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Appointment of India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

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The Government of India has appointed P. Kumaran, a senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1992 batch, as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly, strengthening India's diplomatic presence in one of its key strategic partners.

Professional Background of P. Kumaran

P. Kumaran is currently serving as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), where he handles India's relations with countries in the Indo-Pacific region. Over his distinguished career, he has held several important diplomatic positions, including serving as India's Ambassador to Qatar and High Commissioner to Singapore. His experience in bilateral diplomacy and regional affairs makes him well-suited for this role.

Replacement and Recent Diplomatic Changes

P. Kumaran will replace Vikram Doraiswami as India's High Commissioner to the UK. In a related development, Vikram Doraiswami has been appointed as India's Ambassador to China, reflecting a broader reshuffle in India's diplomatic assignments.

Role of High Commissioner

A High Commissioner represents a country in another nation that is part of the Commonwealth of Nations. The role is equivalent to that of an ambassador but is used specifically for diplomatic relations among Commonwealth countries. The High Commission of India in the UK is located at India House in London and plays a crucial role in managing political, economic, and cultural relations between the two countries.

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