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Contemporary World Politics

- Cold War: rivalry between the USA (capitalist bloc) and the USSR (communist bloc).
- Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) led by Nehru, Nasser, Tito and others.
- USSR disintegrated in 1991, ending the bipolar world order.
- The European Union and ASEAN are examples of regional organisations.

Politics in India Since Independence

- First general elections held in 1952 under the Election Commission.
- Planning Commission set up in 1950; Five-Year Plans guided development.
- The Emergency was declared in 1975; elections restored democracy in 1977.
- Coalition politics and the rise of regional parties from the 1990s.

Key Concepts

- Democracy, secularism, federalism and rule of law are core constitutional values.
- Fundamental Rights (Part III) and Directive Principles (Part IV) of the Constitution.
- Globalisation has political, economic and cultural dimensions.
- Social movements include environmental, women's and farmers' movements.

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