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Q20

Terrorist activities and mutual distrust have clouded India - Pakistan relations. To what extent the use of soft power like sports and cultural exchange could help generate goodwill between the two countries. Discuss with suitable examples.

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26/11 Mumbai (2008)

The attack froze composite dialogue and remains the benchmark of why New Delhi treats terrorism as the gate, not a side issue.

2004 cricket tour of Pakistan

A high-visibility people-to-people moment during a thaw after the 2003 ceasefire, often cited as sports diplomacy.

Aman ki Asha (2010)

A joint media initiative of the Times of India and Pakistan's Jang group to promote dialogue and cultural contact.

Pilgrimage circuits

Sikh shrines in Pakistan and Sufi shrines in India have been among the few regular civilian crossings when politics allow visas.

Kartarpur corridor (2019)

A later visa-free access to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, showing how faith travel can outlast a freeze in talks - still within a hard security frame.

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