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In 1920, which of the following changed its name to "Swarajya Sabha"? (a) All India Home Rule League (b) Hindu Mahasabha (c) South Indian Liberal Federation (d) The Servants of India Society
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) All India Home Rule League. In 1920 **Gandhi** took the presidency of **Annie Besant's** Home Rule League and the organisation was renamed **Swarajya Sabha**. That is the name-change asked. This option is the official key.

(b)

(b) Hindu Mahasabha. Founded in the 1910s, it did not become "**Swarajya Sabha**" in 1920. This option is not the key.

(c)

(c) South Indian Liberal Federation. The **Justice Party's** formal name; it remained a non-Brahmin Madras body, not **Swarajya Sabha**. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) The **Servants of India Society**. **Gokhale's** 1905 society kept its name; it was not rebranded in 1920. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) All India Home Rule League. The 1920 relabelling as **Swarajya Sabha** marks **Gandhi's** takeover of **Besant's** League on the eve of Non-Cooperation. Hindu Mahasabha, the **Justice Party** and the **Servants of India Society** followed other paths and names. Only the Home Rule League matches the question. That is letter (a).

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Home Rule Leagues

Besant (1916) and **Tilak (1916)** as parallel leagues

Annie Besant

President of her League; interned 1917

Swarajya Sabha

1920 new name under **Gandhi**

Justice Party

South Indian Liberal Federation, 1916-17

Servants of India Society

Founded by **Gokhale**, 1905, Pune

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