

Brief particulars of Dr. T C A Raghavan

T C A Raghavan retired from the Indian Foreign Service in December 2015 while Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan (2013-15). He had earlier served as Deputy High Commissioner in Pakistan (2003-2007) and High Commissioner to Singapore from 2009 to 2013.

During his last posting in New Delhi (2007-09) in the Ministry of External Affairs Raghavan was Joint Secretary dealing with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran. He has also served in Kuwait, the United Kingdom, and Bhutan. Posts earlier held in the Ministry of External Affairs include Director of the Office of the External Affairs Minister (2000-2003).

He was awarded a PhD by the Jawaharlal Nehru University in 1992 for his dissertation relating to the economic history of India.

His current interests are historical research, strategic analysis and the diplomatic and intellectual history of modern India. He writes, lectures and participates in discussions on issues relating to Indian and South Asian diplomatic history, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and South East Asia.

His first book was published in January 2017: *Attendant Lords, Bairam Khan and Abdur Rahim- Courtiers and Poets in Mughal India*. It was awarded the Mohammad Habib Memorial Prize by the Indian History Congress in December 2017.

His latest book was published recently and is entitled *'The People Next Door- The Curious History of India's relations with Pakistan'*. (Harper Collins, 2017)

He assumed charge as Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs on 24th July, 2018.
