

JITENDRA NATH MISRA

Dr. Jitendra Nath Misra retired from the Indian Foreign Service in 2016 as a Grade I officer, equivalent in rank to a secretary to the Government of India, after a 34 years' career beginning in 1982. He has served as India's ambassador to Portugal and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and as India's consul general in Ho Chi Minh City. He is an advisor on Sports to the Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, and a visiting professor at the Centre for West Asian Studies, *Jamia Millia Islamia*. He is the vice president of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.

Misra is the rare diplomat with overlapping skills and experience: as a foreign affairs practitioner, as an academic with publications and teaching experience, as a university administrator by dint of heading the Nalanda University project in the Ministry of External Affairs, as an editor, and as a columnist, broadcaster and sports administrator. He has lived in or travelled to 34 countries, and has worked in 11. With vast international experience, he has the interpersonal skills to work in a multi-cultural and multi-national environment.

Being a scholar diplomat, Misra believes in the pursuit of scholastic and professional excellence within a liberal arts framework, and a celebration of diversity in a globalizing world. He has the necessary leadership ability, administrative and financial experience, political judgment, written and oral expression, and training to deliver the image of a rising India to the wider international community. He remains deeply committed to India, but also to the wider world.

Misra was educated at the prestigious Mayo College and St. Stephen's College, from where he obtained a B.A. (Honours) in History. He has M. Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in International Politics (Area Studies/ South Asia), as well as an M.A. in International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has diplomas in Arabic from the University of Delhi and the American University in Cairo. He has a diploma in Vietnamese from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City. Misra speaks fluent English, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Bengali and Odia, and basic Vietnamese and Portuguese.

Misra's outstanding academic career won him a grant as the Starr Foundation Associate at Georgetown University; the University Freeship, the Junior Research Fellowship and the Merit Cum Means Scholarship at Jawaharlal Nehru University; the National Scholarship at Delhi University and the Odisha Government Scholarship at Mayo College.

Misra has two commendations from the Government of India for meritorious public service. Apart from being an Honorary Citizen and Goodwill Ambassador of the City of Houston, Texas, he has the Medal of Ho Chi Minh City, and is a Distinguished Citizen of the City. He has the Keys to the Cities of Amarillo, Texas; Shreveport, Louisiana and Galveston, Texas. Misra was awarded the Chief of Army Staff's Gold Medal for the Best National Security Essay.

Misra takes keen interest in sports. He was the *Attache* for the Indian contingent at the Manchester Commonwealth Games 2002. He was a member of the Tournament Committee, Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018 and FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019, and a member of the Organising Committee, 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships. He was the winner of the Diplomatic Tennis Tournament in Israel, and a member of the Commonwealth cricket team in the U.K. He pioneered amateur

field hockey in Israel. Misra is an editorial adviser to Nehru Hockey Publications, and has written extensively on field hockey and Olympic sports.

AWARDS

Chief of Army Staff's Gold Medal for the Best National Security Essay, November, 1982

Honorary Citizen and Goodwill Ambassador of the City of Houston, Texas, July 17, 1998

Medal of Ho Chi Minh City and Distinguished Citizen of the City, March 29, 2010

MENTOR/ SELECTION COMMITTEES/ CHAIR/ MODERATOR

Southern Naval Command, Association of South East Asian Nations, Chairman of ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on *Cooperative Maritime Security*, Kochi, India, 2005

External Expert on Selection Committees for recruitment of staff to Nalanda University, New Delhi, 2016

Guest of Honour and Mentor at Indian International Model United Nations, Kanpur Chapter, December 24, 2016

Guest of Honour and Mentor at Indian International Model United Nations, Aurangabad Chapter, January 25- 28, 2017

Chair of the session, *Enablers of Blue Economy*, at the conference, *The Blue Economy: Concept, Constituents and Development*, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, February 10, 2017

Chair of the session, *Sports in India: Untapped Potential*, One Globe Forum 2017, Salwan Media Ventures, New Delhi, February 11, 2017

Mentor and Member of the Interview Board for Civil Service Candidates, Hamdard Study Circle, New Delhi, March 19, 2017; April 1, 2017; April 15, 2017; April 20, 2017; May 14, 2017; September 9, 2017; September 10, 2017; September 16, 2017; September 17, 2017, February 5, 2018; February 16, 2018, February 17, 2018, February 25, 2018, March 4, 2018; March 10, 2018; March 15, 2018; March 25, 2018; April 7, 2018; September 16, 2018; September 17, 2018; September 18, 2018, September 20, 2018, January 19, 2019; January 31, 2019; February 13, 2019; February 24, 2019; March 6, 2019; March 11, 2019; March 16, 2019

Guest of Honour and Mentor at Indian International Model United Nations Championship Conference 2017, Aamby Valley City, August 24- 27, 2017

Guest of Honour and Mentor at Indian International Model United Nations, Guwahati Chapter, January 27- 29, 2018

Chair of the session, *India's Olympics Ambitions: Turning Dreams into Reality*, One Globe Forum 2018, Salwan Media Ventures, New Delhi, February 10, 2018

Guest of Honour at the Mayo College Girls School Model United Nations Conference, Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer, April 23, 2018

Guest of Honour and Mentor at Indian International Model United Nations Championship Conference 2018, Mumbai, August 10- 13, 2018

Moderator of the Session, *World Cup 2018, Playing Nostradamus*, Ekamra Sports Literary Festival, Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha and Emerging Sports, Bhubaneswar, November 2- 3, 2018

Chair of the Session, *Creating Sports Excellence in India: A Perspective from Odisha*, One Globe Forum 2019, Salwan Media Ventures, New Delhi, February 2, 2019

Guest of Honour at the International Seminar, *Changing Geo- Political Architecture of West Asia and North Africa: Implications for India*, Speech on *Strategic Issues in India's Foreign Policy*," Department of West Asian and North African Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, February 5- 7- 2019

DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS

Ambassador of India to Portugal, Lisbon, (January, 2014 – April, 2016)

Additional Secretary with responsibility for the Nalanda University project, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (May, 2013- January, 2014)

Joint Secretary with responsibility for the Nalanda University project, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (September, 2011- April, 2013)

Ambassador of India to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Vientiane, (April, 2010- August, 2011)

Consul General of India, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (December, 2006- April, 2010)

Joint Secretary for Policy and International Cooperation, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi (August, 2005- December, 2006)

Director/ Joint Secretary on Assignment with Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (September, 2004- July, 2005)

Counselor for Political Affairs, High Commission of India, London, the U.K. (September, 2001- August, 2004)

Counselor for Political Affairs, Embassy of India, Tel Aviv, Israel (February, 1999- August, 2001)

Acting Consul General and Deputy Consul General, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. (July, 1995- December, 1998)

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (April, 1993- July, 1995)

First Secretary, High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh (February, 1990- April, 1993)

Second Secretary/ First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tripoli, Libya (October, 1986- November, 1989)

Third Secretary, Embassy of India, Cairo, Egypt (September, 1984- August, 1986)

Probationer on Training, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (August, 1982- August, 1984)

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Advisor, Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar (July, 2018-)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Member, Academic Advisory Council, India's International Movement to Unite Nations (2018- 2020)

Member, Organising Committee, 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships, Cuttack (July 17- 22, 2019)

Member, Tournament Committee, FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019, Bhubaneswar (June 6- 15, 2019)

Member, Tournament Committee, Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018 (November 28, 2018- December 16- 2018)

Member, Management Committee, Lotus Valley International School NOIDA Extension (November, 2017-)

Member, Board of Advisors, Centre for Asian Studies, Bhubaneswar (2013-)

POSITIONS ON ELECTED BODIES

Member, Working Committee, Mayo College Alumni Association Delhi (September, 2018-)

Vice President, Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, (July, 2017-)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, *Jamia Millia Islamia* (2018- 2019 and 2019- 2020)

Visiting Professor, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, *Jamia Millia Islamia* (2018- 2019)

Visiting Professor, *Faculdade De Letras* (Faculty of Letters), University of Lisbon (2017- 2018)

Visiting Professor, University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (2016- 2017)

Associate Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., (2004- 2005)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, *Jamia Millia Islamia*, New Delhi (1979- 1980)

OTHER ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Jitendra Nath Misra has devised and taught courses on South Asia at the Masters and Bachelors levels in:

- *Jamia Millia Islamia* (National Muslim University), New Delhi (2018- 2019)
- University of Lisbon (2017- 2018)
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (2016- 2017)
- University of Lisbon (2015- 2016)
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (2009- 2010)
- Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (2004- 2005)
- *Jamia Millia Islamia* (National Muslim University), New Delhi (1979- 1980)

Misra has a book (forthcoming), journal articles, a book chapter, a translation and about 110 op- ed publications. These include:

Monographs/ Books:

- ***Power, Politics and Field Hockey***, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K., (under contract/ forthcoming)

Journal Articles:

- The Partition Notebooks- A Review Essay (*Nação e Defesa* ((Nation and Defence), No 150, October, 2018, Portugal)
- Modi's India in the Global Pecking Order (*Nação e Defesa* ((Nation and Defence), No. 144, October 2016, Portugal)
- A Reviving Continent? (*Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 38, No. 3, May- June 2014, India)
- In Southeast Asia's Spiritual Lair (*Marg Asia*, Vol. 1, Issue 1, Autumn 2013, India)
- The Civilization of Extremes (*India Review*, Vol. 10, No. 1, January- March 2011, U.S.A.)
- Complex India (*India Review*, Vol. 6, No. 4, October- December 2007, U.S.A.)
- Paradoxical Pakistan (*World Policy Journal*, Vol. 22, No. 2, Summer 2005, U.S.A.)
- Military Regimes in Pakistan and Bangladesh: Strategies of Sustenance and Survival (*India Quarterly*, Vol. 37, No. 4, October- December 1981, India)
- Military Intervention in Bangladesh (1975) and Pakistan (1977) (*IDSJ Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 2, October- December 1981, India)
- The System Theory of International Politics (*School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education*, October 1979, India)
- Bhutto: A Political Portrait (*Gandhi Marg*, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1979, India)
- Bases of India's Foreign Policy (*School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education*, February 1979, India)

Book Chapters:

- Laos Anubhuti (Experience of Laos) (*Ekanta Asia* (Solitary Asia), Sangram Jena (Ed), Pandulipi, Cuttack, 2012, India)

Translations:

- Kondhamal (*Indian Literature*, No. 287, May- June 2015, India)

Misra contributes columns to magazines, the print media and the electronic media in three countries, including *Outlook*, *Filmfare*, *Indian Express*, *The Tribune*, *The Pioneer*, *The Statesman*, *The New Indian Express*, *The Political and Business Daily*, *Firstpost.com*, *Foreignpolicy.org.in*, *The Citizen*, *Uday India*, *Nishant* and *Surge International* (India), *The Nation* (Thailand) and *Thanh Nien Daily* (Vietnam).

Misra has been a radio and television broadcaster:

In India

All India Radio

Yuva Vani

- Roving Microphone
- In the Groove
- Play It Cool
- Quiz

General Overseas Service

- Announcer
- Cultural Survey
- Quiz Time

Doordarshan

- Short play

DD Sports

- A two- part interview on field hockey by Anupam Gulati (2013)

TV News World Odisha

- Live coverage of Hockey Men's Asia Cup 2017 from Dhaka, Bangladesh (2017)

In Portugal

Sic Noticias

- Interview with Nino Rogeiro and Martin Cabral on India's General Elections 2014 (May 25, 2014)

Federacao Portuguesa de Hoquei (Portuguese Hockey Federation)

- Interview During Euro Hockey U- 21 Men's Tournament Second Division, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=017T5e_0P6o, August, 2014

Misra has delivered lectures at over 50 universities and think tanks globally, including:

India

- Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1990
- Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, 2005
- The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar, 2008
- The Army War College, Mhow, 2009
- The Centre for the Study of Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh: *India's Look East Policy*, Chandigarh, 2009

- The College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, 2010
- The Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, 2012
- The C. V. Raman Institute, Bhubaneswar, 2012
- The Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, 2012
- Indian International Model United Nations, Kanpur Chapter, Keynote Speaker, December 24, 2016
- Indian International Model United Nations, Aurangabad Chapter, Keynote Speaker, January 25- 28, 2017
- Central University of Jharkhand, *Continuity and Change in India's Foreign Policy*, (Under *Distinguished Lectures*, sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi), Ranchi, January 31, 2017
- Naval War College, *The Foreign Policy of the Modi Government: Continuity or Change?*, Goa, March 8, 2017
- Central University of Odisha, *The Role of Soft Power in India's Foreign Policy*, Koraput, Odisha, March 23, 2017
- Centre for Asian Studies, *India's Shift from Balancer to Leader: The Case of Acting East*, Bhubaneswar, August 10, 2017
- Goa University, *Coming Together: India and Portugal in the Twenty First Century*, Goa, August 21, 2017
- Indian International Model United Nations Championship Conference 2017, Aamby Valley City, Keynote Speaker, August 24- 27, 2017
- Christ University, *Narendra Modi's India*, Bengaluru, September 13, 2017
- Korangi College of Pharmacy, Kakinada, January 2, 2018
- PYDAH College of Engineering, Kakinada, January 3, 2018
- Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajahmundry, January 4, 2018
- Indian International Model United Nations Guwahati Chapter, Keynote Speaker, *The Foreign Policy of the Modi Government*, Guwahati, January 27, 2018
- Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for West Asian Studies, *Libya: Past to Present*, New Delhi, February 1, 2018
- *South Asia: Evolving Geopolitics and Security Issues*, One Globe Forum 2018, Salwan Media Ventures, New Delhi, February 9, 2018
- Indian International Model United Nations Championship Conference 2018, Mumbai, Mentor, August 10- 13, 2018
- Pathways World School Aravali, VIII PWS Model United Nations Conference, Keynote Speaker on *Prosper or Suffer: Manipulation in a Greedy World*, Gurgaon, September 28, 2018
- Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) (Under *Distinguished Lectures*, sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi), *Strategic Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy*, Dhanbad, October 31, 2018
- University of Nagaland (Under *Distinguished Lectures*, sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi), *From Looking East to Acting East*, Lumami, November 22, 2018
- Ministry of External Affairs, Foreign Service Institute, *India- Pakistan Sports Diplomacy*, New Delhi, December 18, 2018
- India's International Movement to Unite Nations Championship Conference 2019, Mumbai, Mentor, January 24- 27, 2019

- Aligarh Muslim University, Department of West Asian and North African Studies, International Seminar, *Changing Geo- Political Architecture of West Asia and North Africa: Implications for India*, Speech in the Special Session on *Libya: Then and Now*, Aligarh, February 5- 7- 2019
- Central University of Rajasthan (Under *Distinguished Lectures*, sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi), *India's Foreign Policy: A Practitioner's Perspective*, Ajmer, April 2, 2019

U.S.A.

- Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Key Global Issues Seminar, *South Asia: Focus on India and Pakistan*, Washington, D.C., September 21, 2004
- George Washington University, The Student Alliance for Israel, *Celebrating Democracy in India, Israel and the United States*, Washington, D.C., September, 2004
- The Brookings Institution, *Gazing at America: The View from South Asia*, Washington, D.C., April 27, 2005
- The United States Department of State Foreign Service Institute, Washington, D.C., 2005

U.K.

- International Institute for Strategic Studies, *India and the U.S.: A Strategic Partnership?* London, September 29, 2005

Australia

- Monash University, *India- Vietnam Relations*, Melbourne, July, 2008

Portugal

- University of Lisbon, 2014
- Evora University, 2014
- National Defence Institute, *India's Foreign Policy Towards Asia*, Lisbon, February 18, 2014
- National Defence Institute, Lisbon, 2015
- The Joint Command and Staff College, Lisbon, 2015
- *Fundacao Oriente* (The Orient Foundation), Lisbon, 2015
- The South Asia Forum, *Modi's India: Elections, Expectations, Endeavours*, Lisbon, August 27, 2015
- National Defence Institute, *Prime Minister Modi's Foreign Policy*, at a conference on India, Lisbon, November 24, 2015
- National Defence Institute, Workshop, *Coming Together: Portugal and India in the Twenty First Century*, Lisbon, October 24, 2018

Vietnam

- University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, 2009
- Da Nang University, Da Nang City, 2009
- Tra Vinh University, Tra Vinh City, 2009
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign Languages and Information Technology, Ho Chi Minh City, 2009
- An Giang University, An Giang City, 2009

- University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, Public Lecture on *India's Foreign Policy Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi*, Ho Chi Minh City, October, 2016
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign Languages and Information Technology, Public Lecture on *India's Foreign Policy Under the Narendra Modi Government*, Ho Chi Minh City, December 15, 2016
- Vietnam National University- Ho Chi Minh City- International University, Public Lecture on *India's Foreign Policy*, Ho Chi Minh City, December 15, 2016
- The University of Social Sciences and Humanities- Vietnam National University, International Workshop on *Vietnam-Thailand: Building the Strengthened Strategic Partnership in the Era of Global Integration and Regional Connections*, Ho Chi Minh City, December 16, 2016

Colombia

- The Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Lecture on *Soft Power in India's Foreign Policy*, Bogota, June 8, 2018

Lao People's Democratic Republic

- The Institute of Foreign Affairs, Vientiane, 2011
- Savannakhet University, Savannakhet, 2011

He has spoken at numerous schools in India and abroad, including Mayo College, Ajmer; International School Ho Chi Minh City and KIIT International School, Bhubaneswar.

COUNTRIES VISITED AND LIVED IN

Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Libya, Malaysia, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Syria, Thailand, The Russian Federation, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam.

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