

This, it can be said that even though the European Union is still the new sick man of Europe, but the chances of its revival are also showing up.

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1.) "With the cold war over and the Soviet Union gone, the face of international diplomacy has undergone a metamorphosis". Critically Examine. (20 Marks).

Ans) Cold war was the phase of intense ideological battle between the two lone superpowers of the world viz. USA and USSR which took its manifestations in several aspects like political, science, culture etc. With the downfall of Soviet Union in 1991, the Cold War came to an end leaving a unipolar world order with the ascendancy of USA.

International diplomacy can be defined as an art of negotiations between nations so as to reduce their misunderstandings and work on building peace between them. The diplomacy during the Cold War era was dominated by following features:

- Asserting the ideologies of Capitalism and Communism by showing how one system is leading to more welfare, prosperity and ~~more~~ wealth for the nation. Eg. the arms
- race, space race etc. between superpowers.
- Influencing the 'Third World Countries' so as to tilt their balance towards either of the superpowers, and bringing them under their sphere of influence. Eg: US interventions in Vietnam.
- showing the power of strength by building new and sophisticated weapons and by Space race. Eg: building of ICBMs, Cruise missiles, sending human on moon etc.

However, all these international developments changed with the downfall of USSR, and new patterns of international diplomacy arrived on stage. The Ideological fight took a backseat in entirety and the national interests and international peace came to guide diplomacy:

- Global Terrorism: The rise of ISIS as an international terror group capable of attacking numerous nations demands a coordinated approach of several countries as seen in combined efforts

of USA, Iran, Iraq and Kurds.

- Environment: The rising Global Warming has become an international cause of concern demanding actions of several countries. Eg. Paris climate deal, International Solar Alliance etc.

- Economic: Though the post cold-war era witnessed the rise of Open door economies across the world, but protectionism is again rising its head in several countries like USA.

- Social: The new issues of post-truth, Right wing extremism, cyber warfare, artificial intelligence etc. have come to guide the world cooperation.

Thus, the new world has entered into a dynamic phase where disruptive technologies are hampering every traditional way of doing things. It demands a more dynamic approach, which is going to come in the world order after we come out of the present teething problems.