

Sanjiv Arora, Consul General of India, Houston

Consul General Arora joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1984 and has served in various capacities in India's Diplomatic Missions in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Sri Lanka and Czech Republic. During 1991-94, he dealt with Sri Lankan Affairs at the Foreign Office. He has also served on secondment to Ministry of Finance during 2003-04.

During 2005-08, Consul General Arora was Head of the United Nations (Political) Division in Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. In that capacity, he dealt with India's foreign policy on a wide range of issues at the United Nations, including Counter-Terrorism, UN Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding Commission, UN Democracy Fund, political issues figuring at the UN General Assembly, its Committees and the UN Security Council, and reform and expansion of the UNSC. Consul General Arora was Government of India's nodal official for the UN General Assembly Sessions from 2005-2008. His responsibilities also covered the Non-Aligned Movement, the Commonwealth and the Community of Democracies. He has extensive experience of multilateral negotiations, conferences and high-level visits.

Consul General Arora is a graduate and MBA from Panjab University and briefly worked in the corporate sector and India's Central Bank before joining the Foreign Service. He holds an Advanced Diploma (with distinction) in Arabic from the Indian Defence School of Languages. He is an Associate of the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore and a Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu.

Consul General Arora is married to Chhaya. They have two sons, Utsav (18) and Aakash (10).