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INDIA'S NEW ENVOY TO CANADA

Shri Asok Balkrishna Bhadkamkar, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, has been appointed as High Commissioner for India to Canada, in succession to Shri Jayanto Nath Chaudhuri. He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

Brief Biographical Note

Born in 1921, Shri Bhadkamkar joined Indian Foreign Service in March 1947 after serving for three years in the Navy. After a brief period of training, Shri Bhadkamkar served in different capacities in the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad including Karachi, Washington, Peking and London. In 1960 he was appointed Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of India to the U.N. at New York. Later, he served as Chairman of the ICSC, Laos, from January 1964 to May 1966. He was posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs in July 1966 and has been in-charge of the External Publicity Division since December, 1968.

Apart from Marathi and Hindi, Shri Bhadkamkar knows Spanish, Portuguese, French and Russian.

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