

Pradeep K. Kapur
Ambassador of India to Chile

Pradeep Kumar Kapur, a career diplomat of the Indian Foreign Service, is well-known for his deep interest in theory and practice of political, economic, and cultural diplomacy.

He has worked in diverse areas in the Ministry of External affairs and in the Ministry of Commerce of the Government of India.

He has also made significant contributions in expanding the scope and content of India's external relations during his postings in the Indian Embassies/ High Commissions in Spain, Tanzania, France, Nepal and Cambodia.

During his tenure as Ambassador of India to Cambodia, Kapur took up the famous but extremely difficult site for restoration of the Prohm Temple monument in Angkor, as a test case of cultural diplomacy between India and Cambodia. He has also written a book on *Ta Prohm: A Glorious Era in Angkor Civilization* with Prof. S. Sahai (2007); and he has co-edited the book, *India of My Dreams* (2008).

He has been posted as Ambassador of India to Chile since January 2009.

An alumnae of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi from where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree (1977) and Master's Degree in Systems and Management (1979), Kapur carried out post graduate studies at Oxford University and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi in the area of Technology Transfer and Development Diplomacy (1985 – 1986). As a faculty member of Georgetown University, USA lectured on Third World Diplomacy (1991 – 1992).

Kapur is the author of many articles in various journals, books, and other publications. He enjoys reading and music. He has been an avid trekker and has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, and also gone on the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra trekking in the mountains in Tibet. His mother tongue is Punjabi and among foreign languages he speaks French and Spanish.

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