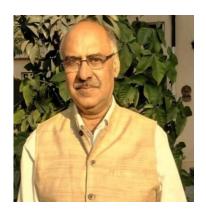
## DR. RAJESH MEHTA



**PROFILE** 

Date of Birth: 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1958

Education: M. Tech. (Systems and Management), IIT Delhi

B. Tech., IIT Delhi

Experience: More than thirty years experience in promotion of Cultural and

Business relations with foreign countries

Awards: Global Citizen Award - For Exceptional Service to Global

Friendship by Unity International Foundation (2017)

Honorary Doctorate - Awarded for Promotion of Fruitful Cultural and Enlightening Activities by Tashkent Professional College of

Communication (2012)

Certificate of Honour - Awarded for Development of Friendly Relations Between People and Nations by the Council of Friendship Societies and Cultural Enlightening Relations of Uzbekistan with Foreign

Countries (2013)

Diploma of Honour - Awarded for Promoting Closer Bonds of

FriendshipBetween India & Bhutan by the India-Bhutan Friendship

Association (2016)

## **Promotion of International Relations (Annexure A)**

Chairman Presidium: India Russia Foundation

2. Founder and Vice President: Indo African Friendship Trust

3. Secretary General: Unity International Foundation- An Ngo Promoting

People To People Contact With Foreign Countries

for the past 55 years.

4. Executive Director

& President NRI Connect Vertical

BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

5. Senior Advisor: GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin).

6. Secretary General: India Bhutan Friendship Association.

7. Member: Indo American Chamber of Commerce.

8. Member: Global Socio Economic Foundation.

### **CULTURE**

As Director of Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for Indian Culture, Government of India, promoted Indian Culture through Dance, Music, Yoga and Hindi Language in Tashkent, Samarqand, and various other parts of Uzbekistan. Organized groups from Uzbekistan belonging to different fields like dance, art and craft, Indology to visit India on various occasions.

Awarded the Honorary Doctorate for promotion of Enlightening Relations and Culture with Uzbekistan.

Awarded a Certificate of Honour by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture & Sports of Uzbekistan and Chairman of the Council of Friendship Societies for contribution to the activities of the Council in Welfare of the country, Peace in the world and Development of friendly relations between people and Nations through "Public Diplomacy"

As General Secretary of Unity International Foundation promoted People-to-people contact between the people of India and the people of China, Singapore, Russia, Bhutan, Nepal, Tunisia, Bulgaria.

### **EDUCATION**

Chairman of Board of Governors, Motilal Nehru College, Delhi University (2009-2011). Participated in the process of identification of students from Uzbekistan, who were recommended for Scholarships to study different subjects in various Indian Universities.

### **SPORTS**

As Secretary General of Korfball Federation of India (KFI), a Government of India recognized Sport, promoted the sport in neighboring countries of Uzbekistan, Nepal, Pakistan and Malaysia.

### POSITIONS HELD

- 1. Chairman, Motilal Nehru College, Delhi University
  Motilal Nehru College is one of the largest constituent colleges of Delhi University. Beginning with a
  humble setting in a government school building in 1964 with an enrollment of 300 students, increased
  enrollment to over 3000 students coming from all parts of India and from abroad.
- 2. Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for India Culture, Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

  Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for Indian Culture, Government of India, promoted Indian Culture through

Dance, Music, Yoga and Hindi Language in Tashkent, Samarqand, and various other parts of Uzbekistan.

## ASSOCIATION WITH SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

1. CHAIRMAN, GANDHI SEVA & SATYAGRAHA BRIGADE. (Lajpat Bhawan, New Delhi) The Gandhian Seva & Satyagraha Brigade (GSSB) is a non-party, not-for-profit organization of Gandhian persuasion, free from the scourge of communalism, casteism, regionalism and other divisible tendencies afflicting our country. Our membership consists of Freedom Fighters, Sarvodaya and social workers, retired High Court Chief Justices and Judges, Educationists, Senior Lawyers, Doctors, Engineers, Chartered Accountants, and retired IAS, IPS and other senior Civil and Defence service officers – all concerned citizens from Delhi and other regions of the country, with none interested in power or money, name or fame.

## 2. MEMBER GOVERNING BODY, SOCIETY FOR COMMUNAL HARMONY

(Founded by Late. Dr. Bhishamber Nath Pande), and as Life Member and member of the Steering Committee, organized a National Conference on 'REGENERATION OF INDIA-ITS IMPERATIVES'. In 1998, which was attended by a galaxy luminaries from various parts of the globe, who believed in the promotion of Universal Brotherhood and Peace

### 3. MEMBER, GLOBAL SOCIO ECONOMIC FOUNDATION

Global Socio Economic Foundation is and NGO focused on promotion of art and culture also sustainable development, green energy, green transportation, eco villages, eco city in sync with concept of circular economy. It will also promote health & wellness: yoga, meditation, sports and games particularly for girls and women along with strengthening governance, including corporate governance and Universal brotherhood.

- 4. SR. COORDINATOR OF PROGRAMMES, GANDHI SMRITI AND DARSHAN SAMITI Organized various seminars and symposiums on "PEACE & NON VIOLENCE". The Global convention held in the year 2004 with the cooperation of Shri Venkataraman (Former President of India), Mr. Richard Weizsaecker (Former President of Indonesia) and Mr. Justice Mohammad H. Rahman (Former Chief Justice of Bangladesh). Held discussion on matters of Disarmament, Peace, Fight Against Terrorism and Promotion of Universal Brotherhood as well as on the Gandhian Concept of World Peace.
  - 5. NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY, RASHTRIYA YUVAK PARISHAD This organization works on various programs on issues like FEMALE FOETICIDE, COMMUNAL HARMONY and many other areas for upliftment of youth.
  - 6. ADVISOR, (CONFEDERATION OF N.G.O'S OF RURAL INDIA)

    It is a confederation consisting of nearly 7000 N.G.O'S spread throughout India, with the objective of strengthening and facilitating their working at the grassroot level for INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL INDIA.

## 7.SR. ADVISOR, GLOBAL ORGANIZATION FOR PEOPLE OF INDIA ORIGIN (GOPIO)

GOPIO was formed nearly 27 years ago with its Head Office in New York. We launched the Delhi Chapter a year back in order to connect the N.R.I's in various countries to their motherland in order to strengthen the Financial & technical resource base required to implement various projects aimed at BETTERMENT OF LIVING STANDARD of the people of India.

# 8. SR. ADVISOR, TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING (An all religion Forum headed by Dr. Karan Singh).

We educate youth and adults both cross Culturally and inter- religiously for global citizenship and peaceful coexistence; advocate for acceptance and respect for religious pluralism by the World's governing bodies; actively promote justice and tolerance

The organization was founded in 1960 by a pioneering visionary, Juliet Hollister, with the support of a distinguished group of "Founding Friends," including Eleanor Roosevelt, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Sir Zafrula Khan, H.H. Pope John XXIII, Anwar Al-Sadat and H.H. the XIVth Dalai Lama, among others.

### 9. SECRETARY GENERAL. UNITY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Held various programmes for promotion of friendship and cultural relation between India and various Countries such as Tunisia, Argentina, Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Russia, China and Bhutan, etc. Unity International Foundation has been working untiringly to PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL HARMONY AND BROTHERHOOD, ever since it was founded, Fifty Five years ago. Efforts are on to further the ties with many more Countries. Goodwill missions have been exchanged with most of the above mentioned countries to strengthen the people to people contact between the nations.

### 10. TRUSTEE, TAGORE FOUNDATION

Headquartered in New Delhi, India, Tagore Foundation (TF) is a youth-driven not-for-profit organization that facilitates development of young people's leadership and analytical skills. The organization supports young people between the ages of 16 and 35 to conceptualize and implement community based projects that challenge stereotypes, forge sustainable partnerships and promote the uninhibited expression of young people.

With a growing team of young people who are peer educators, trainers, young professionals, project managers, researchers, social entrepreneurs, technicians and inventors, we work with the aim of sustaining a platform that enables young people to be effective and expressive agents of change. Our work reaches communities through awareness and skill building projects. Our projects primarily focus on awareness, community building and technical/skill development.

### **Vision and Mission**

### Vision

Our non-profit organization envisions a society where all young people in India access quality education and have the opportunity to reach their greatest potential.

### Mission

We believe that no young person should be deprived of the right to education because of his or her economic position or status. All young people, irrespective of their caste, creed or gender, should be offered an opportunity to learn, to improve their current condition and to create a bright future for themselves, their family and their society. The Tagore Foundation empowers

young people in India to improve their lives and communities through education and civic engagement.

Our volunteers are provided with opportunities to participate in team-building activities, workshops, seminars, short-films and television shows.

## The 'TF' Community GENDER:

Our primary focus on gender equity and women empowerment is reflected in our volunteer body. Our team consists of 62% females striving hard to uplift the status of women in society.

### **PROFESSION:**

We have a diverse community having students, young professionals, entrepreneurs, peer educators contributing towards community development .Students form nearly 80% of our team.

### **AGE GROUP:**

Tagore Foundation is a youth led organization with the volunteer body consisting of around 85% people in the age-group 16-25yrs.

## **Key Issues**

### Education

Our primary objective is to harness the potential of children and youths in a way that they not only acquire academic learning, but also vocational proficiency, personal character and societal values. We guide and assist the youths in exploring opportunities, and encourage them to experiment with their beliefs. We believe in integrating information and communication technology (ICT) with education for improved pedagogy, economic efficiency and professional development to benefit the students, instructors and administrators. We are dedicated to helping the deserving students in acquiring monetary assistance to complete the program of their choice. It gives us immense pleasure in assisting an enlightened soul.

## **Community Development**

Community Development begins with the principle that within any community there is a wealth of knowledge and experience, which if used in creative ways, can be channelled into collective action to achieve community's desired goals. We have created platforms that bring together marginalized youth with the privileged ones through a range of projects, encouraging brotherhood and cooperation in their work.

### **Health and Wellness**

We conduct activities to encourage the youths in making healthier lifestyle choices, and also provide information to help them make informed decisions about their health. Yoga and meditation workshops are designed to not only provide inner strength, but also to cultivate a more intimate relationship with the self by deepening the understanding of subtle body relationships with the physical body and the world.

### **Women Empowerment**

In order to make women realize their inner strength and importance in the society, we have taken a pledge to illuminate their lives with pride and dignity. We help women by enhancing their skills and providing them the necessary information to boost their confidence and self-esteem. We ensure equal access to education, career counselling and vocational training for men and women.



## HONOURED BY WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS- LONDON

For matchless contribution in promoting social environmental cause for betterment of society and the nation.



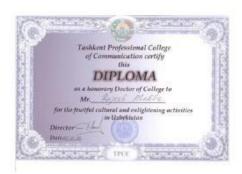
### DIPLOMA OF HONOUR

in promoting closer bonds of friendship between India & Bhutan at people to people level.



### CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

Is honoured by the council for contribution to the activities of the council in welfare of the country, peace in the world and development of friendly relations between people and nations through "Public Diplomacy"



### DIPLOMA OF HONOUR

For the fruitful cultural and enlightening activities in Uzbekistan



### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

For significant contribution and outstanding speech on the occasion of the webinar "International Significance of the Potsdam Conference for the World.



**BRICS ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD** 



MEETING IN 2022 WITH MR VLADIMIR TOLSTOY (GRANDSON OF LEO TOLSTOY) AS WELL AS THE CULTURAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA.



ATTENDING PRAYER MEETING AT GANDHI SMRITI WITH HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER



WITH PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN MR. LOTAY TSHERING



MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF GHANA IN NEW DELHI



RELEASE OF CALENDER BY THE HON'BLE SPEAKER L.S IN PARLIAMENT





RELEASE OF CALENDER BY THE HON'BLE SPEAKER L.S IN PARLIAMENT





INAUGURATING THE PHOTO EXHIBITION AT THE RUSSIAN HOUSE IN NEW DELHI





CELEBRATING THE 55<sup>TH</sup> JUBLEE OF THE RUSSIAN CENTRE OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN NEW DELHI





RELEASE OF STAMP COVER IN HONOUR OF AFANASY NIKITIN (THE FIRST RUSSIAN TO TRAVEL TO INDIA) RELEASE AT THE RUSSIAN HOUSE, NEW DELHI

## **Unity International Foundation - A brief profile**

Reaching 55<sup>th</sup> milestone is a landmark in the history of any organization. Unity International Foundation was formally inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Dr. Zakir Hussain, in 1966. Since then the Organization has come a long way in promoting India's relations with other countries, at people to people level, thus building bridges of friendship to span the chasm of differences between nations.

Based on the old Indian wisdom of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The whole world is my family), Unity International Foundation, as an NGO, has achieved several feats in an absolutely congenial environment where hues and shades of different social groups, languages, customs and cultures mix and mingle, forming a colourful collage that transcends all boundaries.



Meeting of UIF on 30-11-19 at the residence of Mr. Bhubaneswar Kalita.

Today, at its platform people of different nationalities from around the world meet, exchange and share their views, perceptions and aspirations as how to make this planet a better place to live in.

During the years Unity International Foundation has built, brick by brick, a strong edifice of global friendship and understanding and all this has been done by ordinary people with extraordinary dreams.

The Foundation regularly organizes lectures, seminars, roundtable discussions on topics of international importance, like disarmament, world peace, drug trafficking, terrorism, etc., which are participated by leading public figures, diplomats, academicians and senior journalists. The proceedings of these intellectual conclaves are preserved in our regular Journal 'Unity International'.



UIF Members with Ambassador of Bhutan

The Foundation exchanges delegations with other countries. Its own delegations have been invited by several governments and are often received by the heads of the states in their presidential palaces. Its members have also the credit of attending state banquets, hosted by the President of India, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in honour of the visiting foreign dignitaries.

The Foundation also honours internationally renowned personalities who have richly contributed to human civilization through their respective professions and vocations and among the recipients are the presidents of Argentina, Burundi, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, a Governor General of Mauritius and the late Swedish Premier, Olaf Palme. Its own members have been conferred upon high decorations, knighthoods and friendship orders from several countries for their outstanding contribution to global friendship.



Unity family seated from left to right- Dr. Karan Singh(former Union Minister and Ambassador to U.S.A, Chief Patron U.I.F), Mr. Bhubaneswar Kalita (former Member of Parliament and President U.I.F), Mr. T.K Malhotra (Sr. member U.I.F and President Automobile Association of India), Dr. Rajesh Mehta (former Diplomat and Secretary General U.I.F), Dr. Rita Bahuguna Joshi (Special Invitee and Member of Parliament).

Today, as we stand on the threshold of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is heartening to look back with pride at our achievements and look ahead with a hope to see that our dream of global friendship comes true. Our march will continue till others take over from where we leave so that the torch of global friendship remains brightly lit in the years to come.

In the past, various goodwill delegations have visited foreign countries on the invitations of various Governments such as that of :

- 1. Bhutan (year 1980, 82, 83, 2004 and 2010)
- 2. Russia (year 1980, 1986, 1990)
- 3. Mauritius (year 1984)
- 4. Iraq (year 1980, 2000, 2002)
- 5. Switzerland (year 1992)
- 6. Argentina (year 1983)
- 7. Tunisia (year 2000, 2004)
- 8. Kyrgyzstan (year 1995)
- 9. Kazakhstan (year 1998)

January 15, 1988

10. China(year 1986, 2004 & 2005)

The above Countries were visited with an aim besides brotherhood, to promote also Indian Art & Culture among the people of these Countries.

We have also hosted delegations to India from the following countries: RUSSIA, TUNISIA, KYRGYSTAN, UZBEKISTAN, BHUTAN AND ARGENTINA, besides others.

<u>Unity International Foundation's important seminars and other activities with Soviet Union and Russian</u> <u>Federation, organized in cooperation with Russian Centre of Science and Culture and Russia Information</u> Centre, in New Delhi

May 5 to 15, 1980	Founder Secretary General R.N. Anil visited Moscow, Budapest and Bucharest, at the invitation of the Press Department of USSR, Hungary and Romania.
January 14, 1985	Roundtable discussion "New Dimension in Disarmament and Global Security" with the then Chairman Rajya Sabha, Dr. Najma Heptullah and former Speaker, Lok Sabha, Dr. G.S. Dhillon, at Chelmsford Club, New Delhi
July 15 to 28, 1986	On the invitation of Russian Tourist Company "INTOURIST", R.N. Anil along with his wife visited Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev and Odessa.
January 15, 1987	Talk "India-USSR in Quest of Peace" by Soviet Nobel Laureate, Nikolae Basov, with India's former permanent representative in UN, Mr. Rajeshwar Dayal in the Chair.
September 10-25,1987	To support the Russian peace initiatives, the members of Unity International Foundation (Gujrat Chapter), led by former union minister, Mr. Maganbhai Barot undertook padyatra from Sabermati Ashram, Ahmedabad to Rajghat,

New Delhi. The then Russian Ambassador to India, Mr. V.N. Ryov received the

Seminar "Delhi Declaration - A Positive Step Towards Building a Nuclear Free And Non-Violent World" inaugurated by Ambassador V.N. Rykov of USSR, at

Padyatris in the Russian Embassy in New Dalhi.

Chelmsford Club, New Delhi.

April 5, 1988	Seminar "Regional Conflicts and Global Peace" inaugurated by former Indian Foreign Secretary, A.P. Venkateswaran. Mr. G.G. Swell, former Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha presided.
October 10 to 20, 198	8 A 10-member Unity International delegation, led by Secretary General R.N. Anil, participated in a peace conference, in Almaty and later visited Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan
May 12, 1989	Symposium "One Day Military Spending for Global Peace" inaugurated by Mr. D. Basumatari, MP, at Constitution Club, New Delhi.
July 10, 1989	Unity International Foundation organized a fashion show, at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi to raise funds for the victims of earthquake in Armenia. A check of Rupees One Lakh was handed over by Secretary General R.N. Anil to the then Russian Ambassador, Victor Isakov. The Soviet leadership showed its gratitude to Unity International for its kind gesture and subsequently presented Mr. R.N. Anil with a Soviet medal for Armenia relief.
January 21, 1990	Seminar "India and Russia in the New Global Scenario" inaugurated by Speaker, Lok Sabha, Mr. Rabi Ray. A deputy of Russian Duma, Mr. Dernik Abrayam was the Chief Guest.
April 5, 1990	Seminar on "Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev & Challenges before Him" Inaugurated by former President of India, Giani Zail Singh and presided over by Dr. K.R. Narayanan, who later became President of India, at Chelmsford Club New Delhi.
April 30, 1990	A Unity International Foundation delegation, led by former President of India Giani Zail Singh, participated in a peace conference in Moscow. The delegates also had the privilege of meeting the Soviet President and the First Lady Mme. Raisa Gorbacheva.
September 26, 1990	A Unity International Foundation delegation, led by former President of India Giani Zail Singh visited Moscow and Pyongyang and had the honor of meeting the DPRK President, Kim II Sung.
November 11, 1992	Talk "NGO's Role in Promoting Relations between Nations" by Dr. K.R. Narayanan, Vice President of India, at Parliament House Annex. Former President of India, Giani Zail Singh presided.
March 2, 1993	Talk "Russian President Boris Yeltsin's Visit Opens a New Chapter in Indo- Russian Relations" by Minister of External Affairs, Mr. R.L. Bhatia, with Russian Ambassador Mr. Anatoly M. Drukov as the Chief Guest.
April 8, 1997	Talk "Indo-Russian Relations" by former Foreign Secretary, Mr. T.N. Kaul, at Constitution Club, New Delhi
January 21, 1999	Talk "Russian Prime Minister Primakov's Visit & the New World Order" by the then Russian Ambassador to India, Mr. Albert S. Chernyshev, at India International Centre, New Delhi.
July 28, 2000	Unity International Publication "Peace Vs Terrorism" released by former Prime Minister of India, I.K. Gujral, in the gracious presence of former Foreign Secretary, Mr. S.K. Singh and the then Russian Ambassador Mr. Alexander M. Kadakin.
June 14 2001	Talk "People to People Diplomacy Helps in Promoting Understanding Between Nations", by former Prime Minister of India, H.D. Deve Gowda and presided over by former Chief Justice of India, Justice A.M. Ahmadi.

November 29, 2001	Symposium "Global Campaign against Terrorism". Presided over by former Prime Minister, I.K. Gujral. The Director of United Nations Information Centre Mr. Feodor Starcevic, also participated.
April 28, 2006	Talk "NGOs Can Richly Contributed to Universal Harmony and Peace" by Dr. Karan Singh, President, ICCR, with the then Russian Ambassador, Vyacheslav Trubnikov, as Chief Guest.
May 2, 2007	Vice President of India, Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat released Unity International publication "India & Russia – 60 Years of Fruitful Cooperation", at Vice President's House, New Delhi
April 18, 2009	"63 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Indo-Russian Diplomatic Relations" inaugurated by Shri K. Raghunath, former Indian Foreign Secretary, at RCSC.
April 29. 2009	Seminar "The History of Russian Parliamentary System" inaugurated by Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Speaker, Lok Sabha, at RCSC
November 11, 2009	A 16-member strong delegation of Unity International Foundation visited Russia to attend a Seminar "India-Russia Public Dialogue" at Hotel COSMOS in Moscow.
November 15, 2009	Unity International President, Dr. Bhishma Narain Singh and Secretary General, R.N. Anil were conferred upon high Russian Awards, 'Order of Friendship' and 'Pushkin Medal' respectfully
January 13, 2010	Talk "Drug Trafficking and its Transnational Implications" by Mr. Saugata Ray, MoS, Urban Development. Former Indian Foreign Secretary, Mr. Lalit Mansingh presided.
April 16, 2010	Seminar "Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's Visit Unfolds New Horizons In Indo-Russian Relations" inaugurated by Mr. Lalit Mansingh, former Indian Foreign Secretary.
August 7, 2015	Seminar "Indo-Russian Relations within the Framework of BRICS", at Russian Centre of Science & Culture, inaugurated by Mr. B.P. Singh, former Governor of Sikkim.
August 9, 2016	Seminar "45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indo-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Peace and Cooperation" participated by Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, M.P. and former Ambassadors, Dr. V.B. Soni and Mr. Ashok Sajjandar, at Russian Culture Centre, New Delhi.
Year, 2020	Release of calendar to Honour Mr. Afanasy Nikitin, who travelled to India 550 years ago, and gave a excellent feedback about the Indian culture and lifestyle.
Year, 2022	Release of Stamp in the Honour of Afanasy Nikitin, at the Russian House. by Mr. K J Alphons M.P (Former Minister Tourism GOI) and Prof. Rita Bahuguna Joshi M.P, besides Russian and Indian Diplomats.
Year, 2022	Photo Exhibition at the Russian House ,New Delhi

Besides, Unity International Foundation has covered most of the visits of Soviet Presidents, like Leonid Brezhnev, Mikhail Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin, Vladimir Putin and Dmitri Medvedev. Also the visits of Russian Premiers Evgeny Primakov, Mikhail Fradkov, Victor Zhubkov and the Indian Prime Ministers, Atal Behari Vajpayee and Dr. Manmohan Singh.