

ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) has celebrated 100 years of its formation on October 31 2020

More Information

All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) is the oldest trade union federations in India. 64 unions came together to form the AITUC in 1920 at Mumbai (then Bombay).

Persons associated with its formation

Freedom fighters **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** and **Lala Lajpat Rai** were instrumental in forming the union. The first Congress of AITUC was held on October 31, 1920, by which time Tilak had died.

Joseph Baptista, N. M. Joshi, Diwan Chaman Lal were the few others associated with its formation.

Factors which influenced the formation of AITUC

- Spiraling prices during World War I
- The mass entrenchment of workers that followed it led to low living standards.
- Development of Home Rule, the emergence of Gandhian leadership and the socio-political conditions led to the nationalist leadership taking interest in the worker's plight.
- Russian revolution and other international developments (like setting up of International Labour Organisation in 1919) boosted their morale.