

# Prabhakar

Multimedia & Fact-Check Journalist

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## Professional Summary

Multimedia and fact-check journalist with around 5 years of newsroom and field reporting experience across television, digital, and print platforms. Proven record of political and social storytelling, misinformation debunking, and ground reporting from protests, elections, and grassroots communities. Adept at using OSINT and verification tools to ensure accuracy and public-interest journalism.

## Professional Experience

**Stringer** Oct 2025 – Present

*Prasar Bharati (Doordarshan), Rewa, Madhya Pradesh*

- Report local news, developmental issues, and cultural events for the national public broadcaster with timely and accurate ground coverage.
- Coordinate with editorial teams to deliver verified, broadcast-ready inputs from the district.

**On-ground Reporter & Story Provider** Aug 2025 – Nov 2025

*Zee TV (Kahani Har Ghar Ki)*

- Identified and developed compelling real-life narratives for TV features focused on grassroots stories.
- Worked closely with production units to ensure authentic representation of communities and individuals on screen.

**Reporter** Jul 2025 – Oct 2025

*Basti News Times (Daily Newspaper), Basti, Uttar Pradesh*

- Covered local governance, crime, and social issues for the daily print edition under tight deadlines.
- Maintained a steady pipeline of local news, contributing to consistent district-level coverage.

**Block Incharge & Stringer** Jun 2025 – Jul 2025

*Dainik Bhaskar, Bahadurpur Block*

- Oversaw local news operations and inputs from the block, coordinating story flow to the main bureau.
- Filed breaking news, spot visuals, and early leads on emerging issues from the region.

**Researcher** Oct 2022 – Nov 2022

*India News (ITV Network)*

- Conducted political and social research to support primetime shows and news packages.
- Produced research-based briefs and notes on current affairs to strengthen editorial accuracy.

**Chief Editor** Jan 2020 – Oct 2022

*Impractical Media*

- Led editorial planning and editing for digital stories, including coverage of the UP Assembly elections and Farmers' Protest.
- Produced and edited fact-check and explainer content; handled social media strategy and post design.
- Developed photo stories on the Farmers' Protest and Delhi violence; contributed scripts and background research for field reports.

**Journalist (Freelance)** 2019 – 2020

*Various Outlets*

- Reported on campus activities at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, and Indian Institute of Mass Communication.

**Trainee Producer** 2019

*Apna Radio 96.9 (Community Radio)*

- Assisted in producing community-focused radio programmes from concept to script and broadcast.

## Leadership & Fellowships

**President & Founder** Dec 2024 – Present

*Tree Initiatives Society*

- Founded and lead a registered education-focused organisation working on grassroots mobilisation and inclusive development.
- Organise health camps, educational outreach, and awareness campaigns for underprivileged communities.

**Fellow** Oct 2023 – Sep 2024

*Jan Suraaaj*

- Collected field data on local socio-economic issues to support evidence-based planning.
- Led community mobilisation drives to increase participation in public welfare initiatives.

## Education

**Ph.D. Research Scholar, Hindi** Ongoing

*Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Madhya Pradesh*

**PG Diploma in Radio & Television Journalism** 2019 – 2020

*Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi*

**Master of Arts in Hindi** 2016 – 2018

*University of Delhi*

**Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Hindi** 2013 – 2016

*University of Delhi*

## Skills

**Journalism & Fact-Checking:** Reporting; editorial writing; proofreading; content research and development; misinformation detection; field reporting; copy editing.

**Verification & OSINT Tools:** Bot Sentinel; FotoForensics; YouTube Data Viewer; InVid; Wayback Machine; WHOIS lookup; Yandex.

**Digital & Production:** Hindi typing; video editing (Adobe Premiere Pro); infographic creation; basic social media strategy.

**Camera & Multimedia:** DSLR photography; mobile journalism (MoJo); photo story development.

## Workshops & Training

Stories Asia Mobile Journalism Workshop, IIMC New Delhi

Logical Indian Fact-Checking Workshop, IIMC New Delhi

Online Digital Journalism Course, Reuters

## Languages

Hindi (Native) — English (Professional Working Proficiency)