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Q99. Name the revolution that brought down the monarchy in Russia in 1917. Explain.

Ans) The February Revolution of 1917 in Petrograd had brought down the monarchy in Russia in 1917.

- On the left bank of the River Neva, there is Tsar Nicholas winter palace and on the right bank, there was the workers quarters.
- There was extreme climate at that time with heavy snow and frost. Beside that, there was severe shortage of food.
- So the workers became angry for which they started a strike and marched towards the winter Palace.
- The fashionable quarters and official buildings were surrounded by workers, the government imposed curfew.
- On Sunday, 25 February, the government suspended the Duma.
- Demonstrators returned in force to the streets of the left bank on the 26th. On the 27th, the Police Headquarters were attacked. The streets thronged with people raising slogans about bread, wages, better hours and democracy.

- The police invited the soldiers to help them. But they refused to open fire on the workers <sup>because</sup> they supported the demonstrators or workers.
- 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 surrendered 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.

Q23. What do you mean by Petrograd Soviet?

Ans) Soldiers and striking workers had gathered to form a 'soviet' or 'council' called as Petrograd Soviet.