**India – Pakistan Relations**

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The India Pakistan relation is one of the most complex associations that India shares with any of its neighbouring countries. Today, the relations between both the countries are at its lowest ebb. India desires peaceful, friendly and cooperative relations with Pakistan, which requires an environment free from violence and terror.

The relation between the two countries started with the distrust and hatred caused due to the mass killings during partition in 1947, followed by the sinister design of Pakistan to grab J&K in the same year. Apart from 1947, India have fought war in 1965, 1971 and 1999.

**Latest Developments**

In February 2021, India and Pakistan issued a joint statement for the first time in years, announcing that they would observe the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC). The countries have agreed to a strict observance of all agreements, understandings and cease firing along the Line of Control (LoC) and all other sectors with effect from the midnight of February 24-25, 2021.

**Conflict Zones**

Various constant irritant between both the countries are:-

* Terrorism emanating from territories under Pakistan’s control remains a core concern in bilateral relations
* No credible & verifiable action to end cross border terrorism against India
* Not bringing the perpetrators of Mumbai terror attacks 2008 to justice.
* Surgical strike by India, at various terrorist launch pads across the Line of Control, as an answer to the attack at the army camp in Uri, Jammu and Kashmir
* Air strike by India, on a training camp of JeM in Balakot, Pakistan, as a retaliation to the cross-border terror attack by Pakistan, on a convoy of Indian security forces in Pulwama.

Kartarpur Corridor

* An agreement between India and Pakistan for the facilitation of pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Pakistan, was signed on 24 October 2019 in order to fulfil the long-standing demand of the pilgrims to have easy and smooth access to the holy Gurudwara
* The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Agreement, inter alia, provides for visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims as well as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders, from India to the holy Gurudwara in Pakistan on a daily basis, throughout the year.
* On November 9, 2019, on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the corridor

Kashmir Issue

This is one of the most sensitive issues between India and Pakistan and has been a major cause of the sour relations the two countries share.  Article 370 gave Jammu and Kashmir a special right to have its own constitution, a separate flag and have their own rules, but in August 2019, the Article was scrapped & J&K now abides by the Indian Constitution common for all. It was given the status of a Union Territory and this move of the Indian Govt was highly objected by Pakistan due to their longing of owning Kashmir entirely.

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