



Ambassador KHUB CHAND
(December 16, 1911 – June 12, 2003)

President of FIGS (1976-1988)

Born on December 16, 1911 at Khurd (Jhelum). He was educated at the University of Delhi and Oriel College, Oxford. He was selected to the Indian Civil Service in 1935 and assigned to the United Provinces.

After independence in 1947, he was deputed to the Ministry of External Affairs. In February 1948 was appointed Head of the Indian Military Mission to the Allied Control Council for Germany, with the military rank of Major-General in the Indian Army. In 1949 was concurrently accredited as Head of the Indian Mission to the Allied High Commission for Germany, with diplomatic rank of Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extra-ordinary.

In the Diplomatic Service his important assignments included - Deputy and later Acting High Commissioner for India in Pakistan (1950-52); Ambassador of India to Italy (1957-60); High Commissioner for India in Ghana (1960-62); Ambassador of India to Sweden (1962-66); Ambassador of India to Lebanon (1966-67) and Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany (1967-70).

He retired from the Indian Civil Service on May 5, 1971. After retirement he was actively involved in the working of different organizations including Jawaharlal Nehru University, Oxford and Cambridge Society, Kiwanis Club of New Delhi, Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and The Indian Council for World Affairs.

Amongst distinctions conferred upon him was that of President Emeritus, Comitato Internazionale per l'Unita e l'Universalita della Cultura, Rome, in 1960 and he was awarded "Grand Cross of the Order of Merit" by the Federal Republic of Germany in 1978.

He contributed mainly on political and economic affairs, to several books and journals, including "Yearbook of India's Foreign Policy 1989". He was the Co-author "Im Urteil des Auslands-Dreissig Jahre Bundesrepublik"(1979), "Memoirs of Old Mandarins of India"(1984) "Peace and Conflict Resolution in the World Community"(1991) Germany in the Nineties(1998).