobedience movement</li><li>complete independence</li><li>to observe 26 Jan as Independence Day</li></ul>
1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Karachi</li></ul>	Vallabhbhai Patel	Resolutions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FR</li><li>National Economic Program</li><li>Gandhi Irwin Pact was endorsed<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gandhi to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> RTC</li></ul></li></ul>
1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Delhi</li></ul>	<i>Session Banned</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya was elected as President</li></ul>
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calcutta</li></ul>	<i>Session Banned</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs. Nellie Sengupta presided</li></ul>
1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bombay</li></ul>	Rajendra Prasad	
1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lucknow</li></ul>	J.L.Nehru	
1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Faizpur</li></ul>	J.L.Nehru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> session in a village</li></ul>
1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Haripura</li></ul>	S.C.Bose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A National Planning Committee</b> set-up under J.L.Nehru</li></ul>
1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tripuri</li></ul>	S.C.Bose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>S.C.Bose was re-elected</b> but had to <b>resign</b> due to protest by Gandhiji (as <b>Gandhiji</b> supported <b>Dr.Pattabhi Sitaramayya</b>). <b>Rajendra Prasad was appointed in his place</b></li></ul>
1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ramgarh</li></ul>	Abdul Kalam Aza	
1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meerut</li></ul>	Acharya J.B.Kriplani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last pre-independence session</li></ul>
1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jaipur</li></ul>	Dr.Pattabhi Sitaramayya.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> session after Independence</li></ul>