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I graduated in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi in 1981. I was selected to the prestigious Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and held diplomatic assignments in Indian Missions in Hong Kong, Malaysia, China, Austria, and Sri Lanka apart from postings at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. I was Director (External Relations) at the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai (1995-98), and was subsequently posted as Alternate Governor and Alternate Permanent Representative of India to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria. Between 2004-2008, I was Division Chief (Joint Secretary) in charge of SAARC and Central Europe Divisions in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. I was accredited as India's Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe in 2007 and as India's Ambassador to the Czech Republic in 2011. I was appointed Consul General of India, San Francisco, in 2014. I retired from government service in October 2018 with the rank of Secretary to the Government of India. I am currently Senior Advisor and Fellow at the Garwood Center for Corporate Innovation, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley. I am also Adjunct Professor at IIT Bombay and NIAS, Bengaluru, and Visiting Professor at IIT Gandhinagar.