

SUJOY DHAR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished journalist and editor with over 30 years in international and national media, focusing on humanitarian journalism, development, human rights, and environmental issues. Founder of India Blooms News Service (IBNS), providing impactful news to global audiences. Expertise in multimedia storytelling and editorial leadership, along with experience in cross-cultural journalism education with U.S. universities. Recognized for contributions to major publications and recipient of scholarships for global journalism initiatives. Find me at www.sujoydhar.com

SKILLS

- Multimedia storytelling
- Editorial management

Content creation for digital and print platforms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GROUP EDITOR AND FOUNDER, 01/2008 - Current

India Blooms News Service (IBNS) and Affiliates: Just Earth News (JEN), Trans World Features (TWF), Not in Town (NITN)

- Founded and lead IBNS, a premier news agency powering www.indiablooms.com, www.justearthnews.com, and www.notintown.net, serving print and digital media, including prominent newspapers and global platforms like MSN.
- Established Just Earth News as a leading humanitarian news provider, recognized by the United Nations Dispatch and U.K. media researchers.
- Oversee content creation for global breaking news, humanitarian stories, and travel news across affiliate portals.

FOUNDER EDITOR, 01/2002 - Current

Trans World Features (TWF)

• Co-founded a feature service (www.twfindia.in) supplying content to major Indian publications, including Deccan Herald, The Tribune, and The Shillong Times.

FREELANCE WRITER, 01/1993 - Current

Contributed to renowned media outlets, comprising the Associated Press, Al
Jazeera, the Boston Globe, Fox News, Asiaweek (Time magazine), in addition to
leading Indian newspapers such as the Times of India, Hindustan Times, Hindu
Business Line, The Telegraph, New Indian Express, Deccan Herald, The Statesman,
et al.

CO-LEADER, INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM PROGRAM, 01/2010 - 01/2024

Universities of Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia, and Missouri

- Co-created and taught a multimedia journalism program at University of Missouri and University of Georgia with Associated Press journalist Laura Ungar, facilitating U.S.-India student collaborations on professionally published stories.
- Served as a guest speaker, resource person, and instructor for U.S. universities and the East-West Center.

CONTRACTUAL INDIA CONTRIBUTOR, 01/2017 - 01/2021

USA Today

 Reported on critical issues, including acid attack victims, environmental challenges in the Sundarbans, and India's second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

INDIA WRITER, 01/1999 - 01/2018

Inter Press Service (IPS)

 Authored articles on development, globalization, human rights, and environmental issues for a global audience.

KOLKATA CORRESPONDENT, 01/2008 - 01/2016

Thomson Reuters. Kolkata, India

 Sole correspondent in Kolkata, delivering breaking news and in-depth reports for global distribution.

CONTRACTUAL INDIA CONTRIBUTOR, 01/2010 - 01/2015

The Washington Times

 Covered major stories, including the Bhopal gas disaster verdict, Maoist extremism, farmers' protests, and U.S. President Barack Obama's visit to India.

INDIA CONTRIBUTOR, 01/2013 - 12/2013

Next City (The Rockefeller Foundation Project)

 Reported on urban resilience and challenges in Kolkata for the 100 Resilient Cities initiative.

BUREAU HEAD, 01/2005 - 01/2008

Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)

 Managed regional operations in eastern India, overseeing coverage of breaking news and special reports, including the farmers' movement in West Bengal.

CHIEF COPY EDITOR, 01/1994 - 01/2004

United News of India (UNI)

 Advanced from junior copy editor to chief copy editor, managing the editorial desk for eastern India. Contributed as a reporter, covering diverse regional stories.

EDUCATIONAL Calcutta University, 01/1994 **QUALIFICATIONS** Master of Arts (M.A.): Journalism Specializations: Developmental Journalism, International Relations Calcutta University, 01/1992 Special B.A.: Journalism Calcutta University, 01/1991 B.Com. (Hons): Commerce WEBSITES, PORTFOLIOS, http://www.sujoydhar.com **PROFILES TECHNICAL SKILLS** Multimedia storytelling, editorial management, content creation for digital and print platforms. **WEBSITES** Http://www.indiablooms.com Http://www.justearthnews.com Http://www.notintown.net • Http://www.twfindia.in Http://www.thecanadianmedia.com Http://www.sujoydhar.com **MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS** Covered the SAARC Conference as part of the Indian Prime Minister's media entourage. • Reported from nuclear reactor facilities in Europe. Investigated the HIV/AIDS crisis in Ethiopia. Documented climate change and polar bear conservation in the Arctic Circle. Reported on post-9/11 hate crimes in the U.S. • Covered the anti-communist farmers' movement in West Bengal. **PROFESSIONAL** Co-Author, The Reporter: Comprehensive book on reporting techniques for PROJECTS AND journalism students and professionals. **ACHIEVEMENTS** Contributor, True Variety, Funding the Art of World Cinema: Book launched by the Museum of Modern Art, New York (Hubert Bals Fund, 2003). Invitee, Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) 13th Annual Convention,

Scholarship Recipient, Reuters Foundation HIV/AIDS Training Program, Addis Ababa

Participant, South Asian Journalists' Workshop on Vehicular Air Pollution, New Delhi

Participant, South Asian Journalists' Workshop on Global Environmental

New York (08/01/00).

(09/01/04 - 10/31/04).

Negotiations, New Delhi (08/01/02).

(02/01/03).

• Selected Attendee, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Workshop on Water Issues, New Delhi (02/01/04).