

Q.º The 21st century brand of Communism followed in China has nothing to do with Communism envisaged by Mao. Comment. (250 words).

Ans.º China is one of the few nations in the world to have communist totalitarian rule. But it is quite evident that the community ideology which we are familiar of is not currently observed.

Mao's Communism :-

Mao envisaged China to be a class-less, socialist society inspired by Soviet Union. He initiated :-

↳ Great Leap Forward (1958-62) - an era where he visioned to transform agrarian society into industrial workers.

↳ By this, he wanted to create a solid structure of workers who will always ~~keep~~ maintain equality & fraternity in society.

Failed Results :-

His idea miserably failed as :-

- it cause severe famine which was man-made. ~~to not~~
- people died due to hunger. Poverty increased.
- people now started to search new avenues ~~for~~ to fill up their stomachs which gave rise to domestication of wild animals led to wet markets.

Struggling China in late 60's, opened up its economy to import some essentials during Deng Xioping.

21st Century Communism :-

The high rise buildings, big tech giants like Alibaba are a proof that now it has jumped from socialism to Leninist Capitalism.

- ↳ industries would be flourish by private sector but regulation by Communist Party.
- ↳ weak judiciary so as to remove any legal bottlenecks.
- ↳ absence of civil society, free media, etc which will not create any

hurdles for Party & leader.

Economics :-

It has transformed itself to the exporter of the world.

↳ effectively utilised its abundance in rare-earth metals to flourish in Electronics industry.

↳ by tagging itself as a developing country, it tries to grab all the benefits which are conferred to such nations like less import duty etc.

From Mao to current regime of ~~Xi~~ President Xi Jinping, one thing which has not changed is its silent diplomacy over the years. Until recently, China has elevated itself in the world & its views have been given importance. Perceptions for China has changed.