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Current Positions:

Distinguished Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC Chairman, Advisory Board, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi Member, Board of Trustees, International Crisis Group Distinguished Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute, New York

Past Positions

National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India, Jan 2010-May 2014.

Foreign Secretary of India, October 2006-July 2009.

High Commissioner of India to Pakistan, July 2003-Sep 2006.

Ambassador of India to China, August 2000-July 2003.

High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, August 1997-August 2000.

Ambassador of India to Israel, May 1995-August 1997.

Previous postings in China, Japan, Austria, and to the IAEA and the Indian Atomic Energy Commission.

Education

MA in Ancient Indian History, Delhi University, 1970

BA (Honours), History, Delhi University, 1968.

Diploma and Certificate in Chinese Language, Department of Chinese and Japanese Studies, Delhi University, 1968-1971.

Research and Teaching Interests

International politics, national security issues, India-China relations, Chinese politics and development, Indian Ocean, Cyber-security.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

Fisher Family Fellow, Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2015.

Richard Wilhelm Fellow, MIT, 2015.

Chosen one of the "Top 100 Global Thinkers" by Foreign Policy magazine in 2010.

Publications

Book:

Choices; Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy (Brookings & Penguin Random House, 2016)

Recent Articles & Publications

- 1. "The Strategic Shape of the World", in Proceedings of the MEA-IISS Foreign Policy Dialogue, (Sage Publications, Delhi, 2008).
- 2. "Hostile Relations: India's Pakistan Dilemma", Harvard International Review, Fall 2009, Vol.XXI, No. 3.
- 3. Foreword to "The Long View from Delhi" by Vice-Admiral Raja Menon (Delhi, 2009)
- 4. "Three Years as Foreign Secretary", 18th Sree Chitra Thirunal Memorial Lecture, Trivandrum, 14, November 2009
- 5. "From Peking to Beijing", chapter in "India-China; Neighbours-Strangers", Ira Pande (ed.), pg. 360 ff, (Indian International Centre, Harper Collins India, 2010).
- 6. "The KPS Menon I Knew", in Kerala Kaumudi, Global Edition, Trivandrum, Oct-December 2010.
- 7. Review of Nisid Hajari "Midnight's Furies; The Deadly Legacy of India's Partition", (Penguin Viking 2015)
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- 9. "What China's Rise Means for India", Brookings blog, March 2016.
- 10. Review of Sumit Ganguly (ed.) "Engaging the World; Indian Foreign Policy since 1947", (Oxford, 2016) in Book Review, April 2016.
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- 15. Review of Frank Dikotter's "The Cultural Revolution, A People's History, 1962-76", (Bloomsbury 2016), in Open magazine, May 2016.
- 16. "China, India and Pakistan", USI National Security Lecture, 2016, USI Journal, Oct-Dec 2016, Vol CLXVI, No. 606.
- 17. "India, China and Asia", in China Report (forthcoming).
- 18. "Foreign Policy in the Wake of Reform; New Options and Friends", chapter in "India's Transformation: 25 Years of Economic Reforms", Rakesh Mohan (ed.), (Brookings India, forthcoming in 2017).