



**Bio-profile of Shri Sudhakar Dalela, Consul General of India, Chicago**

Sudhakar Dalela joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1993. He began his career in Tel Aviv, Israel, where he also acquired proficiency in Hebrew. He has since served in Indian Missions in Brasilia, Geneva, Dhaka, and Washington D.C.

This is his second assignment in the United States; he previously served as Minister (Political Affairs) at the Indian Embassy in Washington D.C.

He brings a wealth of experience in trade and economic policy to his role, having served twice at the Permanent Mission of India to the WTO, including as India's Deputy Permanent Representative. He was member of India's negotiating team for the WTO Ministerial Conferences in Doha, Cancun, Hong Kong China and Nairobi.

He has also served in critical roles in New Delhi. He served as a Director in the Prime Minister's Office, focusing on India's engagement with its South Asian neighbors, China, and countries in the Asia-Pacific region, Gulf, Middle East, and Africa. Most recently, he served as Joint Secretary (North), overseeing India's relations with Bhutan and Nepal.

Before joining the Foreign Service, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electronics Engineering. He is married to Namrata, who is a textile conservator, and they have a daughter and son.

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