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PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK

Juan Carlos I

King of Spain

Distinguished Guests from Spain,



नई दिल्ली में शुक्रवार, 26 अक्टूबर 2012 को राष्ट्रपति भवन में स्पेन के राजा जुआन कार्लोस के औपचारिक स्वागत के दौरान राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी व प्रधानमंत्री मनमोहन सिंह।

Juan Carlos I, born 5 January 1938 is the current King of Spain. On 22 November 1975, two days after General Francisco Franco's death, Juan Carlos was designated King according to the law of succession promulgated by Franco. In 1969, when Franco named Juan Carlos as the next head of state, no monarch had reigned in Spain for 38 years. The Spanish Constitution of 1978, voted in referendum, acknowledges him expressly as King of Spain. The Spanish Constitution, affirms the role of the Spanish monarch as the symbol of Spanish state's enduring unity and permanence; and as such, the monarch is the head-of-state and commander-in-

chief of the Spanish Armed Forces in a system known in Spanish as *monarquía parlamentaria*.

King Juan Carlos successfully oversaw the transition of Spain from dictatorship to parliamentary monarchy.

Juan Carlos married Princess Sophia of Greece and Denmark on 14 May 1962. The couple have three children and eight grandchildren.

Polls from 2000 show that he is widely approved of by Spaniards. According to the Spanish Constitution, the monarch is also instrumental in promoting Ibero-American relations, the "nations of its historical community". In this capacity, the King of Spain serves as the president of the Ibero-American States Organization, representing over 700,000,000 people in 24 member nations worldwide. In 2008 he was considered the most popular leader in all Ibero-America.



King of Spain, His Majesty Juan Carlos I inspecting the Guard of Honour at the ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi (October 26, 2012)