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AMBASSADOR SYED AKBARUDDIN PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL H.E. MR. BAN KI- MOON TODAY JANUARY 25, 2016



Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin, **Permanent Representative of India** to the United Nations, presented his credentials today (25 January) to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Receiving his credentials, the UN Secretary General welcomed his appointment as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and appreciated the significant role that India plays at the United Nations as a long trusted partner of the multilateral system. Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin reiterated India's strong commitment to the United Nations and assured him of his fullest support in helping the UN achieve its ideals and fulfilling the the priorities the UN Secretary General had set out at for the year 2016 including that of Agenda 2030 and the quest for peaceful political solutions for all the problems.

Prior to his appointment in New York, Ambassador Akbaruddin was the Chief Coordinator of the India-Africa Forum Summit a milestone event with participation of all 54 African States and held in October 2015 in New Delhi. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1985 and has represented India's interests in various capacities, promoting friendly ties across the globe. His brief curriculum vitae is appended below.

Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin is India's 21st Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York and succeeds Ambassador Asoke Mukerji who demitted office on 31 December 2015. New York

BIO-PROFILE OF SHRI SYED AKBARUDDIN

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 Organisation of African Unity in this milestone event.

Amb. 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.

Amb. 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.

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.

Amb. 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.

Amb. 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.