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Bidwai is a founder-member of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace, an umbrella organisation of Indian peace groups founded in 2000. He received the Sean MacBride International Peace Prize, 2000 of International Peace Bureau, Geneva and London, one of the world's oldest peace organisations.

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Areas of interest

Nuclear Disarmament in South Asia; Nuclear Weapon Free Zones; Alternative Security; Communalism in India

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS Books

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Contributions to books

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