

Expertise

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Kiran Rai

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I contribute to [Forbes](#) as a political news writer, [GQ](#) as an entertainment writer, [Sports Illustrated Magazine](#), an (ex) press assistant for the [UN](#) and Press Assistant and HOP Lobby Journalist at [House of Commons UK](#)

Extensive coverage of 61 international sports events highlights versatility and commitment to delivering compelling stories across both political and sports icons. Notable interviews include world leaders, prime ministers, royal family members, and various other government officials.

Professional Summary

- Dynamic career of [14+ years](#) of pioneering experience in Media & Entertainment, Politics, Sports, and Public Sector industries.
- [Award-winning](#) Sports & Political journalist based out of London and New York, with great storytelling skills, experience to contribute to high quality journalism and the ability to work under extreme pressure.
- Interviewed several Royal family members in the UK & Europe; 40+ political leaders globally; and invited to 10 Downing Street to meet [Prime Minister Boris Johnson](#).
- Experience reporting at 61 [international sports events](#) such as Wimbledon, FIFA World Cup, NBA, NFL, FA Cup Final, ECB Cricket, UFC, Athletics World Cup, BMW PGA Golf, Rugby League World Cup, Moto GP, Premier League Darts, World Para Swimming Alliance, Champions Tennis, London Marathon, Netball World Cup etc., which has resulted publishing 987 national and international news articles.
- [50+ TV appearances](#) in BBC, Channel 4, and London Live channels, has given me high level of confidence in socialising, adapting to various personalities and work ethics.
- Interviewed leading editors like [Piers Morgan](#), and [Vogue Editor in Chief, Dame Anna Wintour](#), [John Humphries](#), [Nick Ferrari](#).
- Experience in working on [breaking news stories](#) of well-known political families like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Muhammed Ali, Winston Churchill, and Mahatma Gandhi.
- Worked as a main reporter in various [Film Festivals and Showbiz Events](#) such as Cannes Film Festival, BFI Film Festival, Korean Festival, China Film Festival, Rain Dance Film Festival, Brit Awards, LGBT Awards, Royal Opera House Awards etc.

Achievements

- As an official journalist for [The Expo 2020](#), I interviewed several world leaders including the [Qatar Royal Family](#), UAE Foreign Ministers, Egyptian Foreign Ministers and was part of the media negotiations interviews between all UAE and political royal family members.
- Interviewed legendary boxing Icon [Mike Tyson](#) for a world exclusive interview
- Interviewed Errol Musk, Father of Elon Musk for leading political newspaper ' [Political](#) '
- I was awarded by the Indian government radio station for my contributions to journalism for creating the power list "The 500 most influential people in Asia" alongside universal records, which surpassed 1 billion views.
- "Delivered a speech at the United Nations during COP28, addressing global climate change challenge
- I was invited to the conference [100 UK INDIA Most Influential Person](#) in the UK; and I was painted by an artist in the famous British Art Gallery in Mayfair.

Work Experience

Forbes
GQ
Sports Illustrated
The United Nations
The Daily Express
The Sun
The Daily Mail
The Mirror Online
The Metro
The Daily Sport
The Times of India
The Khaleej Times Social
Box New York PR

Political Connections

Edwina Currie, MP
Tan Dhesi, MP
Ann Windcombe, MP
Keith Vaz, MP
Lord Willets, MP
HRH Sheikha Khalifa Al Noori, Bahrain Royal Family
Harriet Baldwin, MP
Lord Hastings, MP
Jo Johnson, MP
Dawn Butler, MP
Nick Clegg, Deputy PM

Other

Nationality: British
Age: 33 Years Marital
Status: Single
Driving - Yes
Passport - British
Born - Nottingham
Transport - Car
Children - No
Based - London



Afzal Khan MP

Member of Parliament for Manchester, Gorton
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Kiran Rai

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Kiran Rai for any role that demands exceptional skills in journalism, investigative work, and communications. As the Member of Parliament for Manchester Gorton, I have had the privilege of working closely with Kiran, who currently serves as a volunteer Parliamentary Assistant in my office.

Throughout our collaboration, Kiran has consistently demonstrated an outstanding level of professionalism, dedication, and proficiency in various tasks, making them an invaluable asset to our team.

Kiran's prowess in journalism and investigative work sets them apart. He possesses a keen eye for detail and a relentless pursuit of truth, which are essential qualities in today's media landscape. Whether it's conducting research, analysing data, or crafting compelling narratives, Kiran's work reflects a deep commitment to accuracy and integrity. His ability to uncover important information and present it in a clear and concise manner has been instrumental in our efforts to address pressing issues and advocate for our constituents.

In addition to their journalistic talents, Kiran excels in communications. He has a natural gift for conveying complex ideas in a way that is accessible and engaging to diverse audiences. Whether it's drafting press releases, preparing speeches, or managing social media accounts, Kiran's communication skills have played a vital role in shaping our messaging and reaching out to our constituents effectively.

One of the most notable examples of Kiran's exceptional performance was during our participation at the COP28 summit. As my personal assistant during this important event, Kiran's organizational skills and attention to detail were indispensable. He managed a wide range of responsibilities with poise and efficiency, from coordinating schedules and logistics to liaising with various stakeholders. Moreover, Kiran played a pivotal role in arranging media coverage for our activities at COP28, ensuring that our message reached a global audience. His ability to handle pressure and adapt to changing circumstances was truly impressive, and it contributed significantly to the success of our mission.

Beyond their professional capabilities, Kiran is a person of integrity and dedication. He approaches every task with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose, and his positive attitude is contagious. Kiran's willingness to go above and beyond expectations and his commitment to serving the public good make him a valuable asset to any team.

In conclusion, I have the utmost confidence in Kiran's abilities and character, and I wholeheartedly endorse them for any opportunity that comes their way. He possesses the skills, work ethic, and passion for public service that are essential for success in today's challenging and dynamic environment. It has been a privilege to work alongside Kiran, and I have no doubt that he will continue to excel and make meaningful contributions wherever he goes.

Yours sincerely,

Afzal Khan MP

Member of Parliament for Manchester, Gorton

PLAYBACK

Kiran Rai
Political Journalist



Invitation to 10 Downing Street



Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister



Jack Churchill, Winston Churchill Grandson



HRH Sarah Ferguson, Duchess



His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah, Saudi



Michael Gove, Member of Parliament



Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London



HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester



HRH Princess Anne, Navy Medal Awards



H.E Fu'ad Hussein, Foreign Minister, Iraq



Mahinda Rajapaksa, Sri Lankan President



Keir Starmer, House of Parliament



HRH Princess Tessy Antony de Nassau



Suhail Shaheen, Taliban Leader



Government of South Korea in HoP



Prince Harry, Invictus Games, Germany



Rishi Sunak, UK Prime Minister



Amadou Thiam, Malian Politician, COP 28



Adel Al-Jubeir, Foreign Minister, Saudi



Louis Theroux, BBC News



Imran Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister



Sheikh Rashid, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Park Eunha, South Korean Ambassador



Mark Harper, Minister of Parliament



George Galloway, Minister of Parliament



Lord Jeffery Archer, NTA Awards



Dianne Abbott, Minister of Parliament



Sayedha Taseema, Bangladeshi High Comm.



Ld. Robert Reed, President, Supreme Court



Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot



H.E Khalid Al Muderfer, Minister, Saudi



Mark Regev, Prime Minister Advisor, Israel



Cherie Blair, Ex. PM Tony Blair's Wife



Ndileka Mandela, GD. of Nelson Mandela



Princess Katarina, Yugoslavia



Jeremy Vine, TV & Radio Presenter, BBC



Akala, Rapper & Journalist



Momodou Jallow, MP, Sweden



Shiranthi Rajapaksa, First Lady, Srilanka



Eamonn Holmes, Irish TV Broadcaster



YK Sinha, Indian High Commissioner



Nick Clegg, Former Deputy Prime Minister

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Kiran Rai

Sports Journalist



Tyson Fury, Heavy Weight Champion



Carbine Muguruza, Wimbledon



Anthony Joshua, Heavy Weight Champ



Wayne Rooney, England Captain



Mike Tyson World exclusive Interview



Logan Paul Vs. KSI, Press Conference



Logan Paul, KSI



Sir Mo Farah, London Marathon



Ed Sheeran's PR Assistant



Nick Ferrari, LBC Journalist Editors Award



Harry Kane, England Football Captain



John Humphrys, BBC Awards



Piers Morgan, Royal Television



Dame Anna Wintour, Vogue Editor



Ndaba Mandela, G.Son of Nelson Mandela



Gordan Ramsay, Ringside Tyson Fury



Rio Ferdinand, Tyson Vs. Francis, WBC



Naomi Campbell, Vogue, New York



Bukayo Saka, London Football Awards



Tommy Fury, Tyson Vs. Whyte, WBC



Derek Chisora, Boxing Championship

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Sports Journalist



Tim Henman, British Tennis Player



Connor Benn, Boxer



Bob Arum, Boxing Manager



Mark Cavendish, British Cyclist



Mark Romig, Super Bowl President



Paddy Pimblett, British MMA



Steven Frayne, British Magician



Tiff Needell, Top Gear



Kumar Sangakkara, Cricketer



Jo Johnson, Minister of Parliament



Ryan Sessanog, English Footballer



Tyrone Mark Lindo, British MC



Michael Buffer, Boxing Ring Announcer



Albert Pujols, Baseball Player



Chris Kamara, Football Manager



John Fury, Irish Boxer



Prince Harry, Invictus Games



Terry Sheringham, Footballer



Neil Warnock, Football Manager



Sir Alistair Cook, Cricketer



George Groves, Boxer

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Kiran Rai

Social Journalist



Maya Jama, London Fashion Week



Chris Eubank, BT Sports Awards



Tinie Tempah, Retail Technology Show



Frank Warren, Manager, British Boxing



Lennox Lewis & Francis Ngannou



Frank Bruno, Former British Boxer



Oleksandr Usyk, Heavyweight Champion



David Seaman, Former England Goalkeeper



Carl Froch, British Professional Boxer



Katie Price, English Model & Author



Damson Idris, British Actor



Damon Hill, Former F1 British Racing Driver



Naomi Osaka, Wimbledon Tennis Player



Michael Van Gerwen, Darts Championship



Kate Garraway, English Broadcaster, ITV



Dillion Whyte, Ringside Boxing



Jimmy Choo, Malaysian Fashion Designer



Big Shag Rapper / Comedian



Sanjeev Bhaskar, British Comedian Actor



Lawrence Okolie, Cruiserweight Champion



Andrea Bocelli, Brit Awards

PLAYBACK

Kiran Rai

Social Journalist



Dara O'brian, British Journalist/Comedian



Paul Choudhary, Comedian



Ruby Wax, American Journalist



Sam Tarry, Minister of Parliament



Chunks, YouTuber



Callum Scott, British Pop Singer



Sir Ben Kingsley, British Actor



President, All India Radio (Journalist Award)



Sri Ravi Shankar, Indian Spiritual Leader



Billy Ocean, British Singer



Nitin Ganatra, British Actor



Asim Choudhary, Comedian



Hasim Zomlot, Palestinian Ambassador



George Samson, Britain Got Talent Winner



Jimmy Tarbuck OBE, British Comedian



Michael Sheen, British Actor



Amanda Holden, British TV Judge



Mel B, Spice Girls Artist



Monty Panesar, British Cricket Player



Chris Tucker, American Actor/Comedian



Niall Horan, One Director, Press Dinner

| Work Experience | Roles & Responsibilities |
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| Forbes, GQ & Sports Illustrated Feb 2024 – Ongoing News Contributor/Writer | Providing insightful analysis as a political news writer for Forbes, where my focus is on the intricate dynamics of political events and their implications. At GQ & Sports Illustrated, I craft stories that bridge the gap between lifestyle and well-being for a diverse readership. |
| United Nations Feb 2023 – Jan 2024 Press Assistant for COP 28 | Press Assistant for the United Nations, responsible for coordinating media coverage of UN events including COP28 and helping the office of Antonio Guterres, the General Secretary of the UN, alongside other government officials. |
| Times of India & Khaleej Times Mar 2019 – Till Date Freelancer | Write articles after the field visits; discuss breaking news with various editors; worked on strict deadlines for publishing breaking news; arranged interviews with Bollywood film stars; and interviewed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. |
| Sun, Daily Mail, Mirror & Metro Feb 2017 – Till Date Freelancer | Pitched story ideas for trending topics and created news series where applicable; reported at London film premiers for interviews with British film stars; worked on breaking news on London Underground passenger stories. |
| The Daily Express Apr 2021 – Dec 2021 News Journalist | Maintained a high quality of outgoing news; assisted in managing social media accounts; drafted several articles; recreated news content stories, edited pitches and videos to publish online, worked closely with PR companies to get interviews. |
| Rai Technical Apr 2019 – Apr 2020 Sales & Telesales Director | Arranged the press releases; distributed the press releases to the business news wires; attended several European exhibitions and conferences with Bosch, Stanley Knife, Spectrum, Pipex etc., and provided consultancy services to other media firms. |
| Cake Bake & Sweet Show Sep 2018 – Mar 2019 Sponsorship & Sales Director | Based in Australia, I worked closely with companies like Cadbury, Nestle, Mars, etc., for sponsorship to run Cake Bake & Sweet Show; arranged several Michelin Star Chefs for the program; coordinated end to end activities to complete a show. |
| The Daily Sport News Paper Aug 2012 – Jul 2016 Sports Journalist | Reported at 52 international sports events such as Wimbledon, FIFA World Cup, NBA, NFL, FA Cup Final, ECB Cricket, UFC, Athletics World Cup etc., which resulted in publishing 987 national and international news articles. |
| The London Post Aug 2012 – Jul 2016 Freelancer | Pitched stories on Mayor of London Sadiq Khan; interviewed Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn; covered approx., 60 political conferences in London; edited and shared the pictures to Getty images; and sold pictures to other picture news desks. |
| London TV Aug 2012 – Jul 2016 Broadcast Journalist | As a broadcast journalist, I was responsible for organising the TV shows; interviewed several guests during the shows; memorised long scripts; edited the press releases and published it online for the London TV station. |



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To whom it may concern,

Re: Media Accreditation for Kiran Rai

Kiran Rai is a columnist for DAILY SPORT submitting various entertainment related articles to us. We, therefore, trust that you will afford him accreditation to your event.

Any questions please feel free to ask - these are the links to his work thus far, if that helps at all?

<http://dailysport.co.uk/celebs-and-gossip/detroit-premieres-in-london/>

<http://dailysport.co.uk/news/baftas-turn-70-this-weekend/>

Yours sincerely,
DAILY SPORT LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant D. Miller".

Grant D. Miller
Chairman & CEO