

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Location:** Kolkata / New Delhi / USA Midwest  
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### **Current Status:**

**Group Editor**, India Blooms News Service ([IBNS](#)) and affiliates-  
Just Earth News ([JEN](#)) / Trans World Features ([TWF](#)) / Not in  
Town ([NITN](#))

**Journalism Resource Person/Lecturer**, University of Missouri  
([Mizzou](#)) / University of Georgia ([UGA](#))

**India-Pakistan Journalism Program Fellow Selector**, East-West  
Center, USA

**India Contributor**, [USA Today](#)

### **Past 15 Years:**

**India correspondent**, [The Washington Times](#)  
**Kolkata correspondent**, [Thomson Reuters](#)

**India Writer, [Inter Press Service \(IPS\)](#)  
India Writer, [Next City](#) (The Rockefeller Foundation  
Project)**

### **Graphs on Present Positions:**

**Group Editor and Founder, India Blooms News Service (IBNS) [www.indiablooms.com](http://www.indiablooms.com)** . While the latter is a news portal on India, IBNS is the news agency arm that now caters to other media outlets in print and digital platforms, ranging from prominent newspapers to top browsers. [www.indiablooms.com](http://www.indiablooms.com) is also a top Google News ranking site. IBNS also launched [www.notintown.net](http://www.notintown.net) and [www.justearthnews.com](http://www.justearthnews.com). We founded IBNS in 2008.

**Travel Writer/Editor:** Started the travel portal [www.notintown.net](http://www.notintown.net), a complete digital platform on travel and living. I am also a contributor to top Indian newspapers as travel writer.

**Editor, Just Earth News ([www.justearthnews.com](http://www.justearthnews.com))** , a humanitarian news portal that top university researchers in UK found providing as much coverage of humanitarian news on a regular basis as media beasts like BBC or Al Jazeera. The United Nations view on our news service:  
<https://undispatch.com/what-is-humanitarian-journalism/>

**Editor, Trans World Features (TWF).** TWF's subscribers include mass circulated media outlets like Deccan Herald, The Tribune, The Hitavada, The Shillong Times, Daily Excelsior, etc. (Website: [www.twfindia.in](http://www.twfindia.in) ).

**Guest Speaker/Resource Person on Journalism / Instructor (USA)**

**(University of Missouri, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, East Kentucky University, West Kentucky University, Indiana Southeast University, Spalding University, etc.)**

## **Past Experiences:**

**Independent Writer and Foreign Correspondent (Past one-decade):** Thomson Reuters, USA Today, The Washington Times, Inter Press Service (IPS), Pajhwok Afghan News, Next City, etc.

Kolkata Correspondent, **Thomson Reuters (2008-2016)**  
India Contributor, **The Boston Globe**  
Columnist, **Newsline, Pakistan**  
Contributor, **The Epoch Times**

Worked as **Bureau Head** (based in Kolkata, 2005-2008) of news agency **Indo-Asian News Agency (IANS)**

Worked as a **Chief Copy Editor** (cum a correspondent) with **United News of India (UNI) (1994-2004)**

Worked for **The Rockefeller Foundation's** 100 Resilient Cities of the world project covering the urban challenges and resilience of India's bustling eastern metropolis Kolkata. Link to all articles: <https://nextcity.org/urbanist-news/author/sujoy-dhar>

Was attached with **UNICEF** flood documentation project as a reporter visiting the flood-prone and flood-affected

## **Academic Association:**

Visiting journalism lecturer and India-USA programme coordinator for various universities in the United States as well as in India.

Co-author of *The Reporter*, an exhaustive book on Reporting dissecting every branch of the discipline for the students of journalism in all Indian universities as well as the practitioners of the profession.

## **Industry:**

- Was attached as a panelist for recruitment of engineers by global IT giant Infosys Technologies.

## **Column and Contributions (Past and Present):**

**Aljazeera.net**, the online version of the biggest Middle Eastern news network.

**Asiaweek**, former Time Warner group magazine published from Hong Kong.

**Newsline**, Pakistan (Column)

**Mumbai Mirror**, a Mumbai daily from the Times of India group.

**Sources**, a magazine brought out by UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

**Deccan Herald**, one of the premier news papers from south India brought out from Bangalore and other cities.

**SPAN**, a magazine brought out by the American Embassy in India.

**The Telegraph**, one of the largest circulated English daily from eastern India.

**The Times of India**, the largest English daily in India published from all major cities.

**The Hindustan Times**, one of the largest circulated and most reputed English daily from India's capital New Delhi.

**Down To Earth**, India's leading environment and science magazine.

**planets-voice.org**, a website on environment reporting run by the **German Environment Foundation**.

**Hindu Businessline**, one of the prestigious business daily of the Hindu Group in south India.

**Sahara Time**, a weekly from India's leading business house Sahara Group.

**Himal South Asian**: One of the most prestigious magazines of South Asia published from Kathmandu.

At various times I had been a contributor to Indian dailies like **The Statesman**, **Financial Express**, **Business Standard**, etc.

### **News agency experiences:**

Worked for **Thomson Reuters / IANS / UNI / AP**.

Before joining the Thomson Reuters I was a contributor for world's biggest wire services **Associated Press (AP)** and **Dow Jones**. Had been contributing for **IPS**, one of the premier development news agencies in the world. Was the Bureau Chief of **IANS** in Kolkata and Chief Copy Editor at **UNI**.

### **Electronic Media:**

Worked with [Al Jazeera International](#) on projects in West Bengal.

Produced stories for **Fox News (USA)** from India.

Panelist of current affairs programmes on **All India Radio (AIR)**.

**Area of contributions:** Besides being a mainstream journalist covering politics to Breaking News and geopolitics, I specialized on the following disciplines of journalism at various times—environment, development issues, health, films, lifestyle, women and gender, consumers, law, education, urbanization, tourism.

**Specialisation areas in the past:** Health (HIV/AIDS issues especially), Environment and Development stories/Feature writing in general.

**Specialisation Now:** Geopolitics / Entrepreneurial Journalism / Cross-country (India-USA) journalism programmes.

**Major Assignments:** Covered SAARC Conference as part of Prime Minister of India's media entourage, reported from nuclear reactor facilities in Europe, covered HIV AIDS scourge from Ethiopia, climate change effect on polar bears from Arctic Circle and reported on hate crimes in USA post 9/11 besides covering the anti-communist farmers' movement in West Bengal (2006-2008) from ground zero.

**Other interests:** Writing travelogues on both Indian and international destinations.

### **Publications (Books):**

- **The Reporter**, an exhaustive book on Reporting dissecting every branch of the discipline for the students of journalism in all Indian universities as well as the practitioners of the profession. Published in 2005 by

Alchemy, an imprint of Mehras. The book was released in Kolkata Book Fair in February 2006.

- **True Variety, Funding the Art of World Cinema**, a book with contributions by renowned writers and film experts across the world. The book was launched at the Museum of Modern Art, New York by the Hubert Bals Fund in 2003.

Number of years in the profession: 30 years

**Languages known:** English (Proficient), Bengali (Mother Tongue) and Hindi (National Language).

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

**1991-94:** Completed **Master of Arts (M.A)** in **Journalism** from **Calcutta University** with **Developmental Journalism** and **International Relations** as special papers.

**1992:** Completed Special **B.A.** (Bachelor of Arts) in Journalism from Calcutta University.

**1988-91:** Completed three-year graduation course majoring with **Commerce (B.Com. Hons)** from **Calcutta University**. The subjects included Accountancy, Economics, Law, Business Management, Mathematics among others.

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