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21. Name the revolution which led to the abolition of Monarchy in Russia. Explain.

OR

Petrograd had led the February Revolution that brought down the monarchy in 1917.

Ans → • On the left bank of river Neva, there is Tsar Nicholas Winter Palace. On the right bank, there is workers' quarters.

• There was extreme climate at that time with heavy snow and frost. Also there was severe shortage of food.

• So the workers became angry for which they started a strike and marched towards winter palace.

• The fashionable quarters and official buildings were surrounded by workers, the govt. imposed a curfew.

• On Sunday, 25 February, the govt. suspended the Duma.

- Demonstrators returned in force to the streets of the left bank on the 26th. On the 27th, the Police Headquarters were ransacked. The streets thronged with people raising slogans about bread, wages, better houses and democracy.
- The police invited the soldiers to help them. But they refused to open fire on the workers. They supported the demonstrators.
- By that evening, soldiers and striking workers had gathered to form a 'soviet' or 'council', called as Petrograd soviet.
- Next day, a selected group of people went to see the Tsar. Military commanders advised him to abdicate.
- He followed their advice and abdicated on 2 March. Soviet leaders and Duma leaders formed a Provisional Government to run the country. Hence, Petrograd had led the February Revolution that brought down the monarchy in February 1917.

24. What do you mean by Petrograd Soviet?

Ans → Petrograd Soviet was a council formed by striking workers and soldiers during Petrograd Revolution of 1917.