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Vijay Gokhale IFS 1981 Foreign Secretary Govt of India

Navtej Singh Sarna	IFS 1980	Washington DC USA	Rajeev Shahare	IFS 1986	Denmark
Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha	IFS 1981	UK	Bishwadip Dey	IFS 2001	Trinidad and Tabago
Pankaj Saran	IFS 1982	Russia	R Masakui	IFS 2001	Zimbabwe
Dr Mohan Kumar	IFS 1981	France	Sandeep Chakravorty	IFS 1996	New York
Ashok Kumar Sharma	IFS 1981	Finland and Estonia	Sanjiv Ranjan	IFS 1993	Argentina
Preeti Saran	IFS 1982	Sec (East)	Sanjay Bhattacharyya	IFS 1987	Turkey
Ravi Bangar	IFS 1982	Colombia and Ecuador	Ruchira Kamboj	IFS 1987	South Africa
Riva Ganguly Das	IFS 1986	NY USA DG ICCR	Krishan Kumar	IFS 1984	Czech Republic
Monika Kapil Mohta	IFS 1985	Sweden and Latvia	Nagesh Singh	IFS 1995	Atlanta USA
Rahul Chhabra	IFS 1987	Hungary	Sandeep Kumar	IFS 1985	Republic Croatia
Renu Pall	IFS 1988	Austria	Savithri Lakshmanan		Kyrgyz Republic
Pooja Kapur	IFS 1996	Bulgaria	Mridul Kumar	IFS 1992	Malaysia
Shubhdarshini Tripathi	IFS 1994	Jordan	Ajay Bisaria	IFS 1987	Pakistan
Smita Purushottam	IFS 1980	Switzerland	Taranjit Singh Sandhu	IFS 1988	Sri Lanka
Vikram K Doraiswami	IFS 1992	Korea	Reenat Sandhu	IFS 1989	Italy
Jawed Ashraf	IFS 1991	Singapore	Tsewang Namgyal	IFS 1992	Cuba
Muktesh K Pardeshi	IFS 1991	Belize	Prabhat Kumar	IFS 1991	Kazakhstan
Vikram Misri	IFS 1989	Myanmar	Sanjay Rana	IFS 1996	Baku Azerbaijan
Monika Jain	IFS 1993	Australia	Dinesh Bhatia	IFS 1992	Toronto Canada

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Vijay Gokhale IFS 1981
MA His SS
Ambassador to China

Diplomatic assignments include postings in Hong Kong, Hanoi, Beijing and New York . Vijay was Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany 2013-2016.

Vijay was appointed Foreign Secretary Govt of India in January 2018

Navtej Singh Sarna : From Delhi University to Washington DC



Writer – diplomat Ambassador Navtej Sarna IFS 1980

Navtej Singh Sarna B Com LLB replaced another alumnus **Arun Kumar Singh** , who retired in August 2016.

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*Navtej's first novel " We Weren't Lovers Like That " Penguin and his nonfiction **The Book of Nanak** Penguin Viking were both released in 2003. **The Exile** Penguin was a popular sellout 2008 and his Persian to English translation of Guru Gobind Singh's **Zafarnama** widely appreciated . His essays have been published in TLS , London Magazine , The Hindu , India Today and Outlook .*

High Commissioner to UK



Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha IFS 1981
High Commissioner to UK since 2016

Schooled at Chesham , England and at Patna , India

Began at The NAM Summit 1983 Secretariat .

Ambassadorial service at the UN , New York USA and Europe , The Middle East and South America.

DU organised the first NAM Youth Culturefest in the UN International Year of Youth 1985 with 34 nation's active , energetic Delegates , many of whom rose to be Ministers and topnung Achievers in their own nations .

Ambassador to Russia



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Pankaj Saran IFS 1982
BA Eco Hons Hindu 1980
MA Eco D School 1982
Ambassador to Russia
Since January 2016

Spouse Preeti Saran is Secretary Ministry of External Affairs and they with are blend two sons.

Ambassador to France



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Dr Mohan Kumar IFS 1981 Retired 2018
MBA FMS
Ph D Sciences Po Paris
Ambassador to France

Has been India`s diplomatic pointsman as Ambassador to France , to Monaco and to Bahrain .
Spouse Mala teaches English .

Ambassador to Finland and Estonia



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Ashok Kumar Sharma IFS 1981 *Retired 2018*
BA Eco Hons 1976
MBA FMS 1978
Ambassador to Finland and Estonia

Ashok was Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan 2011-2014 .

He joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1981. he has served in Moscow , Kuwait, Karachi, New Delhi, Mumbai, Toronto and Tashkent, before his posting at St. Petersburg (Russia) as Consul General of India (2002-2005). Between 2005-2008, he was Ambassador of India in Paramaribo (Suriname), concurrently accredited as High Commissioner of India to Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

As Faculty Member National Defence College, New Delhi 2008 – 2011 he guided over forty senior Defence and Civilian Officers from several countries for their M. Phil. degree in Strategic Studies.



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Ms Preeti Saran IFS 1982
B A Hons LSR 1975-78
M A LSR 1978-80
Secretary (East) Ministry of External Affairs since 2016

Spouse Pankaj Saran is Ambassador to Russia Since January 2016

Ambassador to Colombia and Ecuador



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Ravi Bangar IFS 1982
MBA

He was appointed Ambassador of India to Colombia and Ecuador in 2017.

Prior to joining IFS, he worked with M/s Vardhaman Spinning and General Mills Limited, the largest composite textile mill in north India in 1981. Born 28 July 1959, he is a Science graduate from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh University and an MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi with specialisation in marketing and Computer-based Management Information Systems.

During his diplomatic career spanning over three and a half decades, he served at Indian Missions and abroad as Attache (Europe West) , Buenos Aires, Maputo , The Hague , as Secretary(Gulf) and as Director (Africa) .

He speaks Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati and is fluent in Spanish and knows Portuguese. His areas of interest include political, socio-economic, strategic developments in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, international trade and investment promotion; and multilateral economic and development partnership matters.

He is married to Bharti and has a son and a daughter.

Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das Consul General of India NY USA



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Riva Ganguly Das IFS 1986
MA Pol Sc 1984
F' ley Lecturer University of Delhi

Diplomatic stints in Spain and The Hague

Consul – General	Shanghai China	2012 – 2016
Consul – General	New York USA	since 2016

She recently returned to the Nation`s Capital and has taken over as DG Indian Council for Cultural Relation ICCR

Ambassador to Sweden and Latvia



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Monika Kapil Mohta IFS 1985
MA His SS
Ambassador to Sweden and Latvia

Monika has served as Ambassador to Poland and Lithuania , as Director The Nehru Centre and Minister (Culture) at the High Commission of India to the United Kingdom 2006 – 2011 and in the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO.

Married to career diplomat Dr Madhup Mohta , they are blessed with a son and a daughter.

Ambassador to Hungary



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Rahul Chhabra IFS 1987
BA Eco Hons SS
MA Eco D School
Ambassador to Hungary

Rahul was Joint Secretary (Central Europe) Ministry of External Affairs before moving to Budapest.

Ambassador of India to Austria



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Renu Pall IFS 1988
BA Pol Sc Hons

Ambassador of India to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna, Renu was Joint Secretary (ASEAN Multilateral) in the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with India's Act East policy with the ASEAN and EAS and the Asia-Europe Meeting .

She served as Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India at Berlin, Germany , Minister (Political) at Embassy of India at Washington DC, USA , Counsellor (Political) at Embassy of India at Paris, France, and Director for Relations with United States and Canada.

She has a BA (Honours) degree in Political Science from University of Delhi .

Ambassador to Bulgaria



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Pooja Kapur IFS 1996
MA Pol Sc
Ambassador to Bulgaria

Most recently heading the ASEAN Multilateral Division , she has also served at Indian Missions in Paris, London, Kuala Lumpur and Brussels.

Chevening scholar at **University of Oxford** with a Masters in Public Administration from the Ecole Nationale d' Administration in Paris, **University Topper** and recipient of several scholarships and academic awards, *and* a published author .

Ambassador to Amman , Jordan



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Shubhdarshini Tripathi IFS 1994
Ambassador to Amman , Jordan

Shubhdarshini has done her Honours, M.Sc. and M.Phil from Delhi University.

Has also served the territorial division of Europe (West) MEA , was Dy Chief of Mission Berlin before assuming charge as Ambassador in Amman.

Ambassador to Switzerland



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Smita Purushottam IFS 1980
MA History First Division 1979
M Phil History
Began as Lecturer Jesus and Mary College
Ambassador to Switzerland
Concurrently Accredited to the Principality
of Liechtenstein and The Holy See

Ambassador to Venezuela 2012 - 2015. Smita also introduced the *High-Tech Defence Innovation Forum*, now renamed, and the Eurasia Cluster. The Forum seeks to provide a platform for discussion on issues relating to developing advanced technologies in India.

Fellow at Harvard 2000-2001 she also attended courses at the National Defence University, Washington 2002 and at the **University of California, San Diego, USA 2013.**

Widely published in India and abroad. her hobbies are current affairs, international relations, literature, and amateur science, , theatre, films and ballet.

Son Ashwin worked with McKinsey, and graduated with an MBA from INSEAD. He is now Team Leader Operations, ASEAN with the eCom company, Garena.

Ambassador to Korea



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Vikram K Doraiswami IFS 1992
MA His
Ambassador to Korea

Vikram has served as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.

In 2006, he was appointed Political Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York USA , later as India's Consul General in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Wife Sangeeta is a trained school teacher with a Masters' Degree in Psychology from Bangalore University. They have a fifteen-year old son.

High Commissioner to Singapore



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Jawed Ashraf IFS 1991
High Commissioner to Singapore

A career diplomat, Jawed worked in the Americas Division of Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi 1999 - 2004. and then headed the Americas Division 2010- 2012.

High Commissioner Ashraf served as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office under Prime Ministers Dr Manmohan Singh and Mr Narendra Modi.

He recently published a coffee-table book of his photographs, "A Day in the Life of Kathmandu", dedicated to the victims of the Nepal earthquake of April 2015.

Wife Dr Ghazala Shahabuddin is an ecologist and conservation biologist.

High Commissioner to Belize



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Muktesh K Pardeshi IFS 1991
BA Eco Hon Hn
MA Eco D School *University Topper*
High Commissioner to Belize

His leadership role as Chief Passport Officer of India . in the transformation of Passport services in India (12 million in 2015) over five years has been Muktesh`s widely acclaimed. Passport Seva Project, the programme which he headed as its Mission Leader, became the recipient of the National Award on e-Governance (Gold) 2014-15, Web Ratna (Platinum) Award 2014, Computer Society of India-Nihilent eGovernance Award of Excellence 2011-12 and eINDIA Governance Award 2013. The Project was also awarded three ISO certifications, namely ISO 9001:2008, 20000:2011 and 27000:2013 in 2015. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Security Printing and Minting Cooperation of India Limited (SPMCIL) during 2010-16.

Ambassador to Myanmar



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Vikram Misri IFS 1989
BA His Hon Hn
MBA XLRI
Ambassador to Myanmar

A Srinagar – born career diplomat , Vikram has served in various capacities at Headquarters Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, in the Prime Minister`s Office in New Delhi and in various Indian Missions abroad in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America including as .

Ambassador of India to Spain 2014-2016

Educated at Burn Hall , *Srinagar* , at Carmel , *Udhampur* and at *Gwalior`s* Scindia School .

Ambassador to Cambodia



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Manika Jain IFS 1993
LLB CLC
Consul General to Australia 2013-2017

Has served in Indian Missions in Portugal, Myanmar and Indonesia , besides serving as Director Indian Council of World Affairs, and Head of Division at Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi.

Before joining the Nation`s Diplomatic Corps , Monika contributed to various social issues such as unorganized labour, women and health , while her other interests range from cinema to philosophy.

Ambassador to Denmark



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Rajeev Shahare IFS 1986
BA His Hons SS
MA Socio

Rajeev is well - versed in Arabic which he formally studied at the American University in Cairo 1987-1989 .

Among a host of diplomatic assignments , he has served in the Permanent Mission of India at Geneva , where he dealt with Environment, Health, Labour and Economic issues .

High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago



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Bishwadip Dey IFS 2001
BA Pol Sc Hons
LLB CLC *GoldMedallist*
LLM CLC
High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago

Bishwadip is High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago since 2016.

He has a Postgraduate Diploma in International Law and is a *GoldMedallist* here , too .

Ambassador to Zimbabwe



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R Masakui IFS 2001
MA English
Ambassador to Zimbabwe

Born 15 August, 1967 Mr R Masakui also served in Reserve Bank of India 1999 - 2001.

Married to Zingcharwon , and they have two sons aged 13 and 10 years.

Consul General to New York USA



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Sandeep Chakravorty IFS 1996
BSc Phy Hons University of Delhi
Master's Geneva Europe

Consul General of India in New York since August 2017. he was Ambassador of India to Peru and Bolivia. He has also served in Indian Embassies in Madrid and Bogota.

A social conscientiser , Sandeep has worked with Civil Society organizations dealing with natural resources and environmental issues.

He speaks Hindi, Bangla and Spanish fluently. In his spare time he reads up on International Relations and on the Environment and enjoys visiting historical sites. He is married and is the father of twin daughters.. ***Lucky Sandeep !***

Ambassador to Argentina



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Sanjiv Ranjan IFS 1993
Ambassador to Argentina

Born in 1966, Sanjiv Ranjan has done *his B A Hons Economics from Delhi University* and M.A. in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is fluent in English, Hindi and Spanish.

Has worked as Director (North) in the Ministry of External Affairs and Joint Secretary in the newly established Development Partnership Administration.

In his last posting at the Ministry of External Affairs, he served as Coordinator of the third *India Africa Forum Summit* held in New Delhi in October 2015.

He is married and has one daughter. His interests include reading and music.

Ambassador to Turkey



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Sanjay Bhattacharyya IFS 1987
BA Eco

Delhi - born Sanjay studied Chinese at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

He is Ambassador (Designate) of India to Turkey 2018 .

He has contributed a chapter on "India and China: New Directions" in *Indian Foreign Policy- Challenges and Opportunities* (2007) and "India and Egypt: New Partnership in the New Era" in the inaugural issue of *Asian Perspectives* published by State Information Service of Egypt (2017).

He is married and has a son and a daughter.

High Commissioner to South Africa



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Ruchira Kamboj IFS 1987
B A Eco Hons
UPSC women's Topper

From 2011-2014, she was India's **Chief of Protocol**, the *first and only lady* so far in Government to have held this position. In this capacity, she directed all outgoing visits of the President of India, the Vice President, the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister of India.

All High Commissioners/Ambassadors to India worked closely with her on day – to - day administration issues including delicate issues surrounding the Geneva Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Ruchira had a stellar three - year stint at UNESCO with *many firsts* to her credit. In 2016, a historic three Indian sites were added to UNESCO's World Heritage list: Nalanda Mahavihara, the Capitol Complex of Chandigarh and Khangchendzonga National Park completing a never-accomplished-before hat trick by any country. Earlier in 2014, she was part of the team that had inscribed *Rani ki Vav* and The Great Himalayan National Park on the World Heritage List. In 2015, she added Varanasi and Jaipur as India's first Creative Cities in the UNESCO list.

*In December 2016, she steered India to victory when **Yoga** was declared as the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the 24 - member intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.*

In July 2017, she led the effort to inscribe Ahmedabad as India's first World Heritage City, which was accomplished with the full support of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO.

Under her stewardship, India set up its *first-ever* UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at the *Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham* Kerala.

Her mother is a retired **writer-Professor of Sanskrit University of Delhi** while her father was a senior officer in the Indian Army.

*We`re observing and celebrating the Prime Minister Narendra Modi - led , UN-ordained International **Yoga Day** - today June 21 2018 and so
“ Thank You Ruchira ! ”*

Ambassador to the Czech Republic



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Krishan Kumar IFS 1984
BA His Hons St Stephen's

Krishan's early diplomatic assignments were in Indian Missions in Cairo, Riyadh, Maputo, Tokyo, Amman and Paris before taking over as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and later in Brasilia.

He is Ambassador of India to the Czech Republic since 2015.

Krishan holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management IIM Ahmedabad (India).

Consul General to Atlanta USA



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Nagesh Singh IFS 1995
BA Eco Hons
MA Eco D School

Prior to being appointed as Consul General of India in Atlanta, Nagesh served as Joint Secretary/Officer on Special Duty to the *Vice President of India Mr M Hamid Ansari 2012 – 2015*,

He speaks Hindi, English and French.

He is married to Pragya and they have a son and a daughter

Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia



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Sandeep Kumar IFS 1985
BA Eg Hons
LLB CLC

Sandeep`s diplomatic Missions include those at Hong Kong, Hanoi, Paris, Cape Town and Kabul.

From September 2008 to January 2013, he was on deputation to UNDP in Kabul Afghanistan where he *worked on police reforms*.

Sandeep also holds an M.Phil. in Environment and Development (**University of Cambridge, UK**), M.Sc. in Security Studies (University of Madras, India) He speaks English, Hindi, Chinese, French and German and has a passion for the arts and for travel and sports.

His non-fictional account of his experiences in Afghanistan is , quite interestingly , titled “On Edge”.

Indian Ambassador to Kyrgyz Republic



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Savithri Lakshmanan
MSc Physics
Diploma University of Oxford UK

Savithri has been Director at the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Secretariat Kathmandu and her responsibilities included Trade, Finance and Economic matters relating to regional cooperation among SAARC Member States 2013-2016

In the Ministry of External Affairs HQ, she has handled desks relating to Nepal, Bhutan, Central Asia and the United States.

Prior to her assignment in Bishkek, she was Director in the Overseas Indian Affairs Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

High Commissioner to Malaysia



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Mridul Kumar IFS 1992
BE D College of Engineering 1990
PG Diploma Balliol Oxford

As Deputy Chief of Protocol (Ceremonial) 2005-2007 he organized *over 150 incoming and outgoing visits of Heads of States and Governments* and coordinated the 14th SAARC Summit in New Delhi in 2007.

He was Consul General of India in Cape Town, South Africa 2009- 2012.

He headed the Gulf Division 2013-2018 and coordinated the annual Hajj pilgrimage from India to Saudi Arabia in 2014, 2015 and 2016. He also coordinated the evacuation of Indian nationals from Iraq 2014 and Yemen 2015 during war times.

Mridul also served as Chief Coordinator for **16th World Sanskrit Conference** in Bangkok 2015 and 10th World Hindi Conference Bhopal 2015.

His hobbies include trekking (has undertaken trekking in the Himalayas, including as leader of a trekking group to Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra in 2009) table tennis, cricket and music. He *visited Antarctica* in 2011 as a member of the Indian Expedition team.

Married to Ms Sumita Goyal , a trained nutritionist and dietician , they have two lovely and talented daughters, Vidisha and Bipasha.

High Commissioner to Pakistan



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Ajay Bisaria IFS 1987
BA Eco Hons St. Stephen`s 1983
MBA IIM Calcutta 1985
Master`s Princeton USA 2009

After training at the Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi, he chose Russian as his language of specialisation and was posted at the Indian Embassy in Moscow where he was attached to the economic and political wings of the Embassy. He worked as a Soviet internal affairs specialist in the months leading up to the break-up of the USSR.

As First Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Berlin he looked after commercial matters at a time of rising economic engagement between Germany and a liberalising India. He was also entrusted with the project for the construction of the now-iconic building of the Indian Embassy in Berlin.

Ajay was *Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India in 1999, -2004* and for most of this period he was aide to *Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee*, and focussed on economic, defence and foreign policy issues. He visited Pakistan in January 2004 as a member of the Prime Minister's delegation for the Islamabad SAARC Summit.

He has published and lectured on Eurasia , Central Asia and South Asia and is fluent in Hindi, English and Russian and has picked up some German and Polish. He is married to environmentalist and writer **Bharati Chaturvedi**, founder of the NGO, *Chintan*.

High Commissioner to Sri Lanka



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Taranjit Singh Sandhu IFS 1988
BA His Hons St Stephen`s

Prior to his current assignment in Colombo , Taranjit was Deputy Chief of Mission at Embassy of India in Washington D C USA 2013 -2017. He also served as Consul General of India in Frankfurt Germany 2011 -2013.

Born 23 January 1963 into a family of educationists, Taranjit studied at The Lawrence School Sanawar and graduated with *History Hons from St Stephen`s College Delhi* and pursued a Masters Degree in International Relations at the Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi.

Wife and (fellow DU- alumna) Reenat Sandhu is Ambassador of India to Italy. They have two children.

Ambassador to Italy



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Reenat Sandhu IFS 1989

Reenat assumed charge as Ambassador of India to Italy and San Marino in 2017.

She has served in Indian Missions abroad at Moscow, Kiev, Colombo, New York and Geneva. She has also served in Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, handling Investment and Trade Promotion, Projects, East Europe and Sri Lanka desks.

She was also Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Washington DC USA .

Her husband **Taranjit Singh Sandhu** is High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka .

Ambassador to Poland and Lithuania



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Tsewang Namgyal IFS 1992
MA Eco D School

Tsewang`s postings include being First Secretary Embassy of India, Tunis 1996-2000 , First Secretary Embassy of India, Brussels 2000- 2003 and Counsellor Embassy of India, Manila 2005 -2008 .

He served as Deputy High Commissioner at Singapore 2008-2013 and at the High Commission of India, Ottawa 2013-2015 , also as Ambassador of India to Cuba 2015- 2018 .

Tsewang Namgyal is married to Ms Tsering Lhazes and they have two sons.

Ambassador to Kazakhstan



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Prabhat Kumar IFS 1991
BA His Hons HR 1987
MA His 1989

Prabhat was earlier India`s Ambassador to Colombia and Ecuador 2014-2017.

From 2007 to 2010, he was posted in the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference of Disarmament in Geneva as Counsellor and Minister. The Conference on Disarmament is an Intergovernmental organization functioning under the auspices of the UN, which negotiates international disarmament and arms control treaties.

In his first posting abroad in Madrid in 1993, he underwent compulsory language training in Spanish in the first year and was absorbed in the mission as Head of Chancery and in charge of political and commercial work.

He hails from Patna, Bihar and is fluent in Spanish apart from Bhojpuri, Hindi and English.

Ambassador To Baku , Azerbaijan



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Sanjay Rana IFS 1996
BE Electrical Engg
Delhi College of Engineering

He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1996 after working for the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL).

His field – Diplomacy was evinced Damascus, Riyadh and Copenhagen in different diplomatic positions.

He was *Director of the UNP Division in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi between 2008 - 2013*, including 2011-2012 when India served as a member of the United Nations Security Council UNSC.

Ambassador Rana is married to Ms Barbara Jaworska and they have two sons.

Consul General to Toronto ,Canada



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Dinesh Bhatia IFS 1992
BE
D College of Engineering 1989

Dinesh was earlier Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia with residence in Abidjan. He was conferred **Commander of the National Order of Republic of Cote d'Ivoire**.

Dinesh served in various Indian Missions at Madrid, Spain , Kathmandu, Nepal and Kuwait.

He was *Private Secretary to Union Minister for Tourism* Govt of India 2004-2005.

An alumnus of National Defence College , he also participated in the 4th Joint Civil Military Course on National Security at **LBSNAA, Mussoorie**.

He also authored "Physics for Civil Services Preliminary Examination" published by MnM Series.

Dinesh has *specialized in Electronics and Communication* . Before joining the Foreign Service, he worked at Tata Telecom and Unitel Communications.

He is married to **Seema** , clinical psychologist and hypnotherapist, and they are blessed with a daughter- *Barhayita* and a son – *Deevyanshu* .

He speaks Hindi, English, Spanish, Punjabi and Multani.