



### **Profile of Shri Sanjay Verma, IFS (Retd.)**

Shri Sanjay Verma was sworn in as a Member of the UPSC on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.

He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1990. Professional experience includes – Bilateral relations with countries across Asia, Africa and Europe; Multilateral (UN, NAM, G77 and the Commonwealth); Economic and Commercial work; Media and Public Diplomacy; Diaspora relations; HADR responsibilities (*Operation Rahat* in Yemen, *Op. Ganga* in Ukraine and *Op. Dost* in Turkiye).

Designated Assignments: Secretary (West), Chief of Protocol, JS (Energy Security), OSD (Press Relations) and DS (China).

Ambassador to Spain, Andorra and the UNWTO; Ambassador to Ethiopia, Djibouti and the African Union; Consul General (Dubai). Held positions in Indian Missions/Posts in Beijing, Kathmandu, Manila and Hong Kong.

Studied at Mumbai's Wilson College, Jai Hind College (Economics Major), and JNU (M.A) in International Studies. Awarded the Dorabji Tata Scholarship and a UGC Fellowship in International Studies.

Partial to Reading/Podcasts, Music, Popular culture and Films. Collector of First Edition Books, Bollywood memorabilia and affordable thematic art. Played University - level hockey in Mumbai.

Married to Ms. Sangeeta Matta and they have a daughter.