

## Talks only option, opine delegates to India-Pakistan peace conference

**New Delhi, Jan 13 : Delegates from India and Pakistan, who are attending a peace conference in New Delhi, said on Tuesday that there is no option for the South Asian arch rivals but to re-open dialogue.**

"Is it to have more **tools** of mass destruction? Is it to have more television sets, and more **cars** on the roads or you want the strength to say "no to war and yes to peace" said Mahesh Bhatt, a renowned filmmaker.

"India and Pakistan want to carry forward this relation and wish for peace and harmony in the subcontinent and looking towards a solution. Then nothing is possible except dialogue," said Salman Haider, former Indian Foreign Secretary.

Delegates also called for enhancing travel and trade to build trust between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Trade between India and Pakistan is likely to witness a 60 percent decline in the financial year ending March 2010 as a result of tensions after the Mumbai terror attacks, says a study by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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