



Consul General Patti Hoffman

Ms. Patti Hoffman assumed the post of Consul General of the United States of America for the Kolkata Consular District on August 3, 2018. The Kolkata Consular District includes West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, and the seven northeastern states.

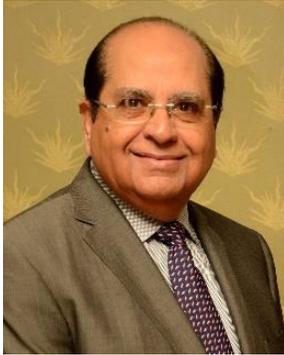
Immediately prior to coming to Kolkata, Consul General Hoffman was a student at the National War College at the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, DC. Previously, she served as Chief of Staff to the Director General of the U.S. Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources. Ms. Hoffman has served overseas at the U.S. Embassy Mexico City, U.S. Embassy London, U.S. Embassy Quito, and U.S. Consulate General Rio de Janeiro. Ms. Hoffman has also served in several positions at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC.

Consul General Hoffman is originally from the Philadelphia area. She holds a B.A. in Biology from Columbia University, a Master's in International Relations from the University of Bristol, U.K., where she studied as an International Rotary Scholar, and a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. She can speak Portuguese and Spanish. Ms. Hoffman is accompanied to Kolkata by her husband.



Marc Kehoe
Regional Security Officer
U.S Consulate General, Kolkata

Marc Kehoe is the Regional Security Officer for U.S. Consulate General Kolkata. Marc previously served in U.S. Embassy Ankara, Turkey and Bogota, Colombia. Marc was detailed to the U.S. Secretary of State's protective detail for 3 years and has visited more than 60 countries since joining the Department of State.



Gulshan Kurman Sachdev
CEO, Quaker Houghton

Gulshan Kumar Sachdev is an entrepreneur and Philanthropist, CEO of Quaker Houghton a subsidiary of Quaker Houghton US, covering India and neighboring countries. Gulshan successfully completed combination and Integration of Houghton India. He has set up a state-of-the-art Green Field manufacturing facility in Gujarat with the support of European team.

He is founder of Quaker Chemical in India, Asianol Lubricants, Biotech, and others. He is also the Co founder Of United Way in India in 2009.

Gulshan established the Kolkata Chapter of the American Chamber of Commerce and served as its Founder Chairman from 2006 to 2009, and as a National Executive Committee Member of AMCHAM India.

He is Chairman Global, volunteer-led non-profit United Way India network encompassing 8 chapters He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan and Chairman of the Rotary District 3290 Committee on Anti-Drug Abuse Programs, and a recipient of an award from Mother Teresa for his contribution to the wellbeing of those less privileged.

He is Chairman of Houghton India Ltd and D a Studard India Pvt. Ltd.”



Debdas Sen
CEO TCG Digital

Debdas is the CEO of TCG Digital, the flagship modern age technology company of The Chatterjee Group. TCG Digital helps solve complex business problems, leveraging the power of state-of-the-art innovations in the areas of analytics, mobility, cyber security, and other cutting-edge solutions.

Before joining the TCG Group, Debdas was an Executive Director and Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers India (PwC). Debdas' last roles include being the Technology Consulting Leader of PwC India, being a part of the Technology Leadership team for the PwC Network and Managing Partner in Eastern India. He was also the Analytics Competency Lead for Europe, Middle East, Africa, and India. He has 17 years of experience, all in PwC.

Debdas is a B.Tech (Hons.) from IIT Kharagpur in Electronics and Communication Engineering. Debdas has also been an active contributor in leading journals and has been a speaker in many seminars in the US and India.

Debdas has held various positions of importance in several Chambers of Commerce's. His special interest is in social service and is involved in many activities which make a difference to society, including being a board member of several NGO's.



Joydeep Datta Gupta
Partner of Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu India LLP.

Joydeep is the Clients and Industries Leader for Deloitte in South Asia. He is on the Global Clients and Industries Council and the Asia Pacific Clients and Industries Council. Joydeep also heads the East Region for Deloitte in South Asia.

Joydeep has more than 30 years of experience in professional services. His experience includes Business Strategy, Business Process Transformation, large ERP implementations, Human Capital Consulting and Outsourcing and Shared Services Advisory.



Surajit Banerjee

Managing Director - Fi-Tek India Offshore Operations and HedgeTek

Surajit is a Commerce (Hons) graduate from Calcutta University, with school and college from St. Xavier's, Kolkata. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (passed 1987). After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, Surajit has worked in companies such as General Electric Company, CESC Ltd and BOC India (earlier Indian Oxygen).

He joined Fi-Tek's Indian subsidiary in 1999 and since then, he has led the system analysis, design, rollout of the HedgeTek Partnership Accounting system, HedgeTek, which continues to evolve today, with the input and collaboration of industry-leading fund administrators, hedge fund managers, and major accounting firms. Surajit is the Global Head one of the verticals of the company – the Alternative Investments technology solutions. He was the past president of AMCHAM Eastern Region and has been actively involved in AMCHAM activities since its inception in Kolkata.

Surajit is a guest speaker in some of the management institutes, including at IIT Kharagpur. He has keen interests in grooming budding professionals & entrepreneurs and making them industry ready. He is married and has a son and a daughter. He along with his wife, Soma, are actively involved in working with poorer sections of the society and support them in earning their livelihood and making them financially self-reliant. They guide them and actively work with them to initiate & sustain their pursuits that help them live their life honorably.



Ajeya Bandyopadhyay

Partner Infrastructure, Government & Healthcare practice of KPMG

Ajeya leads the practice on International Development focusing on private sector development and low-carbon economy. He has over 17 years of international experience in advising Government, Multilateral and where Bilateral Agencies and Private Sector clients on policy, regulatory and institutional issues related to private sector development, international market entry and cross border technology transfer. He has wide exposure to sectors such as oil & gas, petrochemicals and, chemical, renewable energy and, cleantech.

Previously he was a Director, Advisory Services with Ernst & Young LLP.

He worked internationally in several consulting engagements with the governments and leading private sectors in Indonesia, Singapore, Korea, Vietnam, Kenya, Middle East and Latin America, Europe, and USA. He is a member of UNCTAD-World Bank FDI core group for emerging countries and, co-authored publications with IFC on industrial zone.

By qualification he is a Chemical Engineer from Jadavpur University, Calcutta and, an MBA from Indian Inst. of Foreign Trade and, completed a diploma on multilateral negotiations and diplomacy from UN Institute of Training & Research.



Ranjana Khanna
Director General CEO, AMCHAM India

Ranjana Khanna joined the American Chamber of Commerce in India as Director General CEO in November 2016. Focusing on enhancing U.S. - India economic partnership across sectors, she is leading AMCHAM to organize bilateral engagements with industry leaders and political leadership with both the U.S. and Indian government and presenting them with industry challenges.

Previously, Ranjana had served as Secretary General of the Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) from 2014 – 2016. She was actively engaged with both industry and political leadership, enhancing IACC's brand image, positioning it as the apex bilateral chamber. Ranjana created connectivity with counterpart chambers in different U.S. states, working with both the state governments and local chambers. She enhanced member services through focused high-profile events, news and policy dissemination and presented industry views to policymakers.