

The Cold War Era

FACTS THAT MATTER

- 1. Cuban Missile Crisis made whole world nervous by creating clashes between the two superpowers, the US and Soviet Union namely Cold War.**
- 2. Cold War referred to competitions, tensions and series of confrontations between the US and USSR.**
- 3. In 1945, with the end of Second World War, Cold War began when the US dropped bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in diplomatic manner to warn Soviet Union.**
- 4. Both the powers became reluctant to initiate war to protect world from large scale destruction as they were aware that it will not lead only political aim to them.**
- 5. The greed of expansion of their spheres of influence divided the world into alliances. The US built NATO, South Asian Treaty Organization (SEATO) and Central Treaty organization (CENTO).**
- 6. The Soviet Union created Eastern alliance known as WARSAW PACT.**
- 7. Smaller states joined either the alliance to get the promise of protection, weapons and economic aid against their local rivals.**
- 8. Superpower required them to gain on access to vital resources, territory to launch weapons and troops, to spy on each other and economic support.**
- 9. Despite of occurring crisis in Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan, both the superpowers behaved rationally and responsibly.**
- 10. Both the superpowers maintained 'arms control' by signing various treaties as Limited Test Ban Treaty, Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.**