

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
DHARWAD**



**“MEA - Distinguished Lecture”**

**by Ambassador Anil Wadhwa**

**Topic: Navigating the Indo-Pacific:  
India's Strategy”**

**4:30 PM on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Venue: Central Lecture Theatre**



**AMBASSADOR ANIL WADHWA**

The first lecture of the “**Distinguished Lecture Series**” under the public outreach activity of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India at the Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad will be held at **4:30 PM on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**. The primary objective of this initiative is to link up with the young audience, especially students, researchers, and faculty members, to bridge the gap between India’s foreign policy and the youth. Over the years, through this series, MEA has collaborated with reputed institutions across the country in organising several

lectures by distinguished retired and serving diplomats. MEA has chosen IIT Dharwad to host the Distinguished Lecture this year.

The speaker identified to deliver the lecture is Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, a distinguished officer of the Indian Foreign Service and an outstanding diplomat. Ambassador Wadhwa has a distinguished career spanning almost 4 decades in the Indian Foreign Service since he joined the service in 1979. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa was a member of the Indian Foreign Service from 1979-2017 and has served as the Indian Ambassador to Italy, Thailand, Oman, and Poland. As Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs of India, he oversaw relations with South East Asia, Gulf and West Asia, Pacific and Australasia. He has served as the Indian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Food Program (WFP) UNESCAP and worked with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague heading the Government Relations and Political Affairs and Media and Public Affairs Branches. He has served as India’s chief delegate to the East Asia Summit, ASEAN-India, Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), the Arab League, Mekong Ganga Cooperation, and Asian Regional Forum (ARF) meetings. Ambassador Wadhwa’s previous postings include stints with the Indian Permanent mission to the United Nations in Geneva, twice to the Indian Embassy in Beijing, and in the Commission of India in Hong Kong. He has led a CII task force for writing the Australia Economic Strategy report for the Indian government. Ambassador Wadhwa is currently a Distinguished fellow with the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi, and serves as an Independent Director and Advisor on the Boards of some corporate firms and organisations in India and abroad.

**All the faculty members, students, research scholars, and officers of the Institute are invited to the Lecture and gain valuable insights into our foreign policy. All are requested to be seated by 4.25 PM.**

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