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Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

President of India

Born on 15th October 1931 at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu, Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, specialized in Aeronautical Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology. Dr. Kalam made significant contribution as Project Director to develop India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III) which successfully injected the Rohini satellite in the near earth orbit in July 1980 and made India an exclusive member of Space Club. He was responsible for the evolution of ISRO's launch vehicle programme, particularly the PSLV configuration. After working for two decades in ISRO and mastering launch vehicle technologies, Dr. Kalam took up the responsibility of developing Indigenous Guided Missiles at Defence Research and Development Organisation as the Chief Executive of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). He was responsible for the development and operationalisation of AGNI and PRITHVI Missiles and for building indigenous capability in critical technologies through networking of multiple institutions. He was the Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development from July 1992 to December 1999. During this period he led to the weaponisation of strategic missile systems and the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in collaboration with Department of Atomic Energy, which made India a nuclear weapon State. He also gave thrust to self-reliance in defence systems by progressing multiple development tasks and mission projects such as Light Combat Aircraft.

As Chairman of Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) and as an eminent scientist, he led the country with the help of 500 experts to arrive at Technology Vision 2020 giving a road map for transforming India from the present developing status to a developed nation. Dr. Kalam has served as the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, in the rank of Cabinet Minister, from November 1999 to November 2001 and was responsible for evolving policies, strategies and missions for many development applications. Dr. Kalam was also the Chairman, Ex-officio, of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet (SAC-C) and piloted India Millennium Mission 2020.

Dr. Kalam took up academic pursuit as Professor, Technology & Societal Transformation at Anna University, Chennai from November 2001 and was involved in teaching and research tasks. Above all he took up a

mission to ignite the young minds for national development by meeting high school students across the country. In his literary pursuit four of Dr. Kalam's books - "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey" and "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India" have become household names in India and among the Indian nationals abroad. These books have been translated in many Indian languages.

Dr. Kalam is one of the most distinguished scientists of India with the unique honour of receiving honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions. He has been awarded the coveted civilian awards - Padma Bhushan (1981) and Padma Vibhushan (1990) and the highest civilian award Bharat Ratna (1997). He is a recipient of several other awards and Fellow of many professional institutions.

Dr. Kalam became the 11th President of India on 25th July 2002. His focus is on transforming India into a developed nation by 2020.

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Dr. Manmohan Singh

Prime Minister of India

India's fourteenth Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh is rightly acclaimed as a thinker and a scholar. He is well regarded for his diligence and his academic approach to work, as well as his accessibility and his unassuming demeanour.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was born on September 26, 1932, in a village in the Punjab province of undivided India. His father was S. Gurmukh Singh. Dr. Singh and his wife Mrs. Gursharan Kaur have three daughters. Dr. Singh completed his Matriculation examination from the Panjab University in 1948. His academic career took him from Punjab to the University of Cambridge, UK, where he earned a First Class Honours degree in Economics in 1957.

Dr. Singh followed this with a D.Phil in Economics from Nuffield College at Oxford University in 1962. His book, "**India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth**" [Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1964] was an early critique of India's inward-oriented trade policy.

Dr. Singh's academic credentials were burnished by the years he spent on the faculty of Punjab University and the prestigious Delhi School of Economics. He had a brief stint at the UNCTAD Secretariat as well, during these years. This presaged a subsequent appointment as Secretary General of the South Commission in Geneva between 1987 and 1990.

In 1971, Dr. Singh joined the Government of India as Economic Advisor in the Commerce Ministry. This was soon followed by his appointment as Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance in 1972. Among the many Governmental positions that Dr. Singh has occupied are Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission; Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Advisor of the Prime Minister; and Chairman of the University Grants Commission.

In what was to become the turning point in the economic history of independent India, Dr. Singh spent five years between 1991 and 1996 as India's Finance Minister. His role in ushering in a comprehensive policy of economic reforms is now recognized worldwide. In the popular view of those years in India, that period is inextricably associated with the persona of Dr. Singh.

Among the many awards and honours conferred upon Dr. Singh in his public career, the most prominent are India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan (1987); the Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress (1995); the Asia Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993 and 1994); the Euro Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993), the Adam Smith Prize of the University of Cambridge (1956); and the Wright's Prize for Distinguished Performance at St. John's College in Cambridge (1955). Dr. Singh has also been honoured by a number of other associations including by the Japanese Nihon Keizai Shimbun.

Dr. Singh has represented India at many international conferences and in several international organizations. He has led Indian Delegations to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Cyprus (1993) and to the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna in 1993.

In his political career, Dr. Singh has been a Member of India's Upper House of Parliament (the Rajya Sabha) since 1991, where he was Leader of the Opposition between 1998 and 2004.

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Topic: India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth. [Published by Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1964]
- 1957 Economics Tripos [First Class honours], University of Cambridge**
- 1954 M.A. Economics, Panjab University - First Class with first position in the University**
- 1952 B.A. Economics(Hons.), Panjab University - Second Class with first position in the University**
- 1950 Intermediate Panjab University - First Class with first position in the University**
- 1948 Matriculation, Panjab University - First class**

Prizes and Awards

- 2000 Conferred **Annasaheb Chirmule Award** by the W.L.G. *alias* Annasaheb Chirmule Trust setup by United Western Bank Limited, Satara, Maharashtra
- 1999 Received **H.H. Kanchi Sri Paramacharya Award** for Excellence from Shri R. Venkataraman, former President of India and Patron, The Centenarian Trust
- 1999 Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.
- 1997 Conferred **Lokmanya Tilak Award** by the Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune
- 1997 Received **Justice K.S. Hegde Foundation Award** for the year 1996
- 1997 Awarded **Nikkei Asia prize for Regional Growth** by the Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc. (NIKKEI), publisher of Japan's leading business daily
- 1996 Honorary Professor, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi
- 1995 Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress Association for 1994-95
- 1994 Asiamoney Award, Finance Minister of the Year
- 1994 Elected Distinguished Fellow, London School of Economics, Centre for Asia Economy, Politics and Society
- 1994 Elected Honorary Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
- 1994 Honorary Fellow, All India Management Association
- 1993 Euromoney Award, Finance Minister of the year
- 1993 Asiamoney Award, Finance Minister of the Year
- 1987 **Padma Vibhushan Award** by the President of India
- 1986 National Fellow, National Institute of Education, N.C.E.R.T.
- 1985 Elected President, Indian economic Association
- 1982 Elected Honorary Fellow, St. John's College, Cambridge,
- 1982 Elected Honorary Fellow, Indian Institute of Bankers

- 1976 Honorary Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 1957 Elected Wrenbury Scholar, University of Cambridge, U.K.
- 1955 Awarded Wright's Prize for distinguished performance, & St. John's college, Cambridge, U.K.
- 1956 Awarded Adam Smith Prize, University of Cambridge, U.K.
- 1954 Uttar Chand Kapur Medal, Panjab University, for standing first in M.A.(Economics), Panjab University, Chandigarh
- 1952 University Medal for standing First in B.A. Hon.(Economics), Panjab University, Chandigarh

Recipient of Honorary Degrees of D.Litt. from :

- Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Guru Nanak University, Amritsar
- Delhi University, Delhi
- Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi
- University of Bologna, Italy
- University of Mysore, Mysore
- Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar (D.Sc)
- Kurukshetra University
- Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala (D.Sc)
- Nagarjuna University, Nagarjunanagar
- Osmania University, Hyderabad
- University of Roorkee, Roorkee (Doctor of Social Sciences)
- Doctor of Laws by the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University (formerly Agra University) - Doctor Letters degree
- Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad (Deemed University) D.Sc. (Honoris Causa)
- Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur

Work Experience and Positions Held

May 22, 2004 - till date:	Prime Minister of India
March 21, 1998 - May 22, 2004:	Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha (Council of States) Parliament of India
June, 2001:	Re-elected as member of Rajya Sabha for a Term of six years
August 1, 1996 - Dec 4, 1997:	Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, Rajya Sabha
June 21, 1991- May 15, 1996:	Finance Minister of India
June, 1995:	Re-elected Member of Rajya Sabha for a term of six years
September, 1991:	Elected Member of Rajya Sabha
March 1991-June 1991:	Chairman, University Grants Commission
Dec 1990 - March 1991:	Advisor to Prime Minister of India on Economic Affairs
August 1987 - Nov 1990:	Secretary General and Commissioner, South Commission
Jan 1985- July 1987:	Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission of India
Sept 1982 - Jan 1985:	Governor, Reserve Bank of India
April 1980 - Sept 1982:	Member - Secretary, Planning Commission, India
Nov.1976 - April 1980:	Secretary, Ministry of Finance Dept. of <i>Economic Affairs</i> , Government of India Member [Finance], Atomic Energy Commission, Govt. of India Member [Finance], Space Commission, Govt. of India
1972 - 1976:	Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of

	Finance, India
1971 - 1972:	Economic Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Trade, India
1969 - 1971:	Professor of International Trade, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, India
1966 - 1969:	UNCTAD, United Nations Secretariat, New York: Chief, Financing for Trade Section 1966 : Economic Affairs Officer
1957 - 1965 :	Panjab University, Chandigarh
1963-65:	Professor of Economics
1959-63 :	Reader in Economics
1957-59 :	Senior Lecturer in Economics

Other Assignments

Leader of the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Cyprus (1993)

Leader of the Indian delegation to the Human Rights World Conference, Vienna (1993)

Governor of India on the Board of Governors of the IMF and the International Bank of Reconstruction & Development (1991-95)

Appointed by Prime Minister of India as Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (1983-84)

Chairman, India Committee of the Indo-Japan; Joint Study Committee (1980-83)

- Leader, Indian Delegation to :

Indo-Soviet Monitoring Group Meeting (1982)

Indo-Soviet Joint Planning Group Meeting (1980-82)

Aid India Consortium Meetings (1977-79)

- Member Indian Delegation to :

South-South Consultation, New Delhi (1982)

Cancun Summit on North-South Issues (1981)

Aid-India Consortium Meetings, Paris (1973-79)

Annual Meetings of IMF, IBRD & Commonwealth Finance Ministers (1972-79)

Third Session of UNCTAD, Santiago (April-May 1972)

Meetings of UNCTAD Trade & Development Board, Geneva (May 1971 - July 1972)

Ministerial Meeting of Group of 77, Lima (Oct.1971)

- Deputy for India on IMF Committee of Twenty on International Monetary Reform (1972 - 74)
- Associate, Meetings of IMF Interim Committee and Joint Fund-Bank Development Committee (1976-80, 1982-85)
- Alternate Governor for India, Board of Governors of IBRD (1976-80)
- Alternate Governor for India, Board of Governors of the IMF (1982-85)
- Alternate Governor for India, Board of Governors, Asian Development Bank, Manila (1976-80)
- Director, Reserve Bank of India (1976-80)
- Director, Industrial Development Bank of India (1976-80)
- Participated in Commonwealth Prime Ministers Meeting, Kingston (1975)
- Represented Secretary-General UNCTAD at several inter-governmental meetings including :
Second Session of UNCTAD, 1968

Committee on Invisibles & Financing Related to Trade,
Consultant to UNCTAD, ESCAP and Commonwealth Secretariat

- *Member, International Organizations :*

Appointed as Member by the Secretary-General, United Nations of
a Group of Eminent Persons to advise him on Financing for
Development (December, 2000)

Publications

- (i) Author of book "India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth" [Clarendon Press, Oxford University, 1964]
- (ii) Have published a large number of articles in economic journals

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K. Natwar Singh

Minister for External Affairs

- Father's Name : Shri Govind Singhji
- Mother's Name : Shrimati Prayag Kaur
- Date of Birth : 16 May 1931
- Marital Status : Married
- Date of Marriage : 27 August 1967
- Spouse's Name : Shrimati Heminder Kumari
- Children : One Son
- Educational Qualifications : B. A.(Hons.) History. Educated at St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Delhi, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, U.K. and Peking University, Peking, China
- Profession : Diplomat, Writer and Political Worker
- Positions Held :**
- 1971-73 : Ambassador to Poland
- 1973-77 : Deputy High Commissioner to U.K
- 1977-80 : High Commissioner to Zambia
- 1980-82 : Ambassador to Pakistan
- 1982-84 : Director, Air India Board of Directors
- 1984-89 : Member, Eighth Lok Sabha
- 1985-86 : Union Minister of State, Department of Steel in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Coal, Union Minister of State, Department of Fertilizers in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Oct. 1986-Dec. 1989 : Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs
- March 1998-April 1999 : Member, Twelfth Lok Sabha, Member, Committee on External Affairs and its

- Sub-Committee-I, Member, Committee on Public Accounts, Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of External Affairs
- April 2002 : Elected to Rajya Sabha: Special Permanent Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of External Affairs
- April 2002 - May 2004 : Member, Committee on External Affairs
- May 23, 2004 : Appointed, External Affairs Minister

Books Published :

(i) E.M.Forster : A Tribute, New York, 1964, (ii) The Legacy of Nehru, New York, 1965, (iii) Tales from Modern India, New York, 1966, (iv) Stories from India, London, 1971, (v) Maharaja Suraj Mal (1707-63), London, 1981, (vi) Curtain Raisers, Delhi, 1984, (vii) Profiles & Letters, Delhi, 1997, (viii) The Magnificent Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala (1891-1938), Delhi, 1997 and (ix) Heart to Heart, Delhi, 2003.

Social and Cultural Activities, Literary, Artistic and Scientific Accomplishments and other Special Interests :

Reviews books for national and international newspapers and magazines; his writings and reviews have appeared in the New York Times, Saturday Review, Sunday Times, New Statesman and Financial Times (London), India Today, Frontline, Outlook, Sunday, Hindustan Times, Times of India, Indian Express, Telegraph and many Hindi dailies: Received, (i) Padma Bhushan, 1984 and (ii) E.M. Forster's Literary Award, 1989:

Good conversation followed by prolonged periods of reflective silence.

Sports, Clubs, Favourite Pastimes and Recreation :

Tennis, hockey, cricket, football and athletics in college days; Champion, (i) Delhi State Junior Tennis, 1949 and (ii) Delhi University Tennis, 1950-51; College Colours in tennis, hockey, football, cricket and athletics: President, (i) Delhi Gymkhana Club, 1984 and (ii) All India Tennis Association, 1988-92: Member, (i) The Garrick, (ii) The Royal Overseas League and (iii) Delhi Gymkhana Club: watching tennis, cricket: reading, writing, collecting books and reading them.

Countries Visited :

Widely travelled (over 100 countries) in connection with the diplomatic and other official assignments

Other Information :

Joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1953; during 31 years in the IFS, served in Peking, 1956-58, New York - with the Permanent Mission of India, 1961-66; India's representative to Executive Board of UNICEF, 1962-66; Rapporteur , (i) United Nations Committee of 24, 1963-66 and (ii) Fourth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, 1965; Member, (i) Prime Minister's Secretariat (Smt. Indira Gandhi) 1966-71, (ii) Indian delegation to the Heads of Commonwealth Meeting , Kingston, Jamaica, 1975 and (iii) Congress (I) since 1984 ; Indian Delegate to (i) 30th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York , (ii) Heads of Commonwealth Meeting, Lusaka, Zambia, 1979 and (iii) 35th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York ; and State visit of the late Prime Minister (Smt. Indira Gandhi) to USA, 1982; Executive Trustee , United Nations Institute for Training and Research (U.N.I.T.A.R.) appointed by the Secretary-General, United Nations, for six years (1981-86); served on Expert Group appointed by the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, London, 1982; Secretary-General , Seventh Non-aligned summit, New Delhi, 1983; Chief Coordinator, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) New Delhi, 1983; Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, March 1982 - November 1984; elected President, UN Conference on Disarmament and Development, New York, 1987; Leader, Indian delegation to the 42nd Session of the UN General Assembly; Secretary, Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund; Vice-Chairman, Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

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E. Ahamed**Minister of State for External Affairs**

- Father's Name : Late Shri Abdul Khader Haji
- Mother's Name : Late Smt. Nafeesa Beevi
- Date of Birth : 29 April 1938
- Place of Birth : Kannur (Kerala)
- Marital Status : Married
- Date of Marriage : 14 May 1961
- Spouse's Name : Late Smt. Zuhara Ahamed (Expired on 14/10/1999)
- Children : One daughter and Two sons
 Dr. Fouzia Shersad - Working in Dubai Medical College
 Dr. Babu Shersad, MCPA (Nephrology USA), (son-in-law) - Nephrologist in Dubai
 Mr. Ahamed Rayees MBA (UK) - General Manager Al Dastoor LLC, Oman
 President, Indian School, Al Ghubra
 Member, Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman
 Mr. Nazir Ahamed MBA (USA) - President, Logic Point Inc.
- Educational Qualifications : B.A., B.L.
 Educated at Government Brennen College, Tellicherry and Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
- Profession : Lawyer / Advocate
- Positions Held :
- 1967 onwards : Member, Kerala State Muslim League Working Committee

- 1967-91 : Member, Kerala Legislative Assembly (Five terms)
- 1981-83 : Chairman, Municipal Council, Kannur, Kerala
- 1982-87 : Cabinet Minister, Industry, Government of Kerala
- 1987-91 : Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances, Kerala Legislative Assembly
- 1991 : Elected to 10th Lok Sabha from Manjeri (First Term)
- 1992-94 : Member, Committee on Subordinate Legislation
- 1993-94 : Chairman, Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House
- 1993 onwards : Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism; Special Permanent Member, Consultative Committee on Ministry of External Affairs
- 1994-96 : Member, Committee on Public Undertakings; Member, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests
- 1995 onwards : National-Secretary, Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)
- 1996 : Re-elected to 11th Lok Sabha from Manjeri (2nd term)
- 1996-97 : Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances of Lok Sabha, Member, Standing Committee on Railways
- 1998 : Re-elected to 12th Lok Sabha (3rd term)

- 1998-99 : Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances of Lok Sabha, Member, Standing Committee on External Affairs, Member, Consultative Committee on Civil Aviation
- 1999 : Re-elected to 13th Lok Sabha from Manjeri (4th term) Chairman, Joint Committee on Food Management in Parliament House Complex, Member, Standing Committee on External Affairs, Member, Consultative Committee on Civil Aviation, Member, Committee on Government Assurances, Member, Committee on Provision of Computers to Members of Parliament
- 2003 : Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee on Pesticide residues in safety standards for soft drinks, fruit juice and other beverages. Member, Central Haj Committee, Member, Executive Council, Aligarh Muslim University
- May 2004 : Elected to 14th Lok Sabha from Ponnani (5th term)
- May 23, 2004 : Appointed Minister of State for External Affairs

Books Published

- (i) 'One Foreign Journey and Numerous Memories'
- (ii) 'A Story of Renaissance of Indian Muslims' (in Malayalam)
- (iii) 'The Leaders I know' (Malayalam)

Literary, Artistic and Scientific Accomplishments

Executive Director, Chandrika Daily and Weekly, contributes articles to journals

Social and Cultural Activities

Associated with several educational, cultural and social institutions

Special Interests

Promotion of education, establishing schools and institutions

Favourite Pastime and Recreation

Reading, writing and music

Sports and Clubs

Football and cricket

Special Accomplishments

Led a high-level trade delegation of Government of India to Gulf Countries in 1984. Served as Special Emissary of the then Prime Minister Late Smt. Indira Gandhi and met Heads of States of the Gulf Countries.

Indian Representative in the UN General Assembly for six years consecutively from 1992-97.

Leader of the fact finding team on Mina Fire Tragedy, Saudi Arabia in 1997.

Member of Indian Delegation to World Social Summit Copenhagen, 1995.

Member, Indian Parliamentary Delegations to various countries, 1994-2001.

Represented Indian Parliament in Commonwealth Parliamentary Joint Colloquium at Buckinghamshire, UK, in 1998 Member of the Indian delegation to World Parliamentary Conference, Amman, Jordan in 2000. Widely traveled. Other Information

- (i) General Secretary Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)
- (ii) Member, Kerala State Muslim League Secretariat
- (iii) President, Kannur District Muslim League Committee, Kerala
- (iv) President, Muslim Educational Foundation
- (v) Member, Board of the Medical College, Periyaram, Kerala
- (vi) Member, Central Haj Committee
- (vii) Chairman, Calicut Airport Advisory Committee
- (viii) Member, Kerala State WAKF Board
- (ix) President, Kannur Deenul Islam Sabha Regd, Kerala
- (x) Member, Managing Committee, MEA Engineering College, Perinthalmanna, Kerala

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Rao Inderjit Singh Minister of State for External Affairs

- Age : 54 Years
- Father's Name : Rao Birender Singh
Ex-Chief Minister, Haryana Ex-Union Minister for:
1) Food, 2) Agriculture, 3) Irrigation, 4) Rural
Development & Civil Supplies
- Marital Status : Married
- Spouse's Name : Smt. Manita Singh
- Children : Two daughters - Ms. Aarti and Ms. Bharati
- Education : B.A.(Hons.) LL.B.
i) School: Lawrence School, Sanawar, Simla
Hills, (H.P)
ii) B.A.(Hons.): Hindu College, University of
Delhi
iii) LL.B: Law Faculty, University of Delhi
- Political Career : Elected to the Haryana Vidhan Sabha as MLA
for the first time in 1977 on the Vishal Haryana
Party(VHP) ticket.

Spent 19 years in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.
Elected 4 times to the Haryana Vidhan Sabha in
1977, 1982, 1991 and 2001.

Elected to the 12th Lok Sabha in 1998. Minister
of State (Independent Charge) in Bansi Lal's
Congress Government in Haryana from 1986-87
holding charge of the portfolio of Food and Civil
Supplies. Cabinet Minister in Bhajan Lal's
Congress Government in Haryana from 1991-
1996 holding charge of the portfolios of
Environment and Forests and Medical and
Technical Education.

Member, Committee on Science & Technology,
Environment and Forests(1998-99).

- Elected to the 14th Lok Sabha from Mahendragarh constituency in Haryana, after having defeated the nearest opposition candidate from BJP by a margin of over 2,10,000 votes.
- Sports and Clubs : Member of the Delhi Gymkhana Club, Noida Golf Club,
Kasauli Club. Member of national shooting team for 10 years.
Remained national champion in the 'skeet' shooting discipline for three years running.
Bronze medal winner in the Commonwealth Shooting Championships.
Winner of three gold medals in SAF games. Interested in Golf, Swimming and Tennis.
- Social & Cultural activities : Providing educational facilities in rural areas.
- Favourite Pastime and Recreation : Angling; exploring nature in natural surroundings; reading.
- Countries visited : Widely travelled in Europe, Southeast Asia, Middle-East, America and Canada.
- Other information : Joined Youth Congress in 1978 and Member, All India Congress Committee since 1991.

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