

PEERZADA ARSHAD HAMID

JOURNALIST | WRITER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 -
PRESENT

ROVING CORRESPONDENT/EDITOR *XINHUA News Agency*

Reporting and editing news stories, features and in-depth reports. Generating and finalising story ideas, and commissioning pitches.

Highlights include news stories on India-Pakistan military standoff, Indian politics, ongoing armed conflict in Indian-controlled Kashmir, climate change, natural calamities, accidents, health and developments in India having international appeal.

2006 -
2009

SRINAGAR CORRESPONDENT *Indian national weekly TEHELKA (English), New Delhi*

Reported more than 150 magazine stories including special features and interviews.

Highlights include news stories on armed conflict, political situation in Indian - controlled Kashmir, plight of widows and orphans, healthcare (especially psychiatric disorders because of armed conflict), business and economy, administration, corruption, environment, Indian Defence and Indo-Pak standoff.

OCT - DEC
2005

REPORTER *Asian News International (ANI)*

Finalising packages for different commissioned programmes.

Highlights include making video stories and features on devastation, tragedy and human interest stories during Kashmir earthquake 2005. The 7.4 magnitude earthquake killed 80,000 people.

2003 -
2005

REPORTER - CUM - SUB-EDITOR *Srinagar based English daily Greater Kashmir*

Responsibilities included working on news features and editing copies, besides finalizing headlines for the copies to be used in the daily broadsheet. The work required following news happenings, doing interviews, writing and editing copies.

Highlights include news stories on enforced disappearances, politics, rural reporting, crime, rural healthcare, administration, corruption, environment, business etc.

I am a journalist presently reporting India. Since 2001, I have worked with different news organizations as a full-time reporter and editor to cover India. I am well versed with news reporting as well as feature writing and have the ability to write and edit concise wire news formats as well as long magazine pieces.

Currently I am working with Xinhua News Agency, New Delhi Bureau as Editor and senior writer. I have studied Mass Communication and Journalism from University of Kashmir, Srinagar, a reputed University in India.

I execute my plans with proper procedure keeping high the journalistic standards and try to go by the rule book. Sticking to rules has helped me in shaping my career and over the years I have gained good understanding of newsroom and judgement of news.

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English, Urdu, Hindi, Kashmiri

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

EDITING

NEWS REPORTING

FEATURE WRITING

COMMISSIONING STORIES

RESEARCH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONT.

2001 -
2003

REPORTER-CUM- SUB-EDITOR

Srinagar based English daily Kashmir Images

Responsibilities included working on news features and editing copies, besides finalizing headlines for the copies to be used in the daily broadsheet.

The work required following news happenings, doing interviews, writing and editing copies.

Highlights include politics, governance, conflict etc.

MAJOR STORIES COVERED

FROM 2001-PRESENT

- General elections in India (2009, 2014, 2019)
- India, Pakistan firings on LoC and border (2009-Present)
- Deadliest suicide bombing on Indian paramilitary convoy in Indian Kashmir that brought India and Pakistan at the brink of war (2019)
- Hootch tragedies in Indian states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam (2019)
- Crisis in India's Supreme Court and judiciary (2018)
- Unusual farmer protests in India (2017)
- Tamil Nadu bullfighting sport protests - Jallikattu (2017)
- Sexual assaults, rapes in India (2012-Present)
- Maoist insurgency in India (2014-Present)
- Student protests in top Indian university (2016)
- Wullar Barrage standoff between India and Pakistan (2012)
- India becomes Polio-free: WHO (2014)
- Militancy in Kashmir (2001-Present)
- India's top investigative magazine caught in uproar (2013)
- Devastating flooding in Kashmir (2014)
- Increase in Cancer patients in India's Punjab (2014)
- Bicycle manufacturing in India's Punjab (2014)
- Rural Olympics in India's Punjab (2014)
- Drug menace in India's Punjab (2014)
- Bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh state in India, protests, politics (2013)
- Woes of Indian farmers in Andhra Pradesh (2013)
- Cyclone Phailin hits Andhra Pradesh (2013)
- Religion, culture and festivals (2011, 2012, 2013)
- Unmarked graves in Kashmir (2008, 2011, 2012)
- Census in Kashmir (2011)
- Civil unrest in Kashmir (2008, 2010, 2016)
- Ladakh cloudburst (2010)
- Cross-Line of Control Trade and its suspension (2009, 2013, 2019)
- Interviews with senior separatist leaders - Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Yasin Malik, Shabir Shah, etc. Aasiya Andrabi (2007, 2008)
- Interviews with Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, M Y Tarigami, and other local ministers (2007, 2008)

RESEARCH

- Tuberculosis scenario in Kashmir (2012)
- Impact of civilian unrest-2010 on psyche of youth in Kashmir for Action Aid, International (2011)
- A study on local cable TV culture in Kashmir for THE HOOT, New Delhi (2009)
- A study on changing forms of bazaar art in public spaces of Srinagar for Tasveer Ghar, New Delhi (2007)
- A study on Cannabis Cultivation, its ill effects and economic alternatives for Action Aid International, Kashmir zone (2006-2007)
- A study on Psychiatric hospital in Srinagar as Independent Research fellow under the aegis of SARAI- CSDS (the centre for study of developing societies), New Delhi (2005-2006)
- Submitted a dissertation on Growth of Newspapers in Kashmir—a study as part of the Master's Degree Programme at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar (2002)

EDUCATION

- 2019 **Short-term training in Communication**
University of China, Beijing
- 2002 **M.A. in Mass Communication and Journalism (Media Education Research Centre)**
University of Kashmir, Srinagar
- 1999 **B.Sc. (Gen) Bio-Sciences**
University of Kashmir, Srinagar

RECOGNITION

Won prestigious 'Employee of the Year 2018' Award in Asia Pacific Branch from Xinhua News Agency.

Accredited as journalist by Directorate of Information, Government of Jammu and Kashmir (INDIA)

INTERESTS



Reading



Movies



Music



Travel