



Public Affairs Forum of India



Session 2 - Securing India's Road to Growth

Thursday, October 26, 2023

1105 - 1155 Hrs

Panel



Raj Chengappa
Group Editorial Director
India Today Group

Raj Chengappa is a veteran journalist of over 40 years' standing. He is currently the Group Editorial Director (Publishing) of the India Today Group, Asia's leading media house with interests in publishing, television, radio and the web. India Today, its flagship weekly news magazine (Raj is the Editor) has a combined readership of 16 million for its English and Hindi editions. The Group's Hindi TV Channel Aaj Tak is the number one news channel as is its English channel, India Today TV. In addition its digital news platforms are leading news purveyors to the country.

Prior to his current assignment, Raj was Editor-in-Chief of The Tribune Group of Newspapers, one of India's oldest and most respected publications. Before joining The Tribune, Raj was Managing Editor of India Today and worked there for 29 years handling every major section. Raj has varied interests and is a specialist in political analysis, foreign affairs, security, nuclear weapons, the environment and development. He chronicled India's nuclear weapons history in his best-selling book 'Weapons of Peace, The Secret Story of India's quest to be a Nuclear Power.'

He has covered major international events and wars and interviewed prominent domestic and international leaders. He has twice interviewed Prime Minister Narendra Modi since he took charge in May 2014. He had also interviewed Dr

Manmohan Singh as Prime Minister soon after he concluded the Indo-US nuclear deal. Among the international leaders he has interviewed is French Prime Minister Emmanuel Macron, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Afghan President Mr Hamid Karzai and Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

An award-winning journalist, Raj was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1991-92, a Stimson Centre Fellow on Security Affairs in Washington DC in 1995 and a Harry Brittain Fellow (partly at London and Oxford University) in 1985.