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**S.K. Lambah  
(1941-2022)**

Satinder Kumar Lambah, commonly referred to as Sati Lambah, was born in 1941 in Peshawar, which is now part of Pakistan. In 1964, he commenced his career in the Indian Foreign Service, subsequently dedicating over four decades to diplomatic service and the distinguished roles across various global missions. His notable appointments include Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan, 1978–1981; Ambassador of India to Hungary, 1986-1989; Consul General of India in San Francisco, United States, 1989-1991; High Commissioner to Pakistan, 1992-1995; and Ambassador of India to Germany, 1995-1998. In between, he also served as Joint Secretary for Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran.

Lambah's expertise in economic diplomacy and relations with India's neighbouring nations significantly contributed to the establishment of the Indian Embassy in Bangladesh following its liberation from Pakistan. He was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the 7th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, which took place in New Delhi in March 1983, and later served as Coordinator of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in India. During his tenure as Ambassador to Hungary, Lambah played a pivotal role in facilitating the first export of an Indian automobile, the Maruti, to Budapest. Furthermore, he was instrumental in developing a strategic partnership agreement with Russia and was pivotal in securing Indian investments in the Sakhalin-I oil field during his diplomatic tenure in Moscow from 1998 to 2001.

Following his retirement from the Indian Foreign Service in August 2001, Lambah chaired a committee focused on the reorganization of the Ministry of External Affairs and India's missions abroad. From November 2001 to July 2002, he served as India's special envoy for Afghanistan. Furthermore, he was the Convener of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) and acted as the Prime Minister's special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2000 to 2005 and again in 2014. In 2011, he was appointed co-chairman of the Task Force on National Security, holding this position until 2012. In August 2015, he was elected chairman of the Ananta Aspen Centre, a non-profit think tank.

In December 2015, Satinder Lambah was honoured with the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in recognition of his contributions to enhancing Germany–India relations.

He authored a significant work entitled *In Pursuit of Peace: India-Pakistan Relations Under Six Prime Ministers*, which was published posthumously by Penguin Random House India in March 2023.

Satinder K. Lambah passed away on 30 June 2022.

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**II. SUBJECT WISE SPEECHES, WRITING, AND ARTICLES BY HIM, 1991-2013**

**(a) Oral History Interviews**

1.	<u>1991</u>	Interview on the establishment of Two Chairs of Indian Studies in the University of California, Berkeley during conferment of 1991 Trustees' Citation Award on S.K. Lambah, who was Consul General of India in San Francisco	Typed/ English/ 16 pp.
2.	<u>(2013)</u>	'Practical implementation of Economic Diplomacy: Ten Success Stories' – oral history interview of S.K. Lambah by IFAJ	Typed/ English/ 32 pp.



**(c) Indo-German Relations – Federation of Indo-German Societies, 2006-2014**

10. 25 April 2006  
‘Nuclear policies of India and Germany – an article English/ 4 pp.
11. 14 March 2008  
Statement by S.K. Lambah as President of the FIGS (Federation of Indo-German Societies) at the Round Table – “The Issue of Values in International Relations”, New Delhi English/ 6 pp.
12. 25 September 2011  
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13. (15 March 2013)  
Remarks on receiving the first copy of the Book *Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Germany* brought out by the Federation of Indo-German Societies in India English/ 2 pp.
14. (25 April 2014)  
Opening remarks on behalf of the Federation of Indo-German Societies in India, the Heidelberg Centre of South Asia and the India International Centre for the visual presentation on Heiliges Indien by Axel Michael and Amit Pasricha English/ 3 pp.

**(d) Economic Diplomacy – South Asian Regional Security and Cooperation, 2006-2014**

15. 29 April 2006

Remarks of Satinder K. Lambah on 'India, US and South Asian Regional Security' at the Seminar 'The Future of U.S.-India Relations organized by Center for South Asian Studies, University of California Berkeley with the World Affairs Council and Asia Society of Northern California

English/ 20 pp.

16. 28 May 2010

Key Note Address at the Indo-Russian Workshop on "Political Security and Economic Developments in Afghanistan: Prospects of Regional Cooperation" organised by Observer Research Foundation and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations

English/ 6 pp.

17. 5 April 2012

Key Note Address at the inaugural function of the Fourth India-Bangladesh Dialogue on Security jointly organized by Observer Research Foundation and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute

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18. 27 August 2012

Inaugural Address at Second India-China Dialogue on 'Evolving Security Environment in the Af-Pak Region'

English/ 9 pp.

19. 26 February 2013

Remarks on the occasion of launching of the Book *Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014* edited by Shanthie Mariet D'Souza

English/ 3pp.

20. (15 March 2013)  
Greetings form President, Prime Minister and the people of India on the occasion of Navrus to the people of Tajikistan. Also, reply to draft comments for RECCA  
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21. 28 February 2014  
ASPEN Dialogue  
English/ 3 pp.
22. 4 April 2014  
Remarks on the occasion of the release of the Task Force Report on Afghanistan prepared by the Ananta ASPEN Centre & Delhi Policy Group. Also, includes Press Release entitled 'India wants a peaceful, stable Afghanistan: Task Force'  
English/ 10 pp.
23. 13 May 2014  
Statement at the seminar on 'Discussion between India and Pakistan on Jammu and Kashmir – A Historical Perspective' organized by the Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar  
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24. (2014)  
India Lan Borders (Map-1) – giving details about land borders, coastline, major ports, Indian Ocean, FFP IX2013 index and salient aspects of India an its neighbours  
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25. 16 April 2007  
'Indo-Russian Strategic Partnership' – an article  
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Inaugural address at ORF Seminar on 'Emerging World Order' organized by ORF & Russiky

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27.

12 June 2011

'India-Russian partnership' – speech of S.K. Lambah as Special Envoy, Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi on the BrahMos project

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March 2012

Letter from Doulat Kuanushev (Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan, New Delhi) to S.K. Lambah congratulating him for his participation at the meeting of the Kazakhstan deegationin New Delhi

PDF/ 1 p.

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16 April 2013

Letter from Satinder K. Lambah to Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai (CEO & MD, Brahomos Aerospace, New Delhi) regarding Contributors Award conferred on S.K. Lambah. Also, enclosing brief answers to the questions

PDF/ 2 pp.

**(f) R.N. Kao Memorial Lecture, 2011**

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21 January 2011

'Securing India's Future through its Neighbourhood' – Fifth R.N. Kao Memorial Lecture by S.K. Lambah. Also, includes invitation letter from K.C. Verma (Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, New Delhi)

English/ (2+20) 22pp.

**III. PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, DR. MANMOHAN SINGH'S SPEECH, 2006**

1. 24 March 2006

Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh's speech on launch of Amrisar – Nankana Sahaib Bus Service English/ 5 pp.

**IV. MATERIAL ON DIPLOMACY WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES OF INDIA, 2009-2011**

1. 2009-2011

Important extracts taken by S.K. Lambah on strategic diplomacy with neighbouring countries of India. Includes, excerpts from books by M.J. Akbar *Tinder Box: The Past and Future of Pakistan*, *How to End the War in Afghanistan* by David Miliband, *Crossed Swords – Pakistan Its Army and the War Within* by Shuja Nawaz, *A Life Across three Countries: Recollection of a Diplomat's Wife* by Nilima Lambah, *Pakistan A Hard Country* by Anatol Lieven, *Anatomy of a Flawed Inheritance: Indo-Pak Relations, 1970-1994* by J.N. Dixit, *Profiles and Letters* by K. Natwar Singh, *After the Taliban* by James F. Bobbins, *The Tale of two Faisals' who made headline, Arming with Aiming*, etc. English/ 49 pp.

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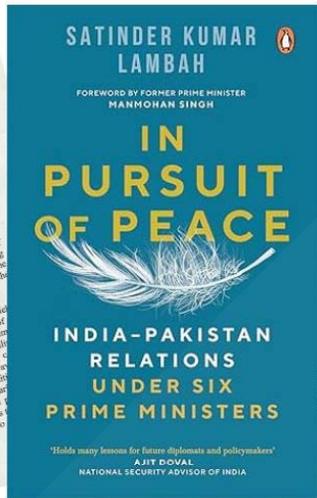
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Dear Sir,

You may perhaps be aware that one of the important activities of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund has been awarding of Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowships to distinguished scholars in various disciplines, both Science as well as Humanities.

A Selection Committee consisting of seven Members makes the selection of the Fellowships. The term of the Committee is two years which is extendable for a further period. Generally, two to three meetings of the Committee are held in the office of the Fund in Teen Murti House for purposes of short-listing as well as for making final selection of the candidates. In the first meeting of the Selection Committee, screening of the applications is done and applications which are short-listed by the Committee are passed on to the Referees, as decided upon by the Members, for their recommendations.

The enclosed note gives an outline of the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship Scheme. As you will see, the Fellowship is for a term of one year and carries a monthly stipend of Rs.15,000/- which is exempt from Income Tax. An annual contingency grant subject to a ceiling of Rs.25,000/- per annum is also admissible to the Fellow to take care of actual expenses incurred by him/her for other contingencies. In addition, purchase of books and for meeting other contingencies. An Honorary Research Assistant is engaged by the Fund to the tune of Rs.4,000/- per month is paid by the Fund to the Fellow. The applications are received throughout the year as long as the last date for receipt of applications. Moreover, there is no format for being complied by the applicants.



AMBASSADOR  
 EXTRAORDINARY AND Plenipotentiary  
 TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
 MR. DOULAT KUANYSHBEY  
 New Delhi

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your kind participation at the meeting of the Kazakhstan delegation in New Delhi on March 27, 2012.

I hope that such an experience will contribute to our friendly ties, and also give additional good impetus to continue this partnership in future.

With best regards,

Satinder K. Lambah  
 Former Prime Minister of India  
 Delhi

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 PRESS RELEASE

**India wants a peaceful, stable Afghanistan: Task Force**

New Delhi, April 04, 2014. Following the 'Afghanistan Task Force Report: What India Can Do' study prepared by Ananta Aspen Centre Director's Report submitted to the **Strategic Policy Group**, a prominent Indian think tank which deals with security and conflict resolution issues, Ambassador S.K. Lambah, Special Envoy of India, said on Friday "It is a matter of satisfaction that of the important and formidable challenges to tomorrow's President-elect in Afghanistan stand for their friendship with India."

In view of this, India has been engaged in the Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) as an important part of its commitment to the Afghan people. Mr. Lambah stated, "We will continue to provide assistance in accordance with Indian capacity and expertise, and will continue to work towards an important element of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the two nations."

Mr. Lambah said, "The vision of Afghanistan of a stable and peaceful full-fledged Central and South Asia through a network of trade, transit and pipelines for the ultimate benefit of the countries and the people in the region. India is working with Afghanistan in its cooperation with the regional country since 2002. These objectives, after the previous administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan, have been reinforced over the last few years."

He observed that India had reached out to all Afghanistan's neighbours and other stakeholders in Afghanistan for a constructive engagement that gives regional stability and security to the people in the region. India is working with Afghanistan in its cooperation with the regional country since 2002. These objectives, after the previous administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan, have been reinforced over the last few years."

In preparing the Report, Task Force members have visited Afghanistan, China, Iran and Pakistan, and its recommendations have been developed after holding bilateral, trilateral and regional meetings in Kabul, New Delhi, China, Japan and New Delhi involving Afghanistan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, as well as the UN and OIC. He hoped that the Task Force Report will offer India and the world a new perspective on Afghanistan and its role in the region.

The TF was co-chaired by Ambassador S. Lambah, formerly India's High Commissioner to Pakistan and formerly and ambassador to Myanmar, on behalf of Ananta Aspen Centre and Dr. Ravishanker of IPR, a former member of the UN Oil System and India. The report is

Satinder K. Lambah  
 Special Envoy

April 04, 2013

Dear Dr. A. Sivashankar Pillai,

Thank you for your letter No.200/2013 dated March 1, 2013 sending me a plaque regarding Contributions Award conferred on me by your organization. I regret I was not able to be present at Strategic Business Council in Kolkata, West Bengal, India on the occasion of 'South China Sea' due to another engagement. It has always been a pleasure to be associated with Business Council in Kolkata, West Bengal, India and along with you I rejoice at the achievements the Joint Venture has achieved under your leadership.

I would like to thank you for giving me the Contributions Award and we look forward to further achievements of Business.

Yours sincerely,

(Satinder K. Lambah)

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 New Delhi

**THE IRON CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN**  
 10/10/2008 to 10/11/2008 & 2009  
 (Satinder K. Lambah)

After 10 years, the Iron Conference on Afghanistan is being held in New Delhi. The first Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 1998. The second Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2008. The third Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2009. The fourth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2010. The fifth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2011. The sixth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2012. The seventh Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2013. The eighth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2014. The ninth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2015. The tenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2016. The eleventh Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2017. The twelfth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2018. The thirteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2019. The fourteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2020. The fifteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2021. The sixteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2022. The seventeenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2023. The eighteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2024. The nineteenth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2025. The twentieth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2026. The twenty-first Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2027. The twenty-second Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2028. The twenty-third Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2029. The twenty-fourth Iron Conference was held in New Delhi in 2030.

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