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Chandrashekhar Dasgupta

Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (b. 1940) was an Indian Foreign Service officer from 1962 to his retirement in 2000. He served as Ambassador to the European Union and Belgium (1996 – 2000), Ambassador to China (1993 – 1996), etc.

Dasgupta led the Indian delegation in the preparatory negotiations for the Rio Summit on Environment and Development (1992) as well as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. He returned to the global negotiations on climate change during 2002-2010. He is currently a member of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and is also a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva.

Dasgupta's interests include diplomatic history. He is the author of *War and Diplomacy in Kashmir, 1947-48*, and numerous essays and articles on international affairs and global environmental issues.

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