

INDIA

Name:

H. E. Dr. Neena Malhotra

Present Position:

Ambassador of India and PR since 5th September 2020

Main previous positions:

Additional Secretary (Indo-Pacific) and Joint Secretary (Africa)

At the headquarters of the MEA, Dr. Malhotra has served in various Divisions including the Americas, BSM, South East Asia & Pacific and External Publicity. As regards foreign assignments, she has served in Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO in Paris and CGI, New York.

Dr. Malhotra has been Head of the Divisions of Passport, Visas (PV), E governance & Information Technology (EG&IT), South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and East & Southern Africa (E&SA). In addition to bilateral relations with countries of Eastern and Southern Africa, she was in charge of relations with African Union (AU), African RECs, India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) matters including training programs and all-Africa policy matters.

Prior to her current assignment as Ambassador of India to Italy, San Marino and UN Organizations in Rome, Dr. Malhotra was serving as Additional Secretary (Indo-Pacific) covering Indo-Pacific, Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and Southern Divisions of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Dr. Malhotra holds a Ph.D degree from the

Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. Prior to joining the IFS, Dr. Malhotra was selected as a scientist (S1) on the basis of Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Examination conducted at all-India level. She has studied French language from *Institut Catholique* and Sorbonne University of Paris and done short term certificate courses from International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg and The New School, New York.

September 2020 to till date

Ambassador of India to Italy and Permanent Representative to the UN Organisations (FAO, WFP and IFAD)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Served in the Permanent Delegation of India to the UNESCO in Paris