

Jawed Ashraf

Chairman, Indian Trade Promotion Organisation

Ambassador Jawed Ashraf is the Chairman of Indian Trade Promotion Organisation, a Government of India enterprise for external trade development and promotion, since December 2025.

After a brief career in the private sector, he was a member of the Indian Foreign Service from 1991 to December 2024. He was India's Ambassador to France and Monaco from July 2020 until 31 December 2024 and High Commissioner to Singapore from 2016 to July 2020.

Other diplomatic assignments included Minister for Political Affairs in Washington DC. and senior positions in Kathmandu, Berlin and Frankfurt.

He served in a senior staff role as Joint Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi from 2012 to 2015 with responsibilities for foreign policy, defence, national security council, space and atomic energy, and speech writing and public communication in these areas.

He had earlier served for several years in the Americas Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, including as Joint Secretary (Head of Division) from 2010-12.

He frequently writes and speaks, including in print and television media, on foreign policy, defence and strategic affairs and economic issues.

He studied economics at Bachelor's level in St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, and management at Master's level at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.