

Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin is a senior Indian diplomat with considerable multilateral experience. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1985 he has represented India's interests in various capacities, promoting friendly ties across the globe.



Prior to his assignment as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Amb. Akbaruddin was the Chief Coordinator of the India-Africa Forum Summit held in October 2015 in New Delhi. All 54 African States who are members of the United Nations participated along with the African Union in this milestone event.

As the Official Spokesperson of India's Ministry of External Affairs during 2012-2015 he was a member of Indian delegations to the UNGA and various other multilateral and bilateral meetings at the Summit and Ministerial level. He effectively used social media tools to considerably expand public diplomacy outreach.

Ambassador Akbaruddin also served as an international civil-servant at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna from 2006-2011. During this period he worked as Head of the External Relations and Policy Coordination Unit and also as the Special Assistant to the Director-General of the IAEA.

Ambassador Akbaruddin had previously served at the Indian Mission to the United Nations as First Secretary during 1995-98 and focused on UN Security Council Reform and Peace-Keeping. He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative & Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) during 1997-98.

Ambassador Akbaruddin has also served as Counsellor at the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. He is proficient in Arabic. During 2000-2004 he was the Consul General of India, Jeddah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and prior to that was First Secretary in Riyadh and Second Secretary/Third Secretary in Cairo, Egypt.

Ambassador Akbaruddin has a Master's Degree in Political Science and International Relations. He is married to Mrs. Padma Akbaruddin and they have two sons.

He is an avid and passionate sports enthusiast.