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ACCOMPLISHED Journalist/Researcher

Offering 18+ Years Experience in Editing, Writing, Research & Analysis, Ideation and Management

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Dedicated, resourceful and perceptive **Journalist, Researcher/Analyst and Manager**. Can be headhunted to spearhead editorial/research efforts at reputed organisations as a **Senior Researcher/Commentator/Editor with emphasis on Foreign and Strategic Affairs, Science & Technology and Business**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Talented and multi-skilled professional with **excellent research, writing and editing track record**. Have written, edited and managed editorial teams at newspapers (**Times of India, Indian Express, Vijay Times, Deccan Chronicle**), online news sites (**Rediff.com, ITspace.com**); think-tanks (**CDISS, UK; IDSA, New Delhi**). Occasional contributor to **Oxford Analytica, UK**.

Proven track record with strong conceptual and analytical thinking, news sense and sound judgment. Physical stamina and the emotional stability to multi-task, deal with pressing deadlines and work irregular hours.

Strong academic background with diverse qualifications, including a **2012 Chevening Scholarship at Oxford University** and **Distinction M.A. in Defence & Security Analysis from Lancaster University**.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Contributor to global analysis and advisory firm **Oxford Analytica**
 - **2012 Chevening Scholar at Oxford University, UK, on Science and Innovation.**
 - Former columnist for the Centre for Defence & International Security Studies, UK; rediff.com
 - Co-founded India's only magazine for software developers
 - Created and led the Bangalore City Desk for the Indian Express
 - **The only student of my MA cohort at Lancaster University to be awarded Distinction**
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EXPERIENCE

Deccan Chronicle, May 2008-Till Date

Senior Editor

- Serve as deputy to the Resident Editor, oversee all pages, except Sports and Tabloid
- Function as the Business/Technology Editor, run the daily technology page
- Write Aerospace/Defence, Technology, Business news and views
- In charge of the newspaper's Sunday Special Page, 360-degrees; Special Projects
- In charge of rewriting copy and headlines for Page 1

UBM India, May 2007-April 2008

Special Correspondent

- Served as the editorial face of UBM in South India, reporting to the Group Editor
- Contributed to making half-yearly editorial calendar, ideating special issues and events
- Wrote cover stories, features and interviews for Network Computing, CRN
- Wrote over 50 exclusive online news stories

Vijay Times, Bangalore, December 2006 – March 2007

Assistant Editor

- Wrote Edits and Edit-page articles
- Ideated, wrote, coordinated, and designed special issue/campaign pages
- Supervised metro, national and business desks and bureaus as directed by the Editor
- In 3 months, wrote over 15 editorials, two edit page articles.
- Conceived and wrote several special pages on Strategic Affairs, Science, Education
- Started and wrote a 'Daily Explainer' on topical issues

Centre for Excellence in Leadership, UK, October 2004 – March 2006

CEL was a UK national agency that conducted management and leadership programmes for middle and senior managers and principals of Post-16 education sector.

Research Associate

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative evaluation of participant feedback
- Wrote up and presented findings to the UK DfES, CEL senior managers and the Advisory Board
- Researched evaluation methodology, wrote and presented the results to professional associations
- Defined a simple 'mathematical' formula ($E=mD^2$) for CEL's approach to empowerment

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, July 2003 – July 2004

Visiting Scholar

- Researched India-US nuclear relations for MA dissertation
- Invited by Director-General to continue my contributions beyond the end of my MA studies
- Initiated MoD-DRDO research project on Chinese military modernisation

DeveloperIQ, Bangalore, Nov. 2000 – Sept. 2002

DeveloperIQ was India's only magazine for software developers, with circulation of 15,000 copies at peak.

Associate Editor

- Co-founded developers' monthly, built it up to be India's second largest circulation IT magazine
- Spearheaded editorial and achieved appealing content and growth on a highly restricted budget
- Negotiated content tie-ups with industry majors such as IBM, Microsoft and Sun Microsystems

ITspace.com, Bangalore, Feb. 2000 – Nov. 2000

ITspace.com was founded as an IT community portal during the dot com boom in late 1999-2000.

Correspondent

- Joined as copy editor, was re-designated Technology Correspondent in recognition of prolific writing.
- Showed initiative and innovation in suggesting early morning work patterns
- Wrote 85 exclusive news stories during Apr 2000 – Oct 2000

The Times of India, Bangalore, Apr. 1999 – Feb. 2000

Copy Editor

- Worked on the Regional, Metro and Foreign Desks
- Wrote news and features for Business (IT) section and supplements

Indian Express, Bangalore, Dec. 1996 – Apr. 1999

Sub Editor

- Created City News Desk and led a team of 5 within eight months of starting as a trainee sub-editor.
 - Heading desk Aug 1997-Apr 1999, worked continuously on night shift, editing copy, coordinating with bureau, producing 3-5 city pages within tight deadlines.
 - Improved skills of new writers by implementing mentoring practices
 - Wrote India's first weekly newspaper column on IT entrepreneurs, titled 'They Make IT Click'
 - Wrote news, features and reviewed over 60 Hindi movies.
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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Chevening Scholar, 2012

Saïd Business School, Oxford University

- Was the only journalist among 14 chosen, from among over 800 applicants, for the British Chevening Rolls Royce Innovation and Science Leadership Programme
- Participated in the 3-month programme at Oxford University, April-June 2012
- Studied systems of knowledge production, transfer and commercialisation in the UK in eclectic programme that covered University R&D, Economics and Management ideas, International Politics

MA Defence & Security Analysis, 2002 - 2003

Secured Distinction; Lancaster University

- Accurately foresaw changing India-US nuclear relations in 25,000-word dissertation researched at Lancaster University and the Institute for Defence Studies & Analysis, New Delhi
- Wrote essays on the Bush Administration's relationship with New Delhi and nuclear imperatives that was sent to the External Affairs Ministry by my Supervisors

Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism, 1995 - 1996

Secured 2nd rank; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, India

Bachelor of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics), 1992 -1 995

Bangalore University

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Academics:** Karnataka government's Scholarship and Freeship for standing 54th in state 10th Standard public examination among approximately 600,000 students in 1989-90
- **Journalism:** 'BKR Kabad Best Student of Journalism' prize, 1996
- **Science:** 'Top 50' contestant -- NASA Dudley Wright International Contest 'Together to Mars', 1992
- **Poetry:** International Poet of Merit, Maryland, 1995
- **General:** Rotary Youth Talent Award, 1995.

REFERENCES: *Available upon request*