

## **CLASS:-11<sup>TH</sup>, HISTORY NOTES, CHAPTER:- 11**

### **Two Roads to Modernisation**

- The histories of Japan and China show how different historical conditions led them on widely divergent paths to building independent and modern nations.
- Japan was successful in retaining its independence and using traditional skills and practices in new ways.
- In the Sino-Japanese War (1894-95) China faced a humiliating defeat. On 17 April 1895, Treaty of Shimoseki was signed between China and Japan, ending the First Sino-Japanese War.
- The Chinese became vulnerable after their defeat and declared that both China and Japan needed reforms for modernisation.
- Sino-Japanese war served the basis for the Anglo-Japanese alliance in 1902.
- The Chinese path to modernisation was very different.
- Foreign imperialism, both Western and Japanese, combined with a hesitant and unsure Qing dynasty to weaken government control.
- The nineteenth and twentieth centuries saw a rejection of traditions and a search for ways to build national unity and strength