Amb. Gautam Bambawale

Ambassador Gautam Bambawale joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1984. He was first the Desk Officer for China in the Ministry of External Affairs, later serving as Director in the Americas Division of the Ministry. Ambassador Bambawale was then appointed as the Director of the Indian Cultural Centre in Berlin, Germany. Returning to Beijing, China, he functioned as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy there. Amb. Bambawale also served in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi as the Staff Officer to the Foreign Secretary of India [the highest-ranking civil servant in the Indian Foreign Ministry]. Furthermore, he joined the Prime Minister's Office as Deputy Chief for the Division of National Security Affairs, Defence and International Policy. He was Minister (Political) and Head of the Political Wing at the Embassy of India in Washington D.C, where he was a participant in the transformation of India-U.S. relations. Furthermore, he functioned as the first Consul General of India in Guangzhou, China. Thereafter, he held charge of the position of Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs. In this position, he was responsible for relations with Japan, China and South Korea amongst other countries. Amb. Bambawale has been Ambassador of India to Bhutan and High Commissioner of India to Pakistan.