

India Pakistan Hostilities Mitigated by People's Initiative
Pakistan India People's Forum Helps Break Ice to Restore Full Diplomatic Relations

13 December 2001: Terrorist Attack on Indian Parliament

Indian and Pakistani Armies are positioned Eye Ball to Eye Ball on the Borders- All Diplomatic Relations Broken

Pakistan India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy (PIPFDP) with Chapters in both Countries explore a Solution

28th March 2003; Obtaining Visas to visit Pakistan via Dubai, an Indian Delegation Led by Admiral L. Ramdas, former Chief of Indian Navy and Tapan Bose, Secretary General of PIPFDP along with Mazher Hussain, Jt. Secretary PIPFDP, Prof. Pushpa Bhawe and Jatin Desai made their way to Pakistan

Meeting Members of Parliament of Pakistan, the Delegation invited them to visit India.

How? SAARC had introduced a Visa Sticker that allowed Parliamentarians and Judges of all SAARC Country to enter a SAARC Country through any Port

8th May 2003: Despite all Borders between India and Pakistan being closed, 13 Member Pakistani Parliamentary Delegation could enter India through the Wagah Border- Thanks to SAARC Visa Sticker.

9th to 16th May 2003: The Pakistani Delegation received a warm welcome and was hosted by Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India, Somnath Chatterjee, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Chandrashaker and Leaders of Opposition Parties and Indian Parliamentarians

A positive Media helped in changing the climate of extreme hostility of 2 years into an atmosphere of friendship and Goodwill within 6 days!

Pakistani Delegation invited Members of Indian Parliament to visit Pakistan that received instant positive response

17th June 2003: A 10 Member Delegation of Indian Parliamentarians led by Sri Lalu Prasad Yadav visited Pakistan to reinforce bonds of understanding and peace.

Result: Restoration of full diplomatic relations between the two countries within months*

Members of PIPFDP Pakistan Chapter who coordinated the Exchanges of Indian and Pakistani Parliamentarians were Dr. Mubashir Hasan, former Finance Minister of Pakistan, Mr. I. A. Rahman, Chair, Pakistan Human Rights Commission, Hina Gilani, Anis Haroon, Dr. Haroon, Rashid Rahman, Karamat Ali, Shahid Faiyaz and others.

The final success was when Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced that India and Pakistan will play a Cricket Match- after a gap of 16 years!