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## Summary

I have over a decade of experience in reporting on various key social issues like Health, Education, and Child rights. I have received numerous fellowships from renowned organization including ICFJ and National Press Foundation during this tenure. Most of my fellowships were related to Child right. Currently, I am working as a special correspondent with leading Hindi daily Hindustan in New Delhi. Before joining Hindustan, I spent almost 10 years with another leading daily Rajasthan Patrika. I am well versed with the political economy of India and have very cordial relationships with bureaucrats and politicians.

## Skills

- good rapport with Political leadership and bureaucrats.
- Thorough understanding of Political economy of the Republic of India.
- Extensive network with journalists in National capital and in Many states of Rajasthan.
- Ability to convey information in a clear, concise and conversational manner.
- Ability to interact professionally and build relationships.
- Strong research skills, including ability to navigate search engines.

## Experience

**Special Correspondent** - Hindustan Media Ventures Ltd. (New Delhi, Delhi (UT))

January 2018 - Current

- I Cover Health and Education beat which includes ministry of Health and family welfare, Ministry of HRD as well.
- I have to keep eyes on political developments & Policy making and report accordingly.
- A key component of a my job is to conduct interviews of dignitaries including ministers and top bureaucrats.

**Principal Correspondent** - Rajasthan Patrika (New Delhi, Delhi (UT))

November 2010 - December 2017

- Won national award for Agriculture reporting in 2016 from Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- Covered Rajasthan affairs both political and governmental from National capital New Delhi.

**Sub editor to Chief sub editor** - Rajasthan Patrika (Jaipur, RJ)

April 2008 - November 2010

- I was based in jaipur and did local or state level stories during this tenure.
- Got my first National media fellowship from National foundation for India.

## Education

### **Bachelor of Arts** in Economics, Geography and English

2006

University of Allahabad, Allahabad

### **Master of Arts** in Journalism

2008

Makhanlal Chaturvedi Rashtriya Patrakarita Avam Sanchar  
Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal, MP

## Honors

- Chaudhari Charan Singh excellence in agriculture reporting award 2015 by Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's welfare. I am the youngest reporter to have this award.

## Fellowships

- Fellowship from the International Center for Journalist, the USA to work on Early Child development issues. It was a year-long fellowship. (12 Sep 2017 to 11 Sep 2018)
- Fellowship from Ministry of culture, Government of India to do research history of Beedi industry of Madhya Pradesh. (2012-14)
- National Media fellowship-2016 from Feji-Atree media fellowship.
- National Media Fellowship-2015 from Child right and you (CRY) 2015.
- J2J Lung Media fellowship-2014 By National Press Foundation, New York.
- National Media Fellowship-2013 to write on Tb among weavers.
- Panos South Asia's National Media Fellowship-2012 on Tobacco Control.
- 15th National Media Fellowship-2009 from National Foundation for India.

## Personal Information

- Date of Birth: October 26th, 1985.
- Son of: Late Mr. Neel Ratan Dhar & Smt Sudarshan Shrivastava
- Marital Status: Married

## References

- Mr. Declan Okpalaeke President, African Health Journalists association Nigeria.
- Mr. Arun Chauhan, Editor, Rajasthan Patrika, jaipur