

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Summary:

Have about a decade of experience in newspaper and media field. Proficient in spot reporting, news writing and copy editing as well as feature articles along with expertise in digital including social media. Have sturdy abilities to handle team and complete task within stipulated timeframe.

Experience:

➤ **Content Research, Development, Writing and Editing**

Designation: Freelance Journalist/Editor

Duration: May, 2020 to present

- Content development on the basis of client's demand
- Editing, re-writing and compiling stories/articles for media houses
- Updating story briefs and links along with catchy headlines and photos on social media— FB, Twitter and Instagram

➤ **Diplomatist (monthly magazine, Noida)**

Designation: Associate Editor

Duration: January, 2017 to April, 2020

Diplomatist has created a niche where there was none. It is the only comprehensive magazine that focuses on international relations, economic trends and offers non-partisan perspective, while sharing the diplomatic endeavours that go in its fruition.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Editing articles and stories related to number of categories including Diplomacy, Current/Foreign Affairs, Geo-Political Analysis, Socio-Economic Affairs, International Relations, Industry Reports, Global Footprint, Cultural Diplomacy, International Events/Conference/Summit and Public Policy.

- Finalising list of articles including cover story
- Communicating with internationally acclaimed writers for articles
- Editing, re-writing, compiling news articles
- Decorating stories with catchy headlines
- Writing news stories for magazine's website
- Selecting photos for the new stories and articles

➤ **Policy Pulse (news website and fortnightly magazine, Delhi)**

Designation: Chief Copy Editor/Correspondent

Duration: April, 2016 to December, 2016

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Magazine

Editing stories related to number of categories including world, nation, politics, development, policies, environment, business, education, medical & health, IT and science & technology.

- Editing, re-writing, compiling news stories
- Generating ideas for cover stories
- Decorating stories with catchy headlines and fine intro

Website

- Compiling, editing and updating news of different sections including world, nation, politics, policy and bilateral relations through Content Management System (CMS)
- Creative content writing and management
- Crafting special stories and news pieces along with selection of photos
- Handling social networking sites

➤ **www.liveindia.in (Website of Live India News Channel, Delhi)**

Designation: Sr. Copy Editor

Duration: November, 2015 to April, 2016

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Editing stories related to number of categories including world, nation, politics, development, business, education, medical & health, IT, science & technology, environment and sports for the website.

- Creative content writing and management
- Editing, re-writing, compiling news stories.
- Decorating stories with catchy headlines and fine intro.
- Doing special stories and drafting news pieces.
- Sharing stories on social networking sites.
- Also working with news channel people under supervision of Managing Editor.

➤ **Hindustan Times (Agra)**

Designation: Sr. Reporter

Duration: September, 2010 to October, 2015

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Covering stories for a number of categories including political, development, transport (railways and roadways), environment, education, medical and health, IT, science & technology, sports, administration and crime.

- Writing/Compiling news stories after field-reporting
- Conducting personal and social interviews including political leaders and celebrities
- Writing HT City stories along with selecting photographs
- Writing special stories, news updates/follow-ups along with photo caption stories
- Working on additional supplements during special occasions

➤ **Hindustan Times (Allahabad)**

Designation: Reporter

Duration: August, 2007 to August, 2010

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Covering news for different categories including political, development, transport, environment, education, medical & health, IT, science & technology, sports, administration and crime.

- Writing features and news articles
- Spot coverage
- Writing exclusive stories and packages
- Making photo caption stories along with HT City features.

SKILLS:

- Researching a subject with fast checking information from various sources to make an analytical story
- Using graphic design software such as Adobe Photoshop
- Familiar with various Web Publication Software and CMS
- Familiar with Search Engine Console and SEO
- Working long hours to meet the deadline
- Able to develop sources in various field
- Able to handle multiple tasks together

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Covering events/rallies/press conferences of politicians and ministers Narendra Modi, Nitin Gatkari, Rajnath Singh, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Amar Singh, Kalyan Singh, Rahul Gandhi, Azam Khan, Shivpal Yadav, Ajit Singh, Jayant Chaudhary, Sachin Pilot, Kalraj Mishra, Sanjeev Balian, Ramashankar Katheria, Chandresh Kumari Katoksh, Lalji Tandon, Swami Prasad Maurya, Naseemuddin Siddiqui, Rajeev Shukla, Dr Praveen Togadiya, Vinay Katiyar, Varun Gandhi and others.
- Covering Bollywood celebrities Subhash Ghai, Sanjay Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Raj Babbar, Boney Kapoor, Sri Devi, Jaya Prada, Dimple Kapadia, Raza Murad, Asrani, Mahima Chaudhary, Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, Neeraj Shridhar, Kailash Kher, Sunidhi Chauhan, KK, Kapil Sharma and others, while they paid visit for events, film shooting, promotions as well as to extend their support to political leaders.
- Doing interview of sport personalities Milkha Singh, cricketer Madan Lal Sharma, Ajay Jadeja and Mohammad Kaif, shooters Gagan Narang and Vijay Kumar, wrestlers Sushil Kumar and Yogeshwar Dutt.
- Got opportunity for a short chitchat with Hollywood actor Tom Cruise while he paid a visit to Taj Mahal along with Anil Kapoor for the promotion of MI-4, published in all HT editions.
- Carrying out reality check of the alertness of security agencies in Taj city while the city was already on high alert after a bomb blast at a city hospital, allegedly claimed by a terrorist group. We dropped the bag at 17 public places in the city including SP city office and GRP police station but no one noticed the bag and raised any objection. (September, 2011).

TRAININGS ATTENDED:

- Worked with B.A.G. Films, Noida as an Intern in News Reporting & Assignment.
- Worked with DD News, Delhi as an Intern in News Packaging.
- Workshop of anchoring and voice-over.
- Workshop of video editing during PG course.

& also one year experience in Web Advertising.

PROJECTS:

- Worked with **SPIC MACAY**, Delhi as *Coordinator* in many projects.
- Worked with **NRCC** (Delhi) as *Media Coordinator* in a project, which was related to the Democracy of Nepal.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Contributing poems for Hindustan Times' daily supplement 'Lucknow Live' during college days from 2001 to 2003.
- Securing top three positions in various painting competitions.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Professional:

- *P.G. Diploma in Electronic Media and Film Production* from Lucknow University in 2005.

Academic:

- Masters in Economics from Kanpur University (2010, during job in HT).
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) with *Computer Science, Physics & Mathematics* from Lucknow University in 2003.
- 10+2 (Science) from UP Board, Lucknow in 2000.

COMPUTER SKILL:

- *Advanced Diploma in Web Designing & Internet* from NAIITEL Computer Institute, Lucknow.
- Certificate course in 'C' & 'C++' languages from SSI, Lucknow.
- MS-Office
- Designing software: Adobe Photoshop and Coral Draw
- Net savvy (comfort with all the browsers and operating systems)

PERSONAL DETAIL:

- Date of Birth: 23- June-1984
- Gender: Male
- Father's Name: Mr. Hafeez Ahmad
- Mother's Name: Mrs. Najmun Nisha
- Permanent Add: 478/4K, Sitapur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Mother Tongue: Hindi
- Nationality: Indian
- Language known: Hindi, English and Urdu

DECLARATION:

I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: .../...//2022

Place: Lucknow

(Mohd Khalid)