



## **Ambassador Satinder K. Lambah**

President of FIGS (2004 – 2014)

Satinder K Lambah, was born in Peshawar (now in Pakistan) on July 16, 1941. He holds a master's in history from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1964. Over a diplomatic career spanning more than four decades, he has experience of working in several Indian missions across the globe. Satinder K Lambah has also held the important posts of Ambassador of India in Hungary (1986-89); High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (1992-95); Ambassador of India to Germany (1995-98); Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation (1998-2001). He was Deputy Secretary General of the 7th Non Aligned Summit held in Delhi in 1983 and later Coordinator of the Commonwealth Heads of Governments meeting in India. His specialisations include economic diplomacy and dealing with India's neighbours. He also opened the Indian Embassy in Bangladesh in January 1972.

After retirement from the India Foreign Service in August 2001, he chaired a Committee on the Reorganisation of the Ministry of External Affairs and India's Missions Abroad. From November 2001 to July 2002, he was India's special envoy for Afghanistan and led the Indian delegation to the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan. During 2004-05 he was the Convener of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) Government of India. During 2011-12, he was co-Chairman of the Task Force on National Security. At present he is Special Envoy in the Office of the Prime Minister of India. He was also elected President of Federation of Indo-German Societies in India. He has been regular member of the Indian delegation for the Aspen India-US dialogue and led the Indian delegation during the sessions in Washington, 2008, 2010 and 2012. He is also the leader of the Indian delegation for the strategic dialogues with Singapore and Malaysia.

During his tenure as Consul General of India in San Francisco (1989-91) he was conferred a "Trustees' Citation" by the University of California, Berkeley in 1991 for his initiating, coordinating, and spearheading the campaign which generated over US\$2 million in a short span of four months for Indian Studies, resulting in the creation of two Chairs of India Studies, a bi-annual lecture by a distinguished scholar from India, and an annual scholarship at the Graduate School of Journalism at U.C Berkeley.

He is married to Nilima Lambah, author of "A Life Across Three Continents - Recollections of a Diplomat's Wife". They have two children.