

Ambassador (Rtd.) K. Gajendra Singh- Bio-data /Resume

Gajendra Singh, born on 4 April, 1938 at Bhiwani (India) did his schooling and 2 year Intermediate course at Vaish College, Bhiwani in 1954. After graduating in electrical engineering from Banaras Engineering College, Varanasi in 1958, he taught at Thapar Institute of Technology, Patiala from August, 1958 till he joined the Indian Foreign Service in June, 1961. He was also selected for the Railway Engineering Services.

After training in India he was posted in December, 1962, as Third Secretary at Indian Embassy, Cairo, to learn Arabic. He was promoted as Second Secretary /Assistant Press Attaché in 1963. He was then posted to Indian Embassy, Algiers in 1964 and returned to India as Under Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in December, 1964.

After postings as First Secretary and Counsellor at Indian Embassies at Ankara (1969-73) and Paris (1973-75) respectively, he was posted to MEA in 1975, where he held the posts of Director/ Joint Secretary, apart from spending 1976 at the National Defense College, New Delhi.

He was posted as Ambassador to Dakar (Senegal) in December, 1978, with concurrent accreditation to Mali, Gambia, Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau. In 1981 he was transferred to Romania as Ambassador. He was posted back to Delhi in 1984. He was on deputation as Chairman Managing cum Director of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Delhi in 1985 and 1986. During 1987-89 he established the Foreign Service Institute to train and upgrade Indian and foreign diplomats.

While posted as Ambassador to Amman (Jordan), he organized the massive evacuation by air of nearly 140,000 Indian nationals who had come to Amman from Kuwait. His final posting was as Ambassador to Ankara, Turkey, with concurrent accreditation to Baku (Azerbaijan) as the first Indian Ambassador.

Post retirement Experience -Brief Details;

After retiring in 1996 Gajendra Singh stayed on at Ankara and became a freelance journalist. He shifted to Bucharest in early 1998.

Scores of his articles have appeared in India in major English language newspapers (and in a dozen major regional newspapers in India as a syndicated writer), like Hindustan Times, Asian Age, Pioneer in Delhi, Telegraph, Calcutta etc., and abroad in Dubai- Khaleej Times, Gulf Today, Beirut –Daily Star, and Ankara; Turkish daily News , Cumhuriyet, Zaman, etc.

Since August 2002 he has written nearly 250 in depth articles mostly for online media, including 60 for Asia Times on line, Hong Kong and others for South Asian Analysis Group, a New Delhi think tank and Al Jazeera.info, Informationclearinghouse.info, Modern Writers website, Boloji.com, Uruknet.com based in Italy. His articles are used by diplomat and defense training institutes in

India, Turkey and Bucharest and by many diplomats, professors, journalists and business consultants in USA and elsewhere.

His articles have been quoted/ copied/ hosted from a few score to 100 websites. These include in USA left-wing web sites like the Z-mag, Salon.com, right-wing web sites like Free Republic, universities like New York, Columbia, California, Colorado, Utah, Brandeis, think tanks, anti war and alternate websites and news papers like CSM and in other western countries, London Economist regularly (country briefing) and Kurdish, Armenian, Greek and Serbian websites, and in Israel, Turkey, Central, South and East Asia, Africa including most of the Islamic world from Kyrgyzstan to Nigeria and Indonesia to Morocco.

Asia Times articles have been published in the Chinese edition. His articles have been translated into a dozen languages; Italian, German, French, Spanish, Greek, Danish, Russian, Arabic, Turkish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Bhasa Indonesia etc. (and 10 Indian regional languages).

Apart from English and a few Indian languages, Singh also knows French, Turkish and Arabic. His article "Contribution of Turkic Languages in the Evolution and Development of Hindustani Languages" printed and hosted by many websites is considered pioneering research.

Singh has delivered lectures on Turkey, Caspian basin, Eurasia, Middle East, Military in Politics, Pakistan, Globalisation and Balkans, etc. at India International Centre, Institute of Defence and Strategic Analyses, Foreign Service Institute, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Indian Council of World affairs, India Habitat Centre, Rotary Clubs etc in New Delhi and at universities of Aligarh, Banaras, Kurukshetra and Rohtak, Ahmedabad Management Association, College of Military Engineering Pooana, School of Artillery, Deolali, etc., also at the universities of Bukhara, Samarkand, Tashkent, Andijan, etc. in 1998 and at cultural centres in Berlin and Bucharest. He has also been an expert commentator on Middle East, Turkey, Islam for Indian Star News and Sahara TV programs when in Delhi. He has also appeared on Romania and Slovenia TV channels.

BBC Hindi service interviewed him in Bucharest regularly since 2003 for its Radio news broadcasts on the areas mentioned above.

He is on the Editorial Board of The Atlantic Journal of World Affairs, Delhi and was Editorial adviser with Eurasia Geopolitics website of Eurasia Research Center in California.

Amb Singh is Chairman of Foundation for Indo-Turkic Studies, Bucharest and Delhi
