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President of the Governing Body and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries.

APRIL 2016 – March 2017 | AUTHOR

- Author/Commentator on contemporary global issues and developments including strategic, peace and security, political, economic and trade.
- Perilous Interventions: The Security Council and the Politics of Chaos, Harper Collins, September 2016.
- Public Lecture: India and the Western Liberal Democratic Order, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi, 31 January 2017.
- India's Trade Policy Dilemma and the Role of Domestic Reform - Carnegie India – Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, February 2017.

JUNE 2013 – MARCH 2016 | VICE PRESIDENT OF IPI & SECRETARY GENERAL OF ICM

- Vice President of the International Peace Institute (a nonprofit think tank headquartered in New York) and Secretary General of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism (ICM). The ICM, chaired by Kevin Rudd former Prime Minister of Australia, was an Independent Commission tasked to undertake an arm's length audit on whether the UN is 'fit for purpose', on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. It has undertaken this task through an analysis of 16 thematic or issue areas that the multilateral system, anchored in the UN, will have to confront in the coming decades.

JANUARY 2011 – END OF DECEMBER 2012 | HEAD OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

- Chairman, Counter-Terrorism Committee of UN.
- Chairman, Security Council Committee concerning Somalia and Eritrea

- Chairman, Working Group established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1566 (2004).
- Presided over the UN Security Council during August 2011 and again in November 2012.

MAY 2009 - 31 MARCH, 2013 | AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

- Vice President: 64th Session of UNGA.
- Facilitator (appointed by President of General Assembly) for creation of UN Women.

2008 – 2009 | SECRETARY (ECONOMIC RELATIONS), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

- Ranking official for economic diplomacy responsible for all multilateral economic issues including those relating to the United Nations, WTO and international financial institutions and for trade finance, investment and technology promotion. Coordinated key policy initiatives such as on Energy security and Food security; Headed India's overseas technical and development cooperation programme – the largest South-South initiative of its kind.

2006 - 2008 | AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO BRAZIL

- Oversaw transformation of bilateral relations encompassing exponential increase in trade, investment, technological, defence and energy cooperation, political and strategic collaboration, cultural contacts and social sector interaction, and multilateral partnerships including the path-breaking India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) initiative and BRICs related dialogue.

2002 – 2005 | PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

- Proactively negotiated/facilitated first-ever public health treaty – the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Outcomes of the two World Summits on Information Societies, UNCTAD XI Conference Outcome – the Sao Paulo Consensus, the establishment of the Human Rights Council, Development Agenda in WIPO.

1999 – 2002 | AMBASSADOR/DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

- Administrative head of India's largest diplomatic mission at a crucial phase in bilateral relations; facilitated the establishment of "Friends of India" groups in all major political parties in UK; stabled institutional frameworks for intensifying India-UK corporate interaction; launched programmes to broad-base bilateral economic ties by reaching out to all regions of UK; structured and enhanced engagement with the Indian Diaspora; Representative of India to The Commonwealth Secretariat

1997 – 1999 | JOINT SECRETARY (EUROPE WEST), MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

- Head of the territorial division; coordinated bilateral relations with West European countries. Dealt with the EU, EFTA, the Commonwealth.

1994 – 1997 | JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NEW DELHI

- First Foreign Service Officer seconded to serve as Head of Division responsible for the Indian Navy; Also headed Defence Planning and Coordination division responsible for Army-Air Force – Navy Cooperation; Coordinated India’s International Defence Cooperation.

1992 – 1994 | JOINT SECRETARY (AMERICAS), MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

- Worked on key initiatives that transformed bilateral relations including in the area of Security and Strategic cooperation, Human Rights, Science and Technology cooperation, and economic and business partnerships, Leader of the Indian delegation to the 2nd and 3rd rounds of Indo-US dialogue on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

1991 – 1992 | DIRECTOR (FOREIGN SECRETARY’S OFFICE), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE HEAD OF THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

1988 – 1991 | COORDINATOR, UNDP/UNCTAD MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PROJECT TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MTNS

- Provided technical support, capacity-building assistance and advice to developing countries participating in the GATT Uruguay Round resulting in the establishment of the WTO.

1984 – 1988 | FIRST SECRETARY/COUNSELLOR (POLITICAL), HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, COLOMBO

- Assisted in the negotiations of the historic India-Sri Lanka Agreement for Peace and Normalcy in Sri Lanka (1987); Political Officer of the Indian Peacekeeping Force.

1981 – 1984 | FIRST SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO GATT, GENEVA

- Chairman, Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

1979 – 1981 | UNDER SECRETARY (FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL), MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- Dealt with human resources management of the diplomatic service.

1978 – 1979 | OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY (PRESS RELATIONS) IN THE SPOKESMAN’S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI.

1976 – 1978 | THIRD SECRETARY (LANGUAGE TRAINEE); SECOND SECRETARY (POLITICAL & COMMERCIAL), EMBASSY OF INDIA, TOKYO.

1974

- Joined the Indian Foreign Service.

1982 – 2007 | EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- He was a member of and chaired the prestigious GATT committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures I 1982.
- He has also served on and chaired the following GATT and WTO International Trade Dispute Panels:
 - (i) European Economic Community –Subsidies on Export of Pasta Products, 1982
 - (ii) European Economic Community – Tariff Treatment on Imports of Citrus Products from certain countries with Mediterranean Region, 1985
 - (iii) United States – Importation of Countervailing duties on certain hot rolled lead and steel products originating in France, Germany and UK – Chair, 1994
 - (iv) Japan – Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages – Chair, 1996
 - (v) Chile –Agricultural Products – Chair, 2002
(Price Band)
 - (vi) US – Softwood Lumber VI – Chair, 2004
 - (vii) US – DRAMs CVD Investigation, Chair, 2005
 - (viii) US – Softwood Lumber VI. Art. 21.5 Chair, 2006
 - (ix) Chile – Agricultural Products Art. 21.5 – Chair 2007
(Price Band)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Lecturer in History, St. Stephens College, Delhi University, 1973-1974.
- Master of Arts in History, Delhi University First Division, 1973
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History, Delhi University, First in order of merit, 1971.
- Accomplished debater and public speaker, won many University prizes and was Prime Minister of the Hindu College Parliament (1971-72)

He is 65 years old, and married to Ambassador Lakshmi Puri, presently Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women in New York. They have two daughters.

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