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Consul General of India, Sydney

Year of Joining the Indian Foreign Service:
1979

Education: B. Com at St Xavier's College, Kolkata (1973); M.A. (1976) and M.Phil (1978) at Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a two-year attachment (1980-82)

with the Department of Sociology in the University of McGill, Montreal.

Educational Awards: National Merit Scholarship (1976-79) and the Commonwealth Scholarship (1980-82).

Previous Appointments: Served in various capacities in New Delhi and abroad (in Cairo as Third Secretary, in Brussels as First Secretary, in Kathmandu as Director Economic and head of the office of the Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, and in Berlin as Deputy Chief of Mission); headed the Public Diplomacy division in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi prior to assuming charge as the Consul General of India, Sydney, on February 23, 2009.

Publications : Edited a number of books, which includes *The Divine Peacock* (Wiley), *The Perennial Tree* (Wiley), *Telling Tales* (Wiley); *Salvaging the WTO: Doha and Beyond* (Konark), *SAARC Means Business* (FICCI), *Strategic Shape of the World* (Sage). His first fiction title *In the Land of the Blue Jasmine* (Star) has been translated into the Hindi language. His most recent publication is an edited book titled *India for a Billion Reasons* (Wisdom Tree) which is a companion volume to his earlier book *Indian by Choice*. He has been editor of *Indian Horizons* and of *India Perspectives* brought out by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations and the Ministry of External Affairs respectively; published in various newspapers and journals on subjects related to WTO, globalization and development.

Interests include chess, cricket and cooking.

Marital Status: Married; wife (Deepa) is from the Indian Revenue Service and is presently posted as Commissioner in Kolkata, India. Their daughter, Diya, is a final year student at the College of Fine Arts in UNSW, Sydney.