

Ghanshyam Dass Recognised Among 25 Visionaries of India Shaping the Nation's \$5 Trillion Economic Ambition

The veteran global banker, capital-markets leader and institution builder receives the recognition on the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day.

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international banker, capital-markets leader and strategic advisor Ghanshyam Dass has been recognised by Outlook India among its "25 Visionaries of India", as part of a special edition commemorating India's 80th Independence Day and celebrating leaders contributing to the nation's journey towards becoming a \$5 trillion economy.

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Ghanshyam Dass with ex-President of India Late. DR. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

The recognition marks a historic milestone in a career spanning more than five decades across international banking, capital markets, investment, corporate governance and institution building.

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From witnessing an India constrained by foreign-exchange controls and limited access to international capital to participating in its emergence as one of the world's most important economies, Dass's professional journey has closely paralleled the transformation of modern India.

His career has included associations with leading global institutions such as Wells Fargo, HSBC Group and NASDAQ,

followed by advisory and leadership engagements across international finance, investment and

corporate governance.

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Responding to the honour, Ghanshyam Dass said:

"I accept this recognition with profound humility. To be counted among 25 visionaries contributing in different ways to India's journey towards a \$5 trillion economy is an honour I regard not simply as personal recognition, but as a tribute to the many people, institutions and mentors who have been part of my journey."

Reflecting on India's economic transformation, he added:

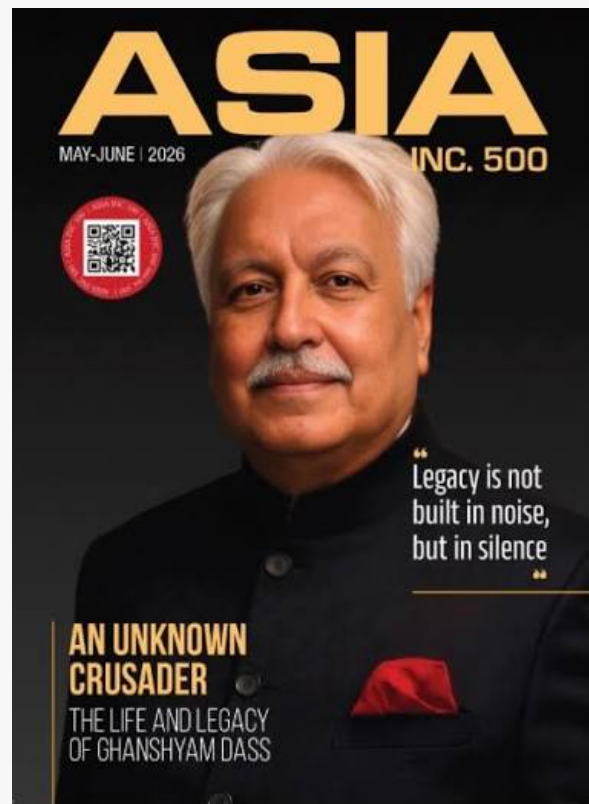
"I have had the extraordinary privilege of watching India change before my eyes—from an economy where access to foreign capital was extraordinarily difficult to a nation that today commands the attention of investors, entrepreneurs and institutions across the world. To have played even a small role in that transformation has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life."

For Dass, however, the \$5 trillion milestone must represent more than the size of India's economy.

"A \$5 trillion economy must ultimately mean more than a number. It must translate into opportunities for our young people, capital for entrepreneurs, stronger institutions, technological leadership, better infrastructure and prosperity that reaches a much wider section of society. Economic size becomes meaningful when it creates economic possibility."



Mr. Ghanshyam Dass during his days at NASDAQ APAC



Mr. Ghanshyam Dass on the coverpage of Asia Inc 500 magazine

A Career Intertwined with India's Economic Transformation

Dass's journey began in modest circumstances. Financial hardship, education, family responsibility and an early struggle with English communication shaped his formative years.

The young student who once struggled with confidence in an English-medium environment would eventually find himself working across international financial institutions and global boardrooms.

His initial ambition was to enter India's civil services, but circumstances redirected him towards banking. Early exposure at Bank of India was followed by an opportunity with Wells Fargo, opening the doors to international banking.

His subsequent career within the HSBC Group coincided with one of the most consequential periods in India's economic history.

During the economic crisis of the early 1990s, Dass was involved in facilitating international financing structures supporting critical imports at a time when India faced enormous pressure on its foreign-exchange reserves and international creditworthiness.

The experience reinforced a philosophy that would define his career: financial markets ultimately operate on credibility and trust.

Connecting India with Global Capital

Another defining chapter came with NASDAQ.

At the turn of the millennium, Indian technology companies were beginning to attract global attention, but the country's relationship with international capital markets was still developing.

Dass became a bridge between these two worlds.

His work involved engaging corporations, investors, governments and business leaders across India, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, while encouraging emerging enterprises to think globally.

Among the landmark initiatives during this period was a major Indian corporate delegation to NASDAQ in New York in 2002, bringing together more than 100 business leaders, including CEOs from India's technology and biotechnology sectors.

For Dass, these initiatives were about much more than stock-market listings. They were about changing international perceptions of Indian enterprise.

“There was a period when a significant part of my work involved explaining India to the world. Today, the world is actively trying to understand how it can participate in India’s growth. That transformation should give every Indian tremendous confidence—but it should also remind us of the responsibility that comes with global relevance.”

India’s Next Economic Leap

Dass believes India’s next phase of economic growth must be driven by technology, innovation, intellectual property, advanced manufacturing and globally competitive enterprises.

Artificial intelligence, healthcare technology, semiconductors, digital infrastructure, fintech, clean energy and deep technology could collectively define the next generation of Indian economic leadership.

But he believes India must combine ambition with dramatically faster execution.

“India does not suffer from a shortage of talent or ambition. Our challenge has historically been converting potential into execution quickly enough. The nations that succeed in the coming decades will be those capable of transforming ideas into institutions, infrastructure and enterprises at extraordinary speed.”

Central to this vision is something Dass describes as another form of national infrastructure: trust.

“We talk extensively about physical and digital infrastructure, but every successful economy also needs the infrastructure of trust. Investors must trust institutions. Citizens must trust systems. International partners must trust commitments. Without that foundation, capital becomes expensive and progress becomes fragile.”

From Achievement to Legacy

In recent years, Dass has increasingly focused on board leadership, strategic advisory roles, institution building and mentoring the next generation.

His message to young Indian entrepreneurs is unequivocal:

“Do not build merely for India. Build from India for the world. Our confidence as a nation must now match our capability.”

His philosophy extends beyond professional achievement. Influenced throughout his life by teachers, mentors and spiritual guides, Dass believes success ultimately carries a responsibility to enable others.

“Whatever I have achieved has come through people who trusted me, encouraged me and sometimes opened a door when I needed one. At this stage of my life, my responsibility is to hold those doors open for others.”

Receiving the recognition during India’s Independence Day celebrations makes the honour particularly meaningful.

“I dedicate this recognition to my parents, teachers, mentors, colleagues and every individual who believed in me”.

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