

Q. What are the major provisions of Simla Agreement (1972) between Pakistan and India? How it was helpful for establishment of durable peace in the region?

Ans- Introduction:-

The Simla agreement of 1972 stand as pivotal milestone between Pakistan and India marking concerted effort to foster durable peace b/w Pakistan and India after two bloody wars. It encapsulated series of provisions that sought to lay the foundations for peaceful coexistence between Pakistan and India. By emphasizing such principles, this agreement aimed to address long standing disputes and build a framework for lasting tranquility between two major stakeholders in South Asia.



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## Major Provisions of the Simla Agreement:

### 1) Renunciation of War:-

Pakistan and India agreed to settle all disputes through peaceful means, refraining from threat or use of force.

### 2) Respect for Territorial Integrity.

Both states affirmed their commitment to respect each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty.

### 3) Non-Interference Policy:-

They agreed not to interfere in each other's political, Armed or other internal affairs in any aspect.

### 4) Bilateral Solutions:-

Bilateral solution is key point which emphasize all problems and issues on direct engagement of both states.



5) Ceasefire Line as LOC:

Kashmir the cause of conflict,  
Both sides agreed to establish  
ceasefire line as Line of Control  
LOC with minor adjustment and  
mutual coordination.

6) Releasing Prisoners of War:-

Both sides agreed to release  
prisoners and occupied territory  
regarding War to promote humanitarian

7) ~~Consular~~ Consular Relations:-

Diplomatic and consular relations  
were to be restored with  
respective missions reopening in  
each other's Capital.



## How the Simla Agreement Promoted Durable Peace:

### 1) Peaceful Dispute Resolution:

The peaceful resolution in Simla agreement emphasizes on friendly negotiation helped prevent armed conflict, reduction of likelihood of direct confrontation.

### 2) Direct Engagement between Pak and IND:

By advocating direct engagement, Bilateral relations, minimized the involvement of external powers; USA and USSR, which could escalate tensions.

### 3) Territorial Integrity of both states:

The recognition of each other's territorial integrity eased concerns over boundary disputes, contributing to regional stability.



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#### 4) Humanitarian Approach:-

Fostering Good will and trust between nations were shown by both nations by releasing the Prisoners of War.

#### 5) Economic Integrity and cultural Exchange:-

Normalization and increased exchanges between the countries promoted understanding and cooperation on various fronts. It was also decided to promote economic relations for stability.

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## 7) Lessened Proxy Conflicts :-

The agreement discouraged support for proxy conflicts which often fueled tensions in the region.

## ③ Negotiation on Kashmir Issue:

Respect for sovereignty and peaceful solutions in between both states by avoiding unilateral actions - This emphasis on respect for sovereignty of both states for reduction of cross border terrorism - 97

## Conclusion:-

Sumit agreement introduced the vital provisions that addressed the Kashmir issue by advocating for bilateral negotiations, emphasizing the sanctity of the LOC, and promoting peaceful solution - It also underscored the importance of dialogue and respect for

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