

Ambassador Anup K. Mudgal

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Brief Biography



MRC Association

Ambassador Anup K. Mudgal has been closely associated with the Maritime Research Centre (MRC), making significant contributions to its research, publications, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. He co-authored the MSP Handbook with MRC, reviewed several MRC publications, and provided valuable guidance to strengthen their quality and relevance. As an advisor on the Blue Economy, Blue Accounting, and other maritime domains, he has offered strategic perspectives on maritime development and emerging opportunities in the sector. He has represented MRC at various events, strengthening its institutional outreach and engagement, and has delivered expert talks at MRC conferences and webinars on maritime policy, strategic affairs, and the Blue Economy. His continued association has played an important role in advancing MRC's research, outreach, and thought leadership.

Diplomatic Career

Ambassador Mudgal, a member of the Indian Foreign Service, retired in May 2016 as India's High Commissioner to Mauritius after a distinguished diplomatic career spanning thirty-two years. He served three terms at the Ministry of External Affairs headquarters, where he handled India's relations with its neighbourhood, the ASEAN region, the Russian Federation, and countries in Central and Eastern Europe, along with responsibilities related to human resource development.

During his eight overseas assignments, he served in key capacities at Indian Missions in Belgium, Germany, Austria, former Yugoslavia, Mexico, and Mauritius. His major postings included Counsellor in Brussels handling India-EU trade policy and cooperation in science and technology, energy, transport, and environment; Consul General in Munich with jurisdiction over Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg; Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative in Vienna dealing with the IAEA, UNODC, UNIDO, UNOOSA, and UNCITRAL; Chargé d'Affaires in Belgrade during the internal conflict and disintegration of Yugoslavia; Counsellor in Mexico handling political affairs and NAFTA market access; and High Commissioner to Mauritius, including matters related to the Indian Ocean Rim Association.

Post-Retirement Engagements

Since retirement, Ambassador Mudgal has remained active in policy, academic, and voluntary roles. His engagements include membership of the FICCI Task Force on Blue Economy; former membership of the Steering Committee on Blue Economy under the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, where he chaired a working group on security, strategic dimensions, and international engagement; membership of the Steering Committee of South Asian University, New Delhi, for setting up an Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change, Green Transition and Sustainability; membership of the Governing Council of the Global South Centre on Circular Economy; mentorship at MRC, Pune; visiting faculty engagement at MDI Gurgaon; senior advisory work with MIICCIA, New Delhi; membership of the Core Team of Kalinga International Foundation; and former chairmanship of the Diaspora Research and Resource Centre, New Delhi.

Publications and Policy Contributions

Ambassador Mudgal has co-edited or co-authored several policy-oriented works, including *Purbasa: East Meets East, Diaspora and Nation Building*, the FICCI Knowledge Paper on Blue Economy, *Economic Diplomacy: India's Experience*, *Blue Economy: Global Best Practices*, the PMEAC working group report on Blue Economy, *Blue Economy: India's Pathway to a Sustainable, Secure and Resilient Economy*, *India and Island States in the Indian Ocean*, and recent MRC documents on skilling and Blue Economy prospects. He has also contributed articles to Indian and international media on contemporary policy issues.

Education and Languages

Born in May 1956, Ambassador Mudgal completed most of his education in Delhi and holds a Master's and M.Phil. degrees in plant sciences from the University of Delhi. He speaks Hindi, English, and Spanish. Before joining the Indian Foreign Service, he briefly worked with the Science & Engineering Research Council, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, and was also a member of the Indian Forest Service.
