

Ambassador Gopalaswami Parthasarathy

Born on May 13, 1940, Ambassador Gopalaswami Parthasarathy is a career Foreign Service Officer who retired from Service on May 31, 2000. Prior to his entry to the Indian Foreign Service Mr. he was a Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army (1963-1968), after having graduated with a B.E. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the College of Engineering, Guindy, Madras in 1962 He has served as Ambassador of India to Myanmar, 1992-95, High Commissioner of India to Australia 1995-98, High Commissioner of India to Pakistan 1998-2000 and High Commissioner of India, Cyprus (1990-92). He also served in Indian Missions abroad as Second/First Secretary, Embassy of India, Moscow (1969-1973), Deputy High Commissioner to Tanzania (1974-1976), Counsellor, (Political and Press), Embassy of India, Washington D.C., (1978- 1981); and Consul General of India, Karachi (1982-1985).

In New Delhi, Ambassador Parthasarathy was Deputy Secretary in the Foreign Secretary's Office (1976-1978). He has served as Spokesman, Ministry of External Affairs and Information Adviser and Spokesman in the Prime Minister's Office with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (1985-90). He has been a member of Indian Delegations in several international conferences including summits at United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement and SAARC.

Ambassador Parthasarathy is presently Visiting Professor in the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi. He is also Visiting Professor for International Relations in the University of Punjab, Chandigarh, a Senior Fellow and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a Member of the Mentor Group of the Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies, Member of the Advisory Committee to the Symbiosis University in Pune and a member of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Air Power Studies in New Delhi.. His main areas of interest are developments in India's neighbourhood and issues of economic integration, energy and national security and terrorism.

Ambassador Parthasarathy is a widely read Columnist, writing for a number of newspapers and news agencies in India and abroad on foreign policy and national security issues. He is on the Panel of Experts from India for Track 2 Dialogue with ASEAN. He is also a member of the Indian Delegation to the high level Indo-U.S. Strategic Dialogue organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries and the Aspen Institute in the USA. He was a Member of the Task Force to Review India's National Security Structures, which submitted its Report to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in July 2012. Mr. Parthasarathy is associated with the Corporate Sector in India as a Member of the Board of Directors in Industrial and Financial Companies.