



Indo-Pak Peace Calendar

Aaghaz-e-Dosti - An introduction

Aaghaz-e-Dosti (literally *beginning of friendship*) is an Indo-Pak Friendship initiative. The members are all either students or young professionals and are involved in this voluntary initiative in addition to their regular work.

Started in 2012 by Mission Bhartiya, Aaghaz-e-Dosti aims to create unwavering bonds of peace and friendship between India and Pakistan. Aaghaz-e-Dosti seeks to enhance people-to-people relations. It seeks to become the medium to discover and recognise the misrepresented reality on the other side of the border. **It is focused on citizen diplomacy and works primarily through peace education** aimed at familiarising the people about the 'other', countering stereotypes, homogenised and negative image of the other, educating them about the issues of conflict, the existence of diverse views and developing critical thinking and developing confidence in dialogue and peace building for conflict resolution.

It has involved itself in peace building and conflict resolution by facilitating people-to-people contact, challenging mutual hatred and suspicion, creating a culture of peace and understanding among people of both countries and highlighting the issues of victims of conflicts.

Aaghaz-e-Dosti founder Ravi Nitesh describes that Aaghaz-e-Dosti has given **peace trainings to more than 10000 students and youngsters** through many **Aman Chaupals** (peace session) across India and Pakistan where an Indian guest addresses the queries of students in a Pakistani school and vice versa. We have also used video conferencing in our Aman Chaupal sessions to facilitate interaction between people of India and Pakistan. Aaghaz-e-Dosti also uses video conferencing to connect classrooms of India and Pakistan in sessions called **Indo-Pak Classroom Connect** that facilitates interaction between students of India and Pakistan. In addition, Aaghaz-e-Dosti conducts regular **Exchange of letters and cards** between students of India and Pakistan and has exhibited these letters at the renowned Faiz Ghar (house of Faiz Ahmed Faiz) in Lahore. Aaghaz-e-Dosti has also started efforts to have **peace march from Delhi to Wagah Border on 14-15 midnight** alongwith many other organisations and took successfully Aman Dosti March 2018 and Aaghaz-e-Dosti Yatra 2019 to spread message of peace.

Aaghaz-e-Dosti had made the **list of prisoners and fishermen** (stranded in jails on the other side of the border) **public for the first time** that helped lawyers, activists, and relatives of the victims for details. Not only this but Aaghaz-e-Dosti regularly raises appeals in issues of violence, ceasefire violations, killing of soldiers on LOC, discrimination being meted out to victims of conflict like prisoners and fishermen through statements as it believes that voice for peace and sanity often goes unrepresented in mainstream media. Aaghaz-e-Dosti has been constantly writing to the government on both sides on incidents of ceasefire violations, decisions made about talks, execution of decisions made in meetings.



On social media, Aaghaz-e-Dosti carries stories of friendship, articles, poems, and expressions (submitted by common people) for highlighting similarities between Indians and Pakistanis in terms of culture and most importantly, in desire for peace and friendship, bursting stereotypes and need for peace.

One of the major initiatives of Aaghaz-e-Dosti is the annual **Indo-Pak Peace Calendar**. Every year Aaghaz-e-Dosti launches an indopak peace calendar that has paintings or expressions of hope from students of both countries. It also carries messages from renowned personalities working and or for Indo-Pak peace launched in both countries. It has been also been presented to high dignitaries on both sides.

Each passing day Aaghaz-e-Dosti continue to energize people on both sides of the border to foster peace and change the direction of the winds of in a more positive side. With continuous efforts since last many years, Aaghaz-e-Dosti has become one of the most prominent voices on Indo-Pak peace and has been felicitated with several awards and recognitions.

We also feel blessed with the Op-Ed articles written about Aaghaz-e-Dosti by people like Dr. Chaman Lal (Dainik Bhaskar) , Dr Syeda Hameed ([The Citizen](#)) and Dr. I A Rehman (DAWN News) and many other researchers found Aaghaz-e-Dosti initiative an important one in peacebuilding efforts and made its references in their research works and published papers and thesis. Aaghaz-e-Dosti has also been featured in many newspapers and videos including in the Narratives (By Project Narratives of Melton Foundation, UK) and VOX Media Documentary series on Borders. In its journey since last many years, Aaghaz-e-Dosti received huge support from common people, particularly youths and school students and also from renowned voices of South Asia through their participation, messages and support.



Calendar for Peace & Love 2013

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AN INITIATIVE FOR INDO-PAK FRIENDSHIP

INDO - PAK PEACE CALENDAR 2015

Aaghaz-e-Dosti seeks to create unwavering bonds of peace and friendship between India and Pakistan.

"Indo-Pak Peace Calendar" is a collection of expressions of the hope and desire for peace and friendship by people of both countries. We hope that every time you look at the calendar, its colors will reflect the sentiments of love and peace that we all hold dear.

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INDO-PAK PEACE CALENDAR 2016

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Aaghaz-e-Dosti seeks to create unwavering bonds of peace and friendship between India and Pakistan, to enhance people-to-people relationship and to bring out the hidden tone that rests in every heart across the borders...

With this motive, we have initiatives to counter the constructed mindsets of mutual hatred and suspicion. The 'Indo-Pak Peace Calendar' is one such initiative. The calendar is a reflection of shared dreams and hopes of people from both India and Pakistan, which will be an everyday reminder of the collective vision(s) they share together. We hope that every time you look at the calendar, its colors will reflect the sentiments of love and peace that we hold dear.

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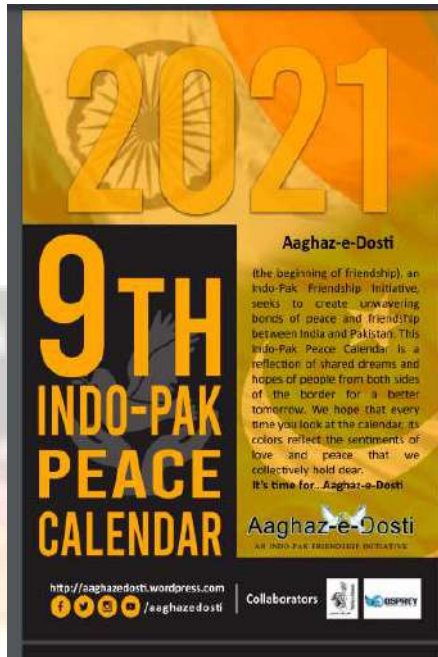
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Every year, Aaghaz-e-Dosti, launches an Indo-Pak Peace Calendar that includes selected paintings from students of India and Pakistan and messages from renowned personalities from both countries who have contributed to improving Indo-Pak relations.

The importance of this calendar is stated by **Devika Mittal**, Convener of Aaghaz-e-Dosti India, "The calendar with the paintings of an innocent and apolitical mind will remind us that mindsets have been constructed. Together with the beautiful dreams of the young and innocent, the calendar also has messages from people who have been actively working to nurture these dreams."

Raza Khan, Convener of Aaghaz-e-Dosti remarks, "This calendar is a collection of shared dreams of peace and friendship. It serves as a hope shared by people who are just like us, in habit and struggle. With the turn of the pages to start a new month, the hope shall be renewed."

Founder of Aaghaz-e-Dosti initiative Ravi Nitesh believes that future belongs to the young generation who need to understand today that it is they who are making tomorrow and for a better tomorrow, we need to work today. We must believe that our sub-continent should be violence free, hatred free and arms free and this is what our younger generation dream, desire and deserve today.

The reason to focus on students is to enable the future leaders to forge the path to a better world by engaging them with aspects of critical thinking, civic engagement, human rights and dialogue as solution.

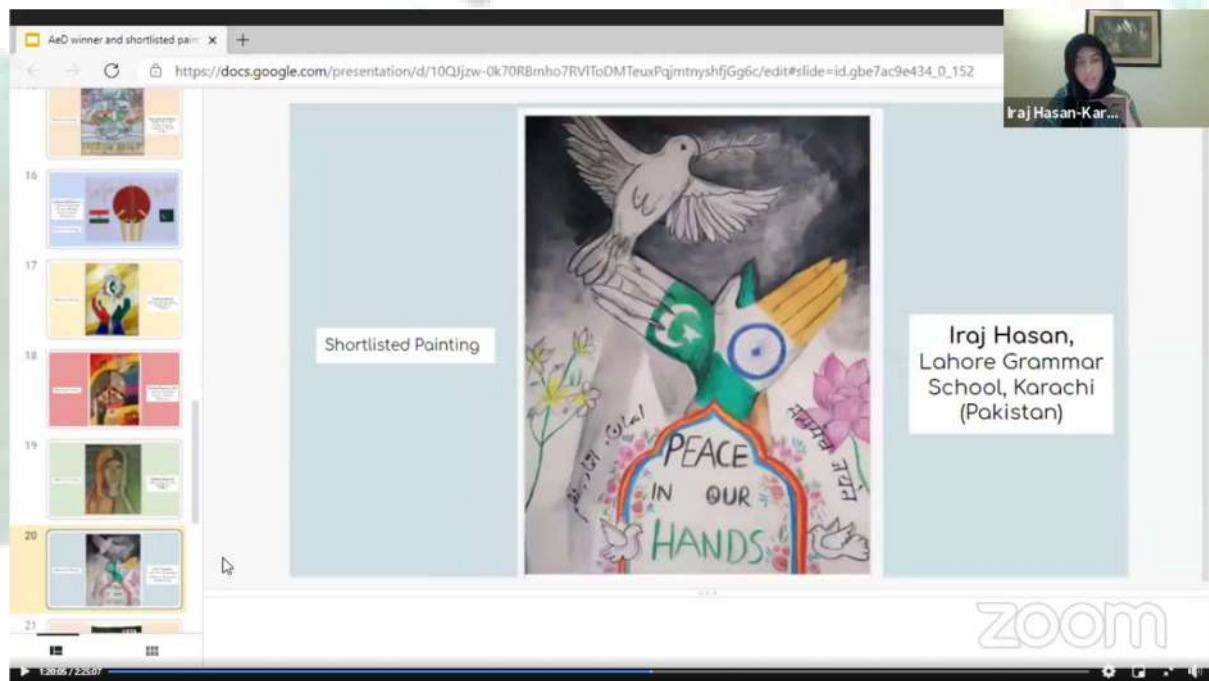
The calendar is launched along with a discussion on **Sharing of hopes for a peaceful and friendly co-existence**. Till now, Aaghaz-e-Dosti has launched eight calendars (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020).

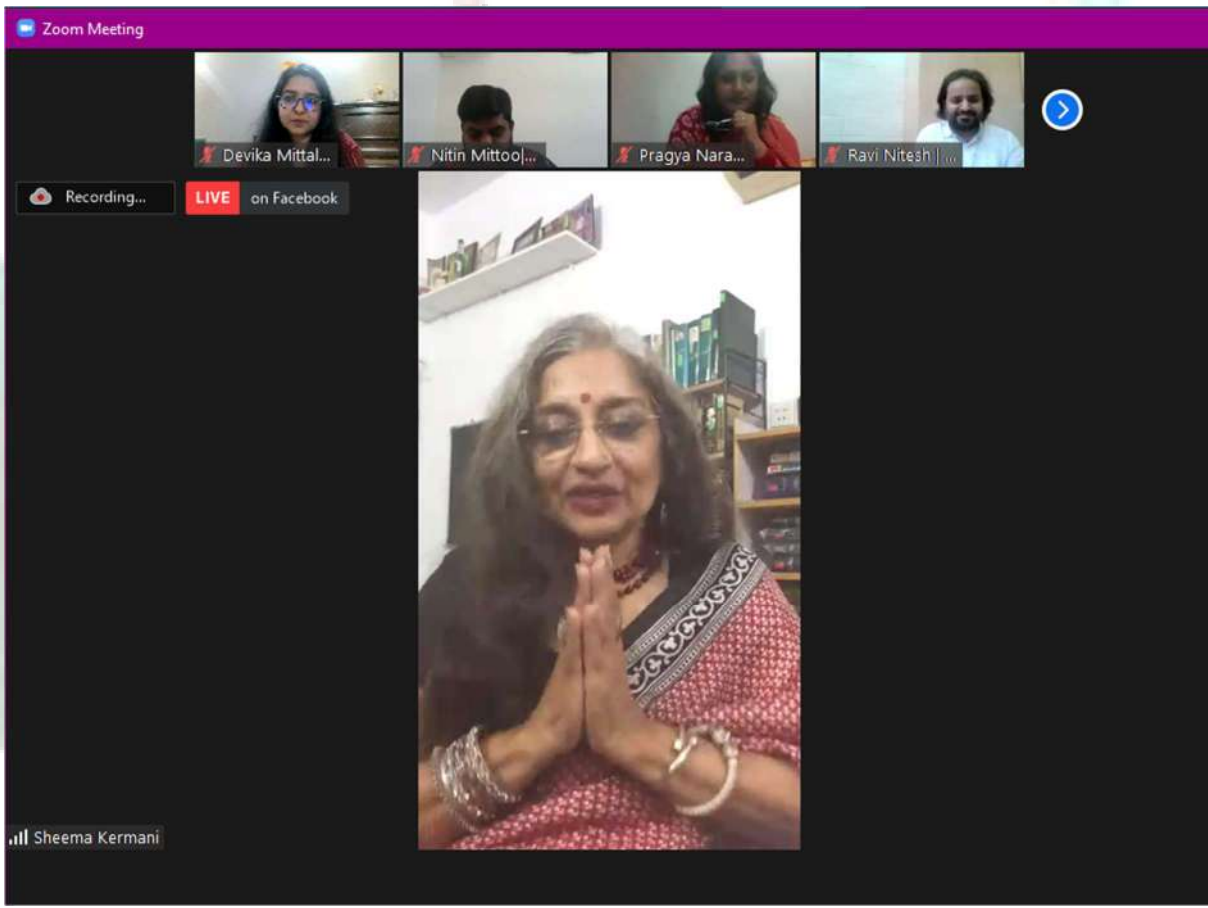
Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2021

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2021 was the 9th edition of calendar. This was also first virtual calendar launch which was organized jointly on Zoom platform and people from both sides with students in large numbers participated. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Tapan Bose (Peace and Human Rights activist, Documentary maker, Secretary General-SAFHR and founder member- PIPFPD)
- Anam Zakaria (Author, Oral Historian, Educator)
- Prof Saleem Kidwai (Former Professor at JNU, Academic Advisor- George Washington University of Peace in DC)
- Munizae Jahangir (Journalist, Filmmaker, Human Rights Activist)
- Shabnam Hashmi (Social Activist, Founder - ANHAD)
- M Ziauddin (Sr Journalist, Former President-SAFMA, Former Executive Editor- Express Tribune)
- Anuradha Bhasin (Journalist, Executive Editor- Kashmir Times)
- Mh Hanif (British Pakistani writer, journalist)
- Rita Manchanda (Human Rights Activist, Author, Research Director- SAFHR)
- Dr Ammar Ali Jan (Historian, Academician, Activist)
- Prof Romila Thapar (Renowned historian, author, Professor Emeritus- JNU)

In 2021, Aaghaz-e-Dosti got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. Peace paintings were received from many schools from India and Pakistan. Besides schools, there were individual submissions as well.





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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2020

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2020 is the eighth calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Ela Gandhi (Peace activist, Former parliamentarian South Africa, Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi)
- Azra Talat Sayeed (Activist, Chairperson- International Womens Alliance, Pakistan and ED- Roots for Equality)
- T C A Raghavan (Former Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, Director General - Indian Council of World Affairs)
- Salman Rashid (Writer, Activist)
- Swati Parashar (Expert of Peace and Conflict issues, Associate Prof. in University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- Farhatullah Babar (Former Senator- Pakistan, Life Member- Human Rights Commission of Pakistan)
- Fr. Josph Kalathil S J (Peace activist)
- Bushra Gohar (Human Rights Activist, Former Member- Parliament of Pakistan)
- Sagarika Ghose (Senior Journalist)
- Raof Hasan (Founder and Chief Executive- Regional Peace Institute-Pakistan)
- Jayesh Patel (Renowned activist, Associated with Sabarmati Ashram, Ahemdabad)
- Nida Kirmani (Feminist-sociologist, Faculty member at LUMS)

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Pic- Delhi launch 11 JAN 2020 at India International Centre
L-R: Sushobha Barve, Air Vice Marshal (R) Kapil Kak, Veteran Gandhian Radha Bhatt, Fr. Josph Kalathil, Swami Agnivesh



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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2019

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2019 was the seventh calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Prof Ayesha Jalal (Historian, Prof. at Tufts University. Grandniece of Saadat Hasan Manto)
- Nandita Das (Indian film actor and director, Activist)
- Amarnath Randhawa (Activist, President-Hindu Sudhar Sabha Pakistan)
- Rana Safvi (Historian, Renowned author)
- Hussain Naqi (Veteran Journalist and activist, Former Director- HRCP)
- P.V. Rajagopal (Renowned activist, Founder-Ekta Parishad)
- Mehmal Sarfaraz (Sr. Journalist, Dy. Sec. Gen. SAFMA, Jt. Gen Sec. at SAWM)
- Dr. Happymon Jacob (Prof. of International Relations at JNU, Author and Researcher)
- Dr. Rukhsana David (Principal- Kinnaird College, Lahore)
- Maulana Wahiduddin Khan (Islamic Spiritual Scholar, Peace Activist)
- Maj. Gen. T.K.Kaul PVSM AVSM VSM (Former Army Officer, Executive President- IPSI)
- Dr. Ashok Kumar (Sindhi Poet and Prof. at Punjab University, Lahore)

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While releasing the seventh peace calendar along with a seminar titled 'Sharing of Hopes for Peaceful Co-existence', the renowned scholar **Maulana Wahiduddin Khan** told that students in both countries have done a great work and they must understand that their efforts for peace would make our societies more humane.

Sudheendra Kulkarni, a renowned writer, former aide to Late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee told that young generation is the hope for both countries. He remembered how the initiatives like start of bus, train and trade services across borders bring happiness to local people and hence more such steps should be taken.

Major General TK Kaul who has been recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal talked about how there are veterans in both countries who advocate peace. He told that we are the same people, separated by geography and man made border. He told that war and conflict must not come on the way of peace and brotherhood.

Another **Major General M.A. Naik** told that the real importance of peace can be well understood by a soldier. He insisted that peace building and developing a culture of peace is much required.

Senior Journalist Rezaul Hasan Laskar who has been in Pakistan as an Indian correspondent talked about his experiences in Pakistan and that common people desire peace and friendship. Brig. Anil Malhotra also applauded efforts of students who are responsible future citizens of these countries and hence need to think about peace.



L-R: Maj Gen M.A.Naik, Sudheendra Kulkarni, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, Maj Gen T K Kaul, Rezaul Hasan Laskar





ہندوپاک آغاز دوستی کی جانب سے نئی دلی میں پروقتار تقریب

اہم شخصیات کی موجودگی میں ساتواں 'پیس کلینڈر' جاری



بلال بشیر بٹ

سرینگر/جنگ نیوز/انڈیا انٹرنیشنل سینٹر نئی دلی میں ہندوپاک آغاز دوستی کی جانب سے نئی دلی میں پروقتار تقریب جس میں اہم شخصیات کی موجودگی میں ساتواں 'پیس کلینڈر' جاری کر دیا گیا۔ تقریب میں کئی نامور شخصیات کے ساتھ ساتھ طلباء کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ تقریب کا مقصد بیان کرتے ہوئے مقررین نے کہا

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Aaghaz-e-Dosti
Invites you to join


Launch : 7th Indo-Pak Peace
Calendar & Seminar: Sharing of
Hopes for Peaceful Co-existence

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India International Centre-
Annexe, New Delhi


Peace Calendar 2019 carries Message from






Maulana Wahiduddin Khan
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Dr. Happyman Jacob
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Rana Safvi
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Prof. Ayesha Jalal
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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2018

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2018 was the sixth calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Prof M S Swaminathan (Father of Green Revolution)
- Kamla Bhasin (Feminist and Peace Activist)
- Kapil Kak (Retd Air Vice Marshal)
- Rahul Jalali (Former President-Press Club of India)
- Nirupma Subramanian (Sr. Journalist and has been posted in Pakistan for few years)
- Dr. Syeda Hameed (Writer, Activist, Former Member-Planning commission, India)
- Amardeep Singh (Author-Lost Heritage-Sikh Legacy in Pakistan)
- Dr. Mubarak Ali (Pakistani historian)
- Imtiaz Alam (Secretary General SAFMA)
- Anam Zakaria (Activist and author)
- Dr Anita M Weiss (Academician)
- Lt. Gen (retd) Mohd M. Alam
- Farooq Tariq (Activist and spokesperson of Awami workers party)

In 2018, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. Peace paintings were received from the following schools in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Toba Tek Singh (Pakistan) and Baroda, Bulandshahr (UP), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Mumbai (India).

1. Gyan Mandir Public School (Delhi, India)
2. Purkal Youth Development Society (Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India)
3. Lahore Grammer School (Lahore, Pakistan)
4. Baacha Khan School (Pabaini, Swabi, Pakistan)
5. Indian School (Salalah, Oman)
6. Govt. G.H. School (Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan)
7. Indraprastha Hindu Girls' Senior Secondary School (Delhi, India)
8. Pardada Pardadi Inter College (Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India)
9. Gujarat Public School (Vadodara, Gujarat, India)
10. Beaconhouse School System (Karachi, Pakistan)
11. The British School (Delhi, India)
12. Daanish School (Girls) (Rahim Yar Khan, Pakistan)
13. KKC Kannada High School (Karnataka, India)
14. TNS Beaconhouse School (Gulberg, Lahore, Pakistan)
15. Mar Gregorious Memorial Hr Sec School (Jharkhand, India)

Besides these schools, there were individual submissions.





The **DELHI** launch featured eminent speakers Retd Air Vice Marshal Kapil Kak, Rahul Jalali (Former President Press Club of India), O.P.Shah (Founder-Centre for Peace and Progress), Prof Jagmohan Singh (Activist, Nephew of Shaheed Bhagat Singh), Jyoti Malhotra (Sr. Journalist Indian Express). Photography partner was Zephyr of Delhi University.



In **Lahore**, academicians and activists like Dr. I A Rehman (Magsaysay awardee peace activist), Imtiyaz Alam (Founder- SAFMA), Dr. Saleema Hashmi (Artist, Academician, Daughter of Faiz), Saeeda Diep, Nighat Saeed Khan, Salman Rashid, Samina Rehman and Prof. Anita Weiss participated in discussion. Many students and youths participated in launch that was held at SAFMA auditorium.

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'Aaghaz-e-Dosti' launches 6th Indo-Pak peace calendar

New Delhi, Jan 14: Aaghaz-e-Dosti team has launched 'Indo-Pak peace calendar' at New Delhi.

The team, which works for "fostering people to people relations between India and Pakistan" in a statement said that the calendar is a collection of selected paintings of Pakistani and Indian school students along with messages from 12 renowned persons from both countries who favour Indo-Pak peace.

It said since the disappearance of its convener in Pakistan on Dec 2, the team has continued its efforts on peace building.

This year, peace calendar carries messages of Prof M S Swaminathan (father of Green Revolution), Kamla Bhasin (feminist and peace activist), Kapil Kak (retired Air Vice Marshal), Rahul Jalali (former President-Press Club of India), Nirupama Subramanian (Sr Journalist) and Amardeep Singh



(Author-Lost Heritage: Sikh Legacy in Pakistan) from India.

From Pakistan it has the messages of Dr. Mubarak Ali (Pakistani historian), Imtiaz Alam (Secretary General SAJMA), Anam Zakaria (Activist and author), Dr Anita M Weiss (Academician) and Farooq Tariq (Activist and spokesperson of Awami workers party) and Lt. Gen (retd) Muhammad M. Alam.

"At a time when Indo-Pak relations are turbulent and facing tide and ebb journey between the political establishments on both sides, students

of Pakistan and India expressed their desire for peace through this peace calendar."

"This is something we need to recognise as a demand from the young community in both countries where youths are of majority in population and their secured, safe and peaceful future should be in the agenda of both sides of governments," it said.

"Aaghaz-e-Dosti aims to create unwavering bonds of peace and friendship between India and Pakistan and seeks to become the medium to discover and recognise the mis-

represented reality on the other side of the border.

This was the sixth year of the initiative and peace calendar. In earlier years, these calendars have been launched in several cities of India and Pakistan.

A panel discussion on the topic 'Sharing of Hopes for a Peaceful Co-existence' was also organised by India International Centre and Aaghaz-e-Dosti jointly where speakers like Kapil Kak, O P Shah, Rahul Jalali, Jyoti Malhotra and Prof Jagmohan Singh participated and spoke upon various issues, it said.

Aaghaz-e-Dosti launches Indo-Pak Peace Calendar carrying student paintings

By: Koman News

New Delhi: Indo-Pak Peace Calendar was launched at New Delhi Sunday by voluntary youth initiative Aaghaz-e-Dosti that works on fostering people-to-people relations between India and Pakistan.

This calendar is a collection of selected paintings of Pakistani and Indian school students along with messages from 12 renowned persons from both countries who favour Indo-Pak Peace. This year peace calendar carries messages of Prof M S Swaminathan (Father of Green Revolution), Kamla Bhasin (Feminist and Peace Activist), Kapil Kak (Retired Air Vice Marshal), Rahul Jalali (Former President-Press Club of India), Nirupama Subramanian (Sr. Journalist) and has been posted in Pakistan for few years and Amardeep Singh (Author-Lost Heritage-Sikh Legacy in Pakistan) from India and Dr. Mubarak Ali (Pakistani historian), Imtiaz Alam (Secretary General SAJMA), Anam Zakaria (Activist and author), Dr Anita M Weiss (Academician) and Farooq Tariq (Activist and spokesperson of Awami workers party) and Lt. Gen (retd) Mohd M. Alam.

Aimed to encourage of its convener in Pakistan since Dec 2, Aaghaz-e-Dosti has continued its efforts on peace building.

Members of this young team are highly hopeful the team will return soon. Members informed this as a peace education group, our activities serve not against anyone and

therefore we think that we must keep working for our activities.

At a time when Indo-Pak relations are turbulent and facing tide and ebb journey between the political establishments on both sides, students of Pakistan and India expressed their desire for peace through this peace-calendar. This is something we need to recognise as a demand from the young community in both countries where youths are of majority in population and their secured, safe and peaceful future should be in the agenda of both sides of governments.

Aaghaz-e-Dosti aims to create unwavering bonds of peace and friendship between India and Pakistan and seeks to become the medium to discover and recognise the misrepresented reality on the other side of the border. Informed on citizen diplomacy and works primarily through peace education aimed at fostering the people about the other, countering stereotypes, homogenised and negative image of the other, educating them about the issues of conflict, the existence of diverse values and developing critical thinking and developing confidence in dialogue and peace building for conflict resolution.

This was the sixth year of the initiative and peace calendar. In earlier years, these calendars have been launched in several cities of India and Pakistan. A panel discussion on the topic 'Sharing of Hopes for a Peaceful Co-existence' was



also organised by India International Centre and Aaghaz-e-Dosti jointly where speakers like Kapil Kak, O P Shah, Rahul Jalali, Jyoti Malhotra and Prof Jagmohan Singh participated and spoke upon various issues.

While speaking on the occasion, Retired Air Vice Marshal Kapil Kak talked about the importance of peace building, specially through such people's initiative. He quoted Fazl Ahmad Faiz to explain diplomatic engagement between India and Pakistan. "To do toh har mamla hai karna chahiye, samझे सारे toh har toh hai, dosti part". Highlighting the efforts of Vaipayan and Muzammas Singh gov-

ernment, he called the 2007-2008 phase as the golden period in the Indo-Pakistani dialogue process, post which he said we suffered from a famine of dialogue. Referring to Narendra Modi's 2010 visit to Pak as a 'stap of faith' and 'quest for dialogue', only those who risk going far can know how far one can go."

Senior journalist and former President of Press Club of India, Rahul Jalali said that there are much need to work on peace building these days to counter hatred and violence at every level. He also stated that media groups may play a positive role in peacebuilding effectively. He appreciated

Aaghaz-e-Dosti for peace in today's disturbed times when there's a dearth of those taking on or for peace between the two neighbours.

O P Shah who is founder of think tank Centre for Peace and Progress talked about the necessity of people coming forward and take a concrete step to decide policies of their own and demanding peace, harmony and development. Expressing hope for a much better things in future, he congratulated Aaghaz-e-Dosti peace building efforts. He talked of co-existence of 'crisis of confidence' between and among the neighbours, while speaking on the occasion, Prof Jagmohan Singh who is ac-

list and author and nephew of Shabaz Bhatti Singh, called upon Shaban Singh and Pakistan. He said about the place where Shaban Singh was studied and hanged as it is in Pakistan. He told about his experience on how Shaban Singh still lives in so many hearts of Pakistanis and Indians and can be a connecting medium for peace building. Senior journalists and columnists Jyoti Malhotra emphasized that these paintings made by students are actually something we need to learn and understand about what these students, who are future generations of these countries, desire for. Lamenting the unresolvable state of affairs between India-Pakistan, he stated it is our responsibility to decide whether Pak is good or bad. What is needed instead is to hope for a more normalised relations with our neighbour which give our geography cannot be ignored.

Dorika Mittal, Convener of Aaghaz-e-Dosti in India told that the importance of the calendar is that it is a collection of shared dreams and hopes for friendship which we will remind of every day. This calendar is one of our peace education activities in schools and colleges. "The purpose of these activities is to enable the future leaders to forge thoughts to better world by engaging them with aspects of critical thinking, civic engagement and dialogue as solution."

She told that this year again Aaghaz-e-Dosti received many paintings from many schools of Pakistan and India. In these six years, Aaghaz-e-Dosti has been received paintings from school students from almost all states and provinces of India and Pakistan. Madhulika V Nair, Member Aaghaz-e-Dosti member during her moderation talked about important portrayed by speakers and also about various other activities of the initiative during last six years. Many eminent persons like educationist C. Raj Mohan, Supreme court advocate Ram Mohan Rai, Secretary General of South Asian Fraternity Society, Anwar Raza, Shid Bhatti, NCP Coordinator Sanjay Rai, Youth activist Mushtaqul Haq, Akhtar Hussain, Mubashir Malik, Surabh Yadav, Abhishek, Sonjana, Madhulika and others were present. Photography was done by Zephyr, a photography society of Jhansi University students. Talking more about Aaghaz-e-Dosti, Ravi Shrivast informed that Aaghaz-e-Dosti has given peace training courses to 600 students and youngsters through 20 Asian Capitals (peace sessions) across India and Pakistan and also took video conferencing to connect classrooms of India and Pakistan in sessions called Indo-Pak Classroom Connect that facilitates interaction between students of India and Pakistan. Aaghaz-e-Dosti conducts regular exchange of letters and cards between students of India and Pakistan and has recently exhibited these letters at the renowned Pali Ghar (house of Fazl Ahmad Faiz) in Lahore.



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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar – 2017

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar – 2017 was the fifth calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Salima Hashmi (Pakistani activist, artist and academician)
- Sudheendra Kulkarni (Writer, Chairperson-Observer Research Foundation-Mumbai)
- Lt Gen (Retd) Muhammad Masood Alam (Retd Lt Gen from Pakistani Army)
- Major Gen (Retd) Ashok K Mehta (Retd Major Gen from Indian Army)
- Dr. I.A. Rehman (Pakistani activist, writer, Magsaysay awardee)
- Dr. Syeda Hameed (Writer, Activist, Former Member-Planning commission, India)
- Khadim Hussain (Head-Baacha Khan Trust Educational Foundation, Peshawar, Pakistan)
- Dr. Kavita Sharma (President – South Asian University)
- Dr Mubashir Hasan (Peace activist, former minister, Govt of Pakistan)
- Col Virendra Sahai (Co-founder, India Pakistan Soldiers' initiative for Peace)
- Dr Saeed Ahmed Rid (Asst Prof, Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan)
- Dr Shashi Tharoor (MP-Loksabha, Chairman –Parliamentary Standing Committee on Extrenal Affairs- India)

In 2017, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. Peace paintings were received from the following schools in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Toba Tek Singh (Pakistan) and Baroda, Bulandshahr (UP), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Mumbai (India):

16. Gyan Mandir Public School (Delhi, India)
17. S M B Fatimah Jinnah, Govt Girls School (Karachi, Pakistan)
18. Purkal Youth Development Society (Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India)
19. Habib Girls Higher Secondary School (Karachi, Pakistan)
20. Navrachna International School (Vadodra, Gujrat, India)
21. Lahore Grammer School (Lahore, Pakistan)
22. Gems Academia International School (Kolkata, West Bengal, India)
23. Baacha Khan School (Pabaini, Swabi, Pakistan)
24. Navniraman Vidyalay (Surat, Gujrat)
25. St. Patrick's College (Karachi, Pakistan)
26. Indian School (Salalah, Oman)
27. Govt. G.H. School (Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan)
28. Indraprastha Hindu Girls' Senior Secondary School (Delhi, India)
29. Pardada Pardadi Inter College (Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India)
30. Sabir Abdullah Public High School (Panzinara, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India)
31. Gujarat Public School (Vadodara, Gujarat, India)
32. Ecole Mondiale World School (Mumbai, India)
33. Lyceum School (Karachi, Pakistan)
34. The British School (Delhi, India)
35. New Horizon School (Delhi, India)
36. Presentation Convent School (Delhi, India)



37. AIOU (Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan)
38. Father Agnel School (Delhi, India)

Besides these schools, there were individual submissions.

The calendar launch in all cities also included a discussion on 'Indo-Pak peace: Sharing of hopes for peaceful and friendlier coexistence' with eminent speakers as follows:

- January 1, 2017 - Lahore, Pakistan
- January 8, 2017 - Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan
- January 14, 2017 - New Delhi, India
- January 29, 2017 - Karachi, Pakistan
- January 30, 2017 - Mumbai, India
- February 11, 2017 - Panipat, India
- February 18, 2017 - Chandigarh, India
- January 26, 2017 - Dehradun, Pakistan
- February 28, 2017- Kyrgyzstan Republic



The **DELHI** launch featured eminent speakers Kamla Bhasin (Activist), Col. Virendra Sahai (Co Founder India Pakistan Soldiers Initiative for Peace), Dr. S N Subbarao (Veteran Gandhian and Peace Activist), Dr Syeda Hameed (Author, Activist and former member-Planning Commission). Photography collaboration was done by voluntary group Zephyr of Delhi University.

In Mumbai, Peace Calendar was launched in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation, Mumbai. ORF Mumbai Chairperson Sudheendra Kulkarni, Suhasini Mulay, Sushobha Barve, Zakir Qazi and Dr Nagral participated in panel discussion. Tapas Kulkarni and Jatin Desai spoke about Indo-Pak relations.





The launch in Dehradun (India) was followed by a film screening 'Toba Tek Singh' directed by Ketan Mehta. Eminent persons like Prof Dhreerendra Sharma (Scientist), G K Swamy (Economist and Educator), Lokesh Ohri (Anthropologist, Founder-Virasat) and S P Goel were participated in panel discussion. Students of PYDS participated in large numbers.



In Lahore, academicians and activists like Prof Ishtiaq Ahmad, Dr Salima Hashmi and Imtiaz Alam participated in discussion. Many students and youths participated in launch that was held at Human Rights Commission of Pakistan.



In Toba Tek Singh: Professor Dr. Muhammad Saleem (GC University Faisalabad), Hafiz Abdul Hai (Religious leader), Ms. Zara Shah (Human Rights Activist), Abdul Khaliq Sannam (Poet and Author), Irfan Gill and Khurram Fiaz (social activists), Muhammad Asif Nadeem (journalist) and Umair Ahmad (Coordinator of Aaghaz-e-Dosti and Chairperson Youth for Human Rights Pakistan). The program was moderated by Gulzar Ahmad and Adil Fraz.



In Peshawar, Coordinator of Aaghaz-e-Dosti Abdul Rauf Yousafzai organised Peace Calendar Launch where many people participated including Mian Iftikhar Hussain. Everyone favored Indo-Pak Peace and termed it as important for future of both countries.



Aaghaz-e-Dosti joined hands with a CHANDIGARH based NGO Yuvsatta for launching the Indo-Pak peace calendar. The discussion on indopak peace was led by Smt Asha Jaswal (Mayor of Chandigarh), Dr D N V Kumar Guru (Director- Indian School of Business, Mohali, Punjab), Sandeep Joshi (Cartoonist, The Tribune), Avatar Singh (Director-Peoples' Convention Centre), Ms. Louis Lopez (Principal St Stephens School), Pramod Sharma (Director-Yuvsatta) and Shruti Achesh (Coordinator-Aaghaz-e-Dosti) .

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- आगाज़-ए-दोस्ती संस्था ने किया इंडो पाक पीस कैलेंडर का विमोचन
- केवल मेहरता की फिल्म टोया टेक सिट की हुई स्क्रीनिंग

लोगों के विकास पर देना चाहिए, बजाय इसके कि वो अरबों रुपयों के अर्थों पर खर्च करें। अर्बों रुपयों ने कहा कि शिक्षा व्यक्ति को समाज में रहने और उसके निर्माण में सहायक होती है। गोष्ठी के बाद विशेष फिल्म 'टोया टेक सिट' की स्क्रीनिंग भी की गई। लेखक मंटी की कहानी पर आधारित सार मिस्ट की इस फिल्म के निर्देशक केवल मेहरता हैं और मुख्य अभिनय फंकज कपूर का है। इस मौके पर एमपी गोपाल, संस्था के समन्वयक प्रशांत नैटियाल, रवि निवेश, दिविका मिश्रल आदि मौजूद रहे।

रिशतों की बर्फ पिघलाने की कोशिश

जलाना महाजलान, देहमुन-आगान-ए-दोस्ती संस्था ने रविवार को पांचवां इंडो पाक पीस कैलेंडर का विमोचन किया। इस दौरान स्कूल बच्चों को केवल मेहरता निर्देशित फिल्म 'टोया टेक सिट' भी दिखाई गई। कार्यक्रम में ब्राह्मणों ने भारत-पाक में जुड़े कई संस्था का स्वागत किया।

आगाज़-ए-दोस्ती भारत और पाकिस्तान के स्कूलों के बीच सम्बन्ध स्थापित कर भावी पीढ़ी को जोड़ने का प्रयास कर रही है। इस कार्यक्रम के चलते दूर हैं। रविवार को आयोजित कार्यक्रम में 'जानिगुल' सह अभिनय की साक्षात्कार प्रोग्राम पर गोष्ठी आयोजित की गई। इसमें वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक प्रो. शीरिन् शर्मा ने कहा कि भारत और पाकिस्तान दोनों ही मुल्कों को विकास पर ध्यान देना चाहिए। जबकि कई अरबों रुपया खर्च करने पर खर्च कर रहे हैं, लेकिन अज्ञान और विरोध



जलाना-ए-दोस्ती की ओर से कराई गई-काठ पीस कैलेंडर का प्रदर्शन करने लीला शर्मा, शीरिन् शर्मा और अरुण

साथीक कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से क्या कि विश्व ज्वलन को समाप्त करने और उसके निर्माण में सहायक है। इस तरह की शैक्षिक गतिविधियां शांति और मानवता के प्रति समाज के विमोचन में मददगार बनती हैं। मानविकी की बर्तमान कार्यकर्ता लीला शर्मा ने कहा कि भारत और पाक में जो दो मुल्क हैं, लेकिन अज्ञान और विरोध

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Prestigious peace calendar has Salalah student's painting

KARACHI (DAILY STAR)

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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2016

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2016 was the fourth calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Asma Jahangir (Pakistani human rights activist)
- Syed Salman Chishty (Gaddi Nasheen - Ajmer Sharif Shrine)
- Dr. Ayesha Siddiqi (Political and Defense Analyst from Pakistan)
- Lalita Ramdas (Peace activist from India)
- Dr. Farzana Bari (Human Rights Activist from Pakistan)
- Dr. Meenakshi Chhabra (Lesley University, USA)
- Anwer Jafri (Theatre artist from Pakistan)
- Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi (South Asian University)
- Dr. Zahid Shahab Ahmed (NUST, Pakistan)
- Sadia Dehlvi (Columnist and Author from India)
- Nisar Ahmad Chaudhary (South Asian Fraternity - Pakistan)
- Ram Mohan Rai (Hali Panipati Trust India)

In 2016, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. Peace paintings were received from the following schools in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Toba Tek Singh (Pakistan) and Baroda, Bulandshahr (UP), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Mumbai (India):

1. Indraprastha Hindu Girls' Senior Secondary School (Delhi, India)
2. Resource Academia International School System (Lahore, Pakistan)
3. Purkal Youth Development Society (Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India)
4. Pardada Pardadi Inter College (Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India)
5. St. Patrick's College (Karachi, Pakistan)
6. Sabir Abdullah Public High School (Panzinara, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India)
7. Gujarat Public School (Vadodara, Gujarat, India)
8. Ecole Mondiale World School (Mumbai, India)
9. Lyceum School (Karachi, Pakistan)
10. Gyan Mandir Public School (Delhi, India)
11. The British School (Delhi, India)
12. Govt. G.H. School (Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan)
13. New Horizon School (Delhi, India)
14. Presentation Convent School (Delhi, India)
15. AIOU (Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan)
16. Father Agnel School (Delhi, India)

Besides these schools, there were individual submissions.

The calendar launch in all cities also included a discussion on 'Indo-Pak peace: Sharing of hopes for peaceful and friendlier coexistence' with eminent speakers as follows:

January 10, 2016 - New Delhi, India



January 16, 2016 – Panipat, India
January 26, 2016 – Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan
January 28, 2016 – Islamabad, Pakistan
January 30, 2016 – Lahore (Pakistan) and Ayodhya (India)
February 14, 2016 – Chandigarh, India
March 19, 2016 – Ludhiana (During the 44th annual Jashn-e-Sahir Festival)

Support

The calendar launch of 2016 was supported by:

1. Pakistan – US Alumni Network in Pakistan
2. Zeal For Unity (Initiative of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited) in India



The **DELHI** launch featured eminent speakers Kuldip Nayar (Writer and Journalist), T N Chaturvedi (ex-governor state Karnataka), Dr. Kavita Sharma (President – South Asian University), Satya Pal (Peace Activist – South Asian Fraternity) and Shailja Kejriwal (Chief Creative Special Projects ZEEL). There was also a special screening of Ketan Mehta's short film "Toba Tek Singh" starring actor Pankaj Kapoor with a gathering of about 400 persons.



The calendar was launched in **PANIPAT** at Rishikul Sr. Sec. School in Kurana village. The launch in Panipat was organised by Mata Sita Rani Seva Sansthan and Hali Panipati Trust (in honor of renowned Poet Hali Panipati). The calendar was launched in Rishikul Sr. Sec. School. The launch program also included a discussion on Indo-Pak peace by members of Aaghaz-e-Dosti team India.





The launch in **TOBA TEK SINGH** (Pakistan) was followed by a discussion on Indo-Pak peace with Bishop Samuel (Dioceses of Faisalabad), Dr. Muhammad Saleem Malik (Advocate and president of Gojra Bar Association) and Umair Ahmad (Aaghaz-e-Dosti District Chapter Coordinator).

Aaghaz-e-Dosti's calendar launch in **ISLAMABAD** preceded a discussion on 'Sharing of Hopes for Peaceful and Friendly Co-existence' with eminent speakers including Dr. Zahid Shahab (Associate Professor NUST), Dr. Saeed Rid (Professor QAU), and Ms. Sidra Saeed (Member National Party). The discussion was moderated by Daniyal Hassan (Youth Director Pakistan US Alumni Network).



During a discussion on 'Terrorism is the biggest threat to humanity' organized by Manav Ekta Manch in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi with Prof. Chauthiram Yadav (Hindi Dept, BHU), Ravi Nitesh (Member, Aaghaz-e-Dosti), Yugal Kishore Shahstri (Social Activist), Hazi Afaaq (Social Activist) as speakers, the Indo-Pak Peace calendar was released in **AYODHYA-FAIZABAD** (India). A delegation of activists also met the Chief Priest of Ram Janam Bhoomi, Acharya Satyendra, presented the Peace calendar to him and received his message for peace.



The launch in **LAHORE** was followed by a featured Husain Naqi (Director of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan), Altaf Qureshi (Deputy Information Secretary of People's

Party of Pakistan), Asif Khan (President of Human Rights Wing Punjab, Pakistan people's Party), Wajahat Masood (Renowned Columnist, Political Analyst and Human Rights Activist), Baba Najmi (Renowned revolutionary Punjabi poet), Saeeda Diep (Renowned Peace Activist and Chairperson of Institute of Peace and Secular Studies), Marta Schmidt (Artist and theatre director famous for her play on Toba Tek Singh) and Nisar Ahmed Chaudhary (President of South Asian Fraternity).



Aaghaz-e-Dosti joined hands with a **CHANDIGARH** based NGO Yuvsatta for launching the Indo-Pak peace calendar. The discussion on indopak peace was led by Arun Sood (Mayor of Chandigarh) Prof. Agnese Dhillon, (Principal Dev Samaj College of Education), Manjit Khaira (Senior Advocate), Venkat Narasimhan, (Programme Coordinator, GIZ-Indo-German Cooperation), and Pramod Sharma (Coordinator, Yuvsatta).



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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar – 2015

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar – 2015 was the third calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee (grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi)
- Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy (nuclear scientist and anti-nuclear activist)
- Manik Samajdar (Convener Bangladesh Bharat Pakistan People's Forum)
- Sheema Kermani (Activist, theatre director and dancer)
- Shaila Kejriwal (Chief Creative - Special Projects at Zee Entertainment Enterprise Ltd)
- Reema Abbasi (Journalist and writer famous for her book Historic Temples in Pakistan)
- Admiral Ram Das (former Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian navy)
- Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad (Professor Lahore University of Management Sciences)
- Chaman Lal (Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University)
- B.M. Kutty (a Pakistani citizen from Kerala on self-exile)
- Karamat Ali (ED Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research)
- Deepak Malviya (Secretary, Servants of the People Society)
- Aamir Nawaz (theatre director and artist)

In 2015, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. Peace paintings were received from the following schools of Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Chitral and Karachi (Pakistan) and Delhi NCR, Gujarat, Lucknow, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana (India):

1. Indraprastha Hindu Girls Senior Secondary School (Delhi, India)
2. Hampton School (Karachi, Pakistan)
3. Father Agnel School (Delhi, India)
4. National Textile Institute (Islamabad, Pakistan)
5. Gyan Mandir Public School (Delhi, India)
6. School of International Studies in Sciences and Arts (Lahore, Pakistan)
7. Gujarat Public School (Vadodara, Gujarat, India)
8. Saint Anthony School (Rawalpindi, Pakistan)
9. Kendriya Vidyalaya (Hakimpet, Telangana, India)
10. Govt Degree College (Chitral, Pakistan)
11. ITL Public School (Delhi, India)

The calendar launch in all cities also included a discussion on 'indopak peace: sharing of hopes for peaceful and friendlier coexistence' with eminent speakers as follows:

December 28, 2014 – New Delhi, India

January 15, 2015 – Islamabad

January 28, 2015 – Nashik (Artillery Centre NRC)

January 31, 2015 – Lahore (PILAC- Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture)

February 14, 2015 – Chandigarh

February 24, 2015 – Nashik (Kendriya Vidyalaya School NRC)

February 28, 2015 – Karachi



The launch in Delhi included Ms. Saima Sayed (First Secretary at the High Commission of Pakistan in New Delhi), Prof. Chaman Lal (Presently Professor-Coordinator at Centre for Punjabi Language, Literature and Culture (Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda), Mr. Vishwajyoti Ghosh (Renowned Graphic Novelist and Political Cartoonist), Mr. Deepak Malviya (Secretary of Servants of the People Society, established in 1921 by Lala Lajpat Rai in Lahore) and Mr. Manoj Jain (Owner of Ultrawalls).



The launch in Islamabad happened at Curiosity Junior School. The calendar is launched along with a discussion or “Sharing the hopes for a peaceful co-existence”. The guest speakers for the discussion were Marvi Sirmed (renowned journalist and activist) and Khushal Khattak (Central President ANP, JNU New Delhi Alumni).

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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar 2014

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar – 2014 was the second calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Kuldip Nayar (Well-known author, columnist, human rights and peace activist)
- Pramod Sharma (Coordinator, Yuvsatta-an NGO empowering youth for peace)
- Satya Pal (Secretary-General of South Asian Fraternity)
- Raza Rumi (Director of Jinnah Institute, Senior Journalist and author)
- Shakeel Wahidullah Khan (President of Pakistan Chapter of BBPPF)
- Kiran Nazish (Journalist)

In 2014, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got a tremendous support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. From Pakistan, paintings were received from schools of Islamabad and Rahim Yar Khan. From India, paintings were received from Delhi. The calendar launch in all cities also included a discussion on 'indopak peace: sharing of hopes for peaceful and friendlier coexistence' with eminent speakers as follows:

December 21, 2014 – New Delhi

December 23, 2014 – Islamabad

For the discussion on a 'Sharing of Hopes for a peaceful & friendly co-existence', at **DELHI** the panel included some eminent personalities who worked to improved indo-pak relations through different mediums. The Panel included Sh. Pankaj Singh (Eminent Hindi Poet & member of Foundation of SAARC Writers & Literature), Ms. Sonya Fatah (A Pakistani filmmaker and Journalist), Jawed Naqvi (DAWN Correspondent of (Pakistan) in Delhi), Prof. Dr. D.S. Rana (Chairperson of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi) and Satya Pal (Senior Activist and Secretary-General of South Asian Fraternity). There was also a Pakistani student studying in South Asian University (Delhi), Kulsum Khan who had also shared her experience of living in India.





In Islamabad, the Calendar for Peace & Love 2014 was launched on 23rd December at Quaid-e-Azam University by the Catalyst – TC. For the discussion on the “Sharing of hopes for a peaceful and friendly co-existence”, the panel included Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, head of Department School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Mr. Raza Rumi (Director of Jinnah Institute, a senior journalist and author of the book “Delhi by hear: Impressions of a Pakistani Traveller), and Dr.

Pervez Hoodboy (A nuclear physicist, defense analyst, documentary maker and author. He is also a renowned social and peace activist. He is a recipient of several prestigious awards).

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Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2013

The Indo-Pak Peace Calendar - 2013 was the first calendar. Aaghaz-e-Dosti featured peace messages from the following activists and advocates of peace:

- Beena Sarwar (Editor, Aman ki Asha & documentary maker)
- Rahil Yasin (freelance journalist and researcher)
- Awais Sheikh (advocate of Indian Prisoner in Pakistan Sarabjit Singh)
- Saeeda Diep (Peace activist, Chairperson of IPSS)
- Ram Puniyani (Peace activist)
- Sirish Agarwal (Founder - IPFSA)
- Dr. Pritam Rohilla (Executive Director- Association of communal harmony in Asia)

In 2013, Aaghaz-e-Dosti also got support by participation in paintings from students of both the countries. From Pakistan, paintings were received from schools of Sadiqabad and Rahim Yar Khan. From India, paintings were received from Delhi and Lucknow.

The calendar was launch in Delhi (India) and Sadiqabad (Pakistan) alongwith a discussion on 'indopak peace: sharing of hopes for peaceful and friendlier coexistence' with eminent speakers.

January 27, 2013 - New Delhi, India

February 15, 2013 - Sadiqabad, Pakistan



Aaghaz-e-Dosti launched the calendar in Gandhi Peace Foundation along with a discussion or Sharing of Hopes for a Peaceful and Friendly Co existence. The speakers included Pankaj Singh (poet, part of foundation of SAARC writers and literature forum), Pankaj Chaturvedi (popular columnist with hindi newspapers), Sirish Agrawal (Founder, IPFSA), Prof



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Dhananjay Tripathi (Prof of IR at South Asian University) and Shivendra Singh (Journalist, author of 'Ye jo hai Pakistan'). There were also some student speakers. Some students from Pakistan who are studying in India had also shared their views.

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