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SOVIET SYSTEM

- THE USSR CAME IN TO BEING AFTER THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA IN 1917 . THE REVOLUTION WAS INSPIRED BY THE IDEALS OF SOCIALISM .
- AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR , THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT GOT LIBERATED FROM THE FASCIST FORCES CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE USSR.
- THERE WAS A CHANGE IN THE ECONOMIC & POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE USSR. USSR BECAME MORE DEVELOPED THAN THE REST EXCEPT THE US.
- HOWEVER, THE SOVIET SYSTEM BECAME VERY BUREAUCRATIC & AUTHORITARIAN .
- IN THE ARMS RACE , USSR MANAGED TO MATCH THE US BUT AT A GREAT COST.

GORBACHEV & THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE USSR

- GORBACHEV BECAME GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION IN 1985.
- HE INTRODUCED ECONOMIC & POLITICAL REFORM POLICIES OF PERESTROIKA (RESTRUCTURING) & GLASTNOST (OPENNESS).
- A COUP TOOK PLACE IN 1991 THAT WAS ENCOURAGED BY COMMUNIST PARTY HARDLINERS BUT THE PEOPLE DID NOT WANT THE OLD STYLE RULE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY .
- CAPITALISM & DEMOCRACY WERE ADOPTED AS THE BASIS FOR THE POST SOVIET REPUBLICS.

REASONS FOR THE POST –SOVIET DISINTEGRATION

- POLITICAL & ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS OF USSR FAILED TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE.
- THE ECONOMY OF USSR BECAME STAGNANT DUE TO CORRUPTION ,AND THE CENTRALISATION OF AUTHORITY.
- RISE OF NATIONALISM & THE DESIRE OF SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN VARIOUS REPUBLICS WAS ANOTHER REASON .

CONSEQUENCES OF DISINTEGRATION

- IT LED TO THE END OF COLD WAR CONFRONTATIONS . THERE WAS NO IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE OF SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY & THE CAPITALIST IDEOLOGY .
- THE END OF SOVIET BLOC PAVED THE WAY FOR THE EMERGENCE MANY NEW COUNTRIES.
- THE US BECAME THE SOLE SUPERPOWER .

SHOCK THERAPY IN POST-COMMUNIST REGIMES

- THE MODEL OF TRANSITION IN RUSSIA , CENTRAL ASIA AND EAST EUROPE FROM SOCIALIST SYSTEM TO CAPITALIST SYSTEM DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF IMF & WORLD BANK , CAME TO BE KNOWN AS SHOCK THERAPY .
- THERE WAS A NEED TO MAKE A TOTAL SHIFT TO A CAPITALIST ECONOMY WHICH MEANT ROOTING OUT COMPLETELY OLD STRUCTURE .
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CONSEQUENCES OF SHOCK THERAPY

- THE SHOCK THERAPY BROUGHT RUIN TO THE ECONOMIES OF THE REGION.
- THE VALUE OF RUSSIAN CURRENCY ' RUBLE ' DECLINED & PEOPLE LOST ALL THEIR SAVINGS .
- THE GOVERNMENT WITHDREW SUBSIDIES WHICH PUSHED LARGE SECTIONS OF PEOPLE INTO POVERTY .

TENSIONS & CONFLICTS IN FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

- IN RUSSIA TWO REPUBLICS , CHECHNYA& DAGESTAN HAD VIOLENT SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS .
- TAJIKISTAN WITNESSED A CIVIL WAR FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS .
- CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO , THE CZECHS & THE SLOVAKS INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES.
- YUGOSLAVIA BROKE APART IN CROATIA, SLOVENIA , BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA INDEPENDENT COUNTRITIES .

INDIA & THE POST – COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

- INDIA MAINTAINED A CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH ALL THE POST – COMMUNIST COUNTRIES .
- INDIA CONTINUES TO BE THE SECOND LARGEST ARMS MARKET FOR RUSSIA .

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