

An enemy's enemy is a friend

Meaning: it has been so all through the ages. So the two get together and become friends.

Nations have to come together to fight the common enemy.

Alternative: Love, friendship and respect do not unite as much as a common hatred.

Illustrative Story:

World War II broke out in 1939. Hitler overran many nations of Europe, including Czechoslovakia, Poland, and France.

Britain was under grave threat. Winston Churchill assumed office as Prime Minister. He organized the defense of the nation.

To strengthen the defense, he wanted help from India. The Indian nationalists saw their chance to gain more rights for the people.

They requested the government to give Indians a role in the conduct of India's defense.

"Make an Indian member of the") Viceroy's Executive Council responsible for war affairs," they said. Britain ignored this appeal.

By then, Subhash Chandra Bose had escaped from house arrest at Calcutta.

He disguised himself as a Pathan, went through China and Russia to Europe.

There he met Hitler. Later, he heard from Rash Behari Bose, another nationalist who had settled down in Japan, Come over. Organize the Indian prisoners of War. Japan will provide all help, informed Rash Behari Bose.

Subhash did not ask why Japan would provide help. Japan was the member of the Axis powers.

Germany and Italy were fighting the Allies in Europe and Africa. Japan took on the task in Asia.

Thus Japan, an enemy of Britain, became a friend of Indians fighting against the British rule in India.

Subhash accepted the invitation. He organized the INA.

The members of the INA fought shoulder to shoulder with the Japanese forces.

Subhash Chandra Bose became immortal as Netaji Bose.

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