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1. THE IMPACTED OF SOCIALISM IN INDIAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

The Russian Revolution and its experiments with socialism impacted the Indian Freedom Struggle in many different ways. Not only did it play a catalytic role in the formation of the Indian Communist Party and eventually helped the transformation of a good number of freedom fighters into communists, but it also initiated debates and discussions within the public domain regarding the relevance of this great political upheaval to the Indian situation even among thinkers and intellectuals who had not been converted to socialist thinking. This essay documents the impact of the Russian revolution on the Bengali

intelligentsia who were involved in the freedom struggle. In particular, it chooses one episode, in this complex intellectual history which evolved in many different **ways in different parts of India, that is, Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Soviet Russia in 1930** and assesses the impact of the ideas unleashed by the revolution on the intellectuals in Bengal.

2. WHAT WAS THE GLOBAL INFLUENCE OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

- Communist parties were formed in many countries, like the Communist

Party of Great Britain.

- Colonial people have been encouraged by Bolsheviks to follow their experiment of taking power.
- Many non-Russians from outside the USSR, participated in the Conference of the People of East and the Bolshevik-founded Comintern (an international union of pro-Bolshevik socialist parties).
- **In USSR's Communist University some received education of the Workers of the East.**
- In Second World War II, the USSR had given socialism a global face and world stature.

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