

3. India must pay greater attention to turbulent history of Russia & its troubled relations with its central European neighbours. Analyse.

2022 marks the 100th anniversary of Soviet union formation and 31st anniversary of fall of Soviet union..

India - Russia relations

1. India is one of few places where Russia maintains its legacy as long standing partner
2. India views putin as heir of erstwhile Soviet union's strategic partner
3. Recent war - did not change the views of India's political class towards Russia.

But India must come out of its 'traditional' partner's view and must understand the history of Russia's troubled relations with central Europe., to come out with improved solution & further action.

5 - factors → to broaden the views on Russia

1. Traditional perspective - Russia sees itself as defender of 'The holy ky' → Even considers the

war against Ukraine as holy war.

2. Russia is not completely anti-imperialist - its focus on overland colonialisation is an example

3. Nature of relation between Russian nationalisms
ethnic minorities → Lenin - warned against great Russian chauvinism, to focus on units, but Stalin erased the differences between Soviet union & Soviet Russia

4. Autocratic rule → due to fear of fall., population attached strong feelings towards centralised power (Uedas)

5. Geography → Lack of defensive borders - make Russia to involve sphere of influence around borders

Diplomatic Maneuvre

1. India to arrive at improved action must know their history

2. Maintaining sovereignty & territorial integrity - autonomy.

India must be wary of growing Russian stakes in Central Europe.

It is the right time for India to look at west and central Europe not from eyes of Moscow but to be based on understanding of past history and based on our future course & benefit