



Ambassador Ronen Sen

President of FIGS (2014 – till date)

Ronen Sen was born in Poona (now Pune) on 9 April, 1944. After graduating from St. Xaviers College in Calcutta (now Kolkata) he joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1966.

He served in different posts between 1968 and 1985 in Indian missions in the former Soviet Union, the USA and Bangladesh; as Secretary to the Atomic Energy Commission, and as Deputy Secretary and later as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. From January 1986 to July 1991, he was Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, reporting to the Prime Minister on foreign and defence policy, atomic energy and space. He also had several assignments as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister for meetings with foreign Heads of State or Government.

He was Ambassador to Mexico from September 1991 to August 1992. In October 1992 he became India's first Ambassador to present credentials in the Russian Federation and contributed to the stabilisation of Indo-Russian relations during the post-Soviet transitional phase during his six year ambassadorial tenure in Moscow till October 1998. During his subsequent assignment as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany from October 1998 to May 2002, he opened the Embassy of India in Berlin in 1999 after the move of the capital from Bonn. From June 2002 till his retirement from the IFS in April 2004, he served as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He was Ambassador to the United States of America from August 2004 till March 2009. This period witnessed the most rapid improvement of Indo-US relations.

Ronen Sen is the first Indian to serve as ambassador to four former G-8 countries, and the second Indian to serve as ambassador to three countries which are Permanent Members of the UN Security Council. He participated in around 180 bilateral and multilateral summit meetings in six continents.

He was conferred with the "Padma Bhushan" by the President in 2012.

Ronen Sen is married to Kalpana, and the couple have one daughter.