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This one-on-one interaction with H.E. Dr Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of Argentina to India, will focus on the future of India-Argentina bilateral relations and their common interests in the international sphere. It would also provide an opportunity for the participants to get first-hand knowledge about trade and investment opportunities in Argentina.

Join this 45 minutes' exclusive interaction and get a chance to ask questions from the Argentine envoy to India.

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1900 hrs (IST)



Chair

Amb Deepak Bhojwani

Former Indian Ambassador served in Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba, concurrently accredited to Ecuador, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the Dutch Antilles. He also served as Consul General of India in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



H.E. Dr Hugo Javier Gobbi
Ambassador of Argentina to India

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Points for discussion

- Covid-19 pandemic in Argentina
- Economic outlook of Argentina today
- Significance of MERCOSUR
- Status of India Mercosur PTA
- How has Argentina benefited from the free trade agreements
- Emerging sectors in the Argentine economy
- India and Argentina in the new world order post Covid
- Plans to promote bilateral cooperation
- Common interests in the multilateral fora (G20 and WTO)
- How can trade between the two countries increase
- Challenges to growing bilateral economic ties
- Cooperation in defense, agriculture, mining and minerals, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals and IT and conventional and non-conventional oil & gas
- Strategic agreement on Lithium



Speaker

Born in Buenos Aires in November 1955, Ambassador Gobbi is an Economist with a Master degree in International Relations and a PhD. in Political Science from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. He also has a Diploma in Trade Policy from the GATT in Geneva.

As a career diplomat graduated from the Argentine Foreign Service Institute in 1985, he has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Directorate of Multilateral Economic Relations (1985-1987); the Embassy of Argentina to the European Economic Community (1987-1992); the Directorate of MERCOSUR (1992-1994); the Mission of Argentina to MERCOSUR and ALADI (1995-1997); the Embassy of Argentina to Brazil (1997-2002); the Senate, as counsellor of ex-President and Senator Raúl Alfonsín (2003); the Secretariat of International Economic Relations (2003-2005); and the Embassy to the Holy See (2005-2010). In 2010 he was appointed Director of Special Economic Affairs and was Sous Sherpa for Argentina in the G20 between 2010 and 2016. He was the Director of Economic Multilateral Affairs and G20 between 2013 and 2016. These positions allowed him to be the Head of the Argentine Delegation in several multilateral fora: WTO, FAO, OECD, G20 (Toronto, Seoul, Cannes, Los Cabos, Saint Petersburg, Brisbane and Antalya).

On 24th February 2016, H.E. Gobbi presented the letters of Credence to Governor General of Australia, H.E. Gen. the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) that accredited him as Ambassador of the Argentine Republic. On 25th October 2016 Ambassador Gobbi presented the letters of Credence to the Governor General of Papua New Guinea, Gran Chief Sir Michael Ogio, GCL, GCMG, KStJ, which accredited him as non-resident Ambassador in that Country. On the 11th April 2017 he presented the letters of Credence to the H.E. President Jioji Konousi Konrote, President of the Republic of Fiji, which accredited him as non-resident Ambassador, on the 7th August 2018 he presented the letters of Credence to H.E. Father Obed Moses Tallis, President of the Republic of Vanuatu and on the 4th October 2018 he presented the letters of Credence to Sir Frank Kabui, Governor General of Solomon Islands.



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Ambassador Deepak Bhojwani joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1978. Since then, he has served in three Continents - Asia, Europe and South America - as well as the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. During his career, he was accredited as Ambassador in seven Latin American countries, being resident Ambassador in Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba, and concurrently accredited to Ecuador, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Haiti. He was Consul General in Sao Paulo, accredited to five southern States of Brazil. Since 2012, Ambassador Bhojwani heads the specialized consultancy, LATINDIA, which works to bring together and promote Indian and Latin American and Caribbean business and interests.

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