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## **Nirupama Rao to be next Indian ambassador to US**

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Foreign secretary Nirupama Rao is set to be the next Indian ambassador to the US.

NEW DELHI: Foreign secretary Nirupama Rao has been appointed as the next ambassador to the [United States](#), an assignment she will take up after superannuation next month-end.

Sources said Rao's appointment to succeed Meera Shankar as the US Ambassador has been cleared by the government and a formal announcement is expected soon.

The 1973-batch IFS officer assumed the office of the foreign secretary on August one, 2009, becoming the second woman to head the Indian Foreign Secretary after Chokila Iyer.

She was to retire in December last year at the age of 60 but was given an extension till July-end when the government fixed a two-year term for the post of foreign secretary.