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**PROFESSIONAL DETAILS**

**Senior Copy Editor**

**January, 2018-till date**

**Northeast Now (**[**http://nenow.in**](http://nenow.in)**)**

As the senior copy editor of Northeast Now, a bilingual (English and Assamese) news portal headquartered in Guwahati, Assam, I edit copies written by the reporters and correspondents from across the Northeast. I also translate news stories from Assamese to English besides filing news on diverse issues including politics, environment and development issues. I also coordinate with a total of 30 correspondents of the portal from across the Northeast besides coordinating with the contributors.

**April, 2015—December, 2017**

**Senior Sub- Editor**

**The Sentinel**

As the Senior Sub Editor/Reporter of *The Sentinel* (<http://www.sentinelassam.com>), an English daily newspaper simultaneously published from Guwahati, Itanagar, Shillong and Dibrugarh, I write stories on different issues including politics, insurgency, environment and development issues of Assam and other states of Northeast. I also edit the front page as well as the city page news stories and give headlines of the news items. I also look after the layout of these pages besides writing articles on current issues of the state and the country as well.

**April 2015--November, 2015**

**Content Editor Business Northeast**

As the content editor of *Business Northeast*, a monthly magazine devoted to business and economic issues of North-East India, I developed content for the magazine besides providing story ideas to the reporters.

**February 2011-January 2015**

**Senior sub editor/ chief reporter Eastern Chronicle Guwahati**

As a senior sub editor of *Eastern Chronicle* ([www.easternchronicle.net](http://www.easternchronicle.net)), an English daily published from Guwahati, Silchar and Kolkata, I looked after the front page as well as the city page of the newspaper. Besides doing the editing work and seeing the layout of the pages, I also translated news from Assamese to English.

As the chief-reporter of the newspaper, my comprehensive role is to maintain networks with various sources, to travel almost every corners of the North-East India and prepare reports. Politics, insurgency, development issues, ethnic clashes in Assam and other parts of North-East, self-determination and identity movements in North East, human rights issues of North-East India are the main focus areas of my reporting. I look after the political and insurgency beat specifically, and I represent the paper to cover the proceedings the State Legislative Assembly sessions.

**June, 2011 – September, 2012**

**Assistant Editor Aajir Samaj Guwahati**

As the assistant editor of Aajir Samaj, an independent economic and political magazine in Assamese language published from Guwahati under the editorship of renowned journalist Ajit Kumar Bhuyan, my role was to look into the content of the magazine and collecting write ups for it.

**February, 2007 – November, 2010**

**Copy Editor Anwesha Publishing House Guwahati**

As the copy editor of the renowned publishing house, my role was to edit the manuscript. Also worked as the Associate Editor of Anwesha Granthabarta, a yearly magazine of Assamese book review published from the same publication house.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCES**

* Worked as Interviewer in a market research conducted by AC Neilsen-ORG Marg, New Delhi in 2008.
* Worked as Investigator in a project on utilization of government schemes in rural areas conducted by Centre for Media Studies, New Delhi in 2007.
* Worked as Surveyor in a survey on state assembly election of Assam in 2006 by ZEE News.

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

**1997-2000 Gauhati University**

**Guwahati**

**B.A. (English)**

**PUBLICATIONS**

* **Books**: Compiled a book on Assamese short stories entitled *Galpokaror Priyo Galpo* (Favorite Stories of the Story-tellers) on December, 2009, published by Pragyan, Guwahati-3.
* Translated a book into Assamese entitled ***Prachanda: An Unknown Revolutionary*** originally written in English by Anirban Roy and published by Guwahati based publishing house Ank-Bak)

**SAMPLE ARTICLE LINKS**

* 1. [**https://www.epw.in/engage/article/communal-politics-eviction-drives-assam**](https://www.epw.in/engage/article/communal-politics-eviction-drives-assam)
  2. [**https://nenow.in/author/mahesh-deka**](https://nenow.in/author/mahesh-deka)

**SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

* Participated in a media conclave organized by The Energy Resource Institute (TERI) on Sustainable Development and Climate Change in New Delhi in 2015.
* Participated in a workshop on “Reporting on Climate Change” organized by Centre for Media Studies, New Delhi, in Shillong, Meghalaya in 2011.

**FELLOWSHIP**

* Selected as a media fellow for **Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS), New Delhi** in 2011 on the theme Sustainable Development and Food Security in India. The area of my study was Assam’s BTAD area and Manipur.
* Selected for **National Media Award Programme**, 2016 offered by **National Foundation For India, New Delhi.**
* Selected for **Unicef-KKHSOU Media Fellowship, 2017** for carrying out study on poor health condition of the children of tea gardens.

**AWARD**

Received **Media Fellowship Award, 2016** presented by **Gauhati University in collaboration with UNICEF** for Ethical Reporting on Children and Adolescent.

**PASSION:** Reading, Travelling, Listening to Music, Watching movies.

**Date of Birth: 01.08. 79**

**REFERENCE:**

**Dr. M.S. Prabhakara**

Former Assistant Editor

*Economic and Political Weekly*

**DECLARATION**

Above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If anything is found wrong, I’ll be liable for that.

Date: May 24, 2019 **(MAHESH DEKA)**

Place: Guwahati