
USISPF Congratulates Sergio Gor, the new US Ambassador to India and S. Paul Kapur, the incoming Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs on their Senate Confirmation



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The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) congratulates Ambassador Sergio Gor on his Senate confirmation to serve as US Ambassador to India and as Special Envoy for South and Central Asian affairs, and Dr. S. Paul Kapur on his confirmation as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA).

Dr. Mukesh Aghi, USISPF President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said, **“Ambassador Gor’s confirmation is timely and decisive, and we express our deepest gratitude and respect to President Trump for assigning a trusted confidant who can help execute the President’s vision. Ambassador Gor’s confirmation is a signal to New Delhi that the US-India relationship is a top priority for the administration and the region, and together, through the right diplomatic channels, we can iron out the creases and reach consensus.”**

Ambassador Gor now joins the ranks of such storied US Ambassadors to India as John Kenneth Galbraith, Daniel P. Moynihan, Frank G Wisner II, Kenneth I Juster and Richard R Verma, all vital architects of the US-India relationship that has stood the test of time for nearly 80 years. In recent decades, that relationship has grown to become the most important strategic partnership of the 21st century. While acknowledging a few recent “hiccups,” Ambassador Gor stressed during his confirmation hearing that the two great democracies were “not that far apart” on trade issues and reiterated the importance of India as a democratic and strategic counterweight to China in the Indo-Pacific region. We strongly agree with Ambassador Gor that Washington and New Delhi have more in common with each other than with Moscow or Beijing.

Dr. Aghi also congratulated Assistant SCA Kapur and said “In Dr. Kapur, we have a stellar academic and a South Asia scholar who is second to none in understanding the security of the region and New Delhi’s concerns vis-a-vis Beijing and Islamabad. Dr. Kapur was a stellar academic at Claremont McKenna College, and as a Claremont alum myself, I am deeply honored to see one of the university’s finest academics answer the call of public service and in this crucial policy role at the State Department.”

With the confirmations of Ambassador Gor and Assistant Secretary Kapur, we look forward to progress on trade issues, technology cooperation, energy partnership, and education ties. We also hope for confirmation of the Quad Leader’s Summit later this year, to strengthen the strong personal kinship and personal bonds between the leaders of our two nations.

At USISPF, we strongly support the President’s economic agenda and look forward to working with both Assistant Secretary Kapur and Ambassador Gor in Washington and New Delhi respectively.

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