

**Shri Dinkar Khullar, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union**



Born in 1954 in New Delhi, Ambassador Dinkar Khullar studied Economics at St. Stephen's College, New Delhi (1970-1973) and thereafter obtained a Master's degree from the Delhi School of Economics.

Prior to joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1978, he was a Lecturer in Economics at St. Stephen's College for three years from 1975.

During the course of his career in India's diplomatic service, he has served in a variety of positions in New Delhi and abroad. Between 1978 and 1999, he worked at the Indian Embassies in Moscow, Rome and Seoul, interspersed with assignments in India in the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministries of Finance and Commerce, and the Office of the Prime Minister.

He went on to become the Ambassador of India in Baku, Azerbaijan from 1999 to 2002 and in Sofia, Bulgaria from 2003 to 2006. Subsequently, he headed the Africa, West Europe and Administration Divisions in the Ministry of External Affairs. Most recently, from December 2009 to August 2012, he was the Ambassador of India to Austria and Permanent Representative of India to UN Offices and International Organisations in Vienna.

Ambassador Khullar is married and has one son. His wife, Mala, is an academic, specialising in issues relating to gender, education and development.

Ambassador Khullar's interests include theatre, bridge and sports. He is an avid reader and speaks Russian and Italian, apart from English and Indian languages.