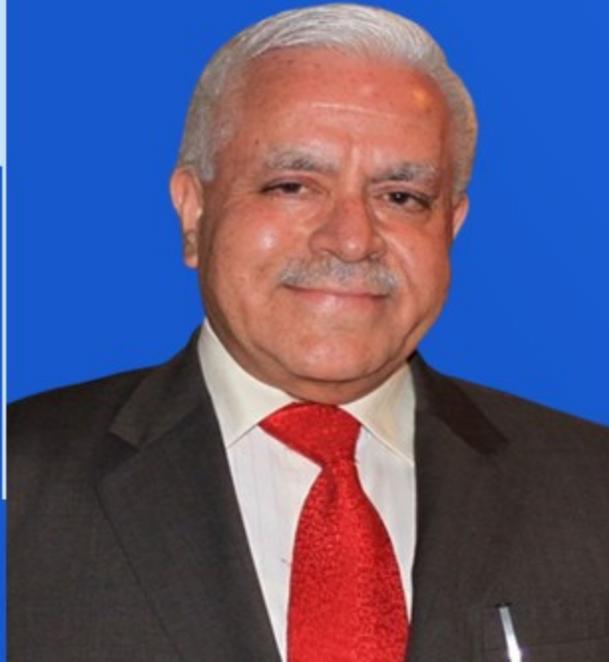


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**“Evolution of India–US Relations: From Trade to Security”
Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar (IFS Retd.)**

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Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar is a distinguished former diplomat of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) with over three decades of service in international diplomacy and foreign policy. During his career, he served as Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden, and Latvia, and held senior assignments in Indian missions in Washington D.C., Brussels, Moscow, Geneva, Tehran, Dhaka, and Bangkok.

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