

Curriculum Vitae

Snigdhendu Bhattacharya,
Journalist, Researcher, Author

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Languages Known:

- English: Speak, Read, Write (Fluent)
- Bengali: Speak, Read, Write (Fluent)
- Hindi: Speak, Read (Working Proficiency)

Portfolio: <http://snigdhendub.wix.com/snig>

Link to reports online: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/columns/snigdhendu-bhattacharya>

Overview

Experience In: Covering political, socio-economic and cultural affairs, research-based writing

Area of Interest: Conflict reporting, Security, History, Culture, Society

Expertise: Research, Editing, News and Feature writing, Online content generation, Mobile Journalism, Video Reporting for Digital Platform

Professional Experience

Hindustan Times, Kolkata

(June 2007 – June 2020)

- Special Correspondent (2018-20)
- Principal Correspondent (2015-18)
- Senior Reporter (2013-15)
- Staff Reporter (2010-2013)
- Retainer (2007-2010)

Work Profile and Achievements

Political Reporting, Investigative Journalism

- Extensively covered politics in Bengal, maintaining contacts in all significant political entities in the state - the Trinamool Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party and the Sangh Parivar, the Left and the Congress, as also various small, locally influential political outfits and socio-economic and religious organizations.
- Traveled across the length and breadth of the state to cover political and socio-economic developments and have developed contacts in almost all districts. I have also been closely monitoring developments related to Left Wing Extremism, religious fundamentalism and terrorist activities across India.
- Explored and filed stories on the Saradha Chit Fund scam, Kolkata Port business fiascos and government decisions on policies. Followed the fake art racket with a series of investigative stories.

Feature Writing: Rural Issues, History, Arts and Culture

Produced as full-page print articles and for the digital platform

- Expertly covered issues concerning rural people in Bengal
- Covered major cultural events across West Bengal

Aajkal, Kolkata

District correspondent, Hooghly

(2005-2007)

Profile: Political Reporting and Human Interest Stories

- Extensively covered the agitation against land acquisition in Singur for the Tata Nano Plant.

Other Achievements

- Authored '*Lalgarh and the Legend of Kishanji – Tales from India's Maoist Movement*' (HarperCollins India, 2016) that received positive reviews from Frontline, The Hindu Business Line, The Tribune, The Wire, Scroll.in, Ei Samay (TOI's Bengali daily) as also from other outlets
- My second book of non-fiction, on the Saffron Camp's Bengal Experiment, is scheduled to be released by a publishing major in end-2020
- Moderated talk session at Kolkata Literary Meet in 2017
- Attended 'South Asia Media Summit in Goa' in 2011 as a speaker on India's Maoist insurgency

Education

- BA (Hons.) in Journalism and Mass Communication, Barrackpore Rashtraguru Surendranath College, University of Calcutta (2006)
- Higher Secondary, Humanities, Hooghly Collegiate School, (2003)
- Secondary (Madhyamik), Hooghly Branch School, (2001)