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**OBJECTIVE:** To be in a challenging position in an organization where I can leverage my analytical skills, excellent verbal & written communication skills to the best of my abilities while adding value to myself and to the organization

### Profile

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- Over 24 years of experience in journalism (reporting, rewriting and editing) in various fields
- Extensively reported on banking, insurance, state finance, excise, administrative affairs and assembly proceedings in West Bengal. Work involved procuring documents, analysis of documents and subsequent reporting
- Extensively covered social issues like Queer issues, human trafficking, child trafficking and cross- border fake Indian currency notes (FICN) menace
- At times assigned to cover national political issues like 2010 Ayodhya Ram Mandir Verdict

### Relevant exposure to:

Reporting for various events all over the country

Stake-holder Management

Skills in Microsoft Office

Sharing Improvement ideas

### Special Skills:

✧ Reporting ✧ Strong Analytical Skills ✧ Eye for detail ✧ Training & Development ✧ Strong Interpersonal Skills ✧ Team Management ✧ Leadership Skills ✧ Project Management ✧ Excellent verbal & written communication skills ✧ Time Management & Prioritization ✧

## Employment Background

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- *Associated with The Echo of India.* ~ Since August 2019.

**Role:** *Executive Editor (Advisory Role)*

- ❖ Contribute articles and special columns for the newspaper.
- ❖ Edit and compose articles submitted by the junior reporters
- ❖ Hold responsibilities for managing the assignments for the junior reporters.
- ❖ Report selection and editing for the newspaper's Siliguri and Gangtok editions
- ❖ Creation & publication of various Standard Operating Procedures as part of Best Practice sharing and Process Standardization.

- *Hindustan Times, Kolkata.* (January, 2011, —June 2019)

**Role:** *Special Correspondent.*

Reporting in various fields namely State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), West Bengal, state administration in West Bengal, Assembly proceedings in West Bengal, state finance in West Bengal, political developments nationally and in West Bengal, international affairs relating to cross- border issues and social issues, among others

### ***Major Achievements:***

- Single- handedly covered the developments in the current West Bengal state secretariat at Nabanna
- Covered West Bengal assembly proceedings with specializations on state budget, debates on state finance, state commerce & industries, personal & administrative reforms, home department affairs among others.
- Provided supporting backup in covering opposition politics in West Bengal related to Left Front and Congress
- Used to write full page feature stories on specialized issues like chit fund or Ponzi menace, LGBT (lesbian- gay- bisexual- transsexual) movement in India, present day corporate involvement in Bengali festivals, among others.
- Rewriting of copies of junior reporters with value addition

- *Daily News & Analysis (DNA) ~ From July 2005— January 2011.*

**Role:** *Principal Correspondent~ From July 2005 – April 2010.*

**Role:** *Special Correspondent~ From April 2010 – January 2011.*

Reporting in various fields namely state administration in West Bengal, Assembly proceedings in West Bengal, state finance in West Bengal, political developments nationally and in West Bengal, international affairs relating to cross- border issues and social issues, among others

### ***Major Achievements:***

- Single- handedly covered state politics (ruling & opposition)
- Single- handedly covered major incidents in West Bengal like Singur agitation, Nandigram massacre, Jyaneshwari and Saithian Train mishap, Rizwanur Rahman tragedy, among others
- Single- handedly covered the 2006 West Bengal assembly elections
- Single- handedly covered the 2008 Panchayat elections in West Bengal
- Single- handedly covered the 2009 Lok Sabha elections (West Bengal part)


**Major assignment—**In 2010, posted in Ayodhya to cover the situation there in wake of the Babri Mosque demolition verdict by the three- judge bench of Allahabad High Court. There I single- handedly covered the entire pre- verdict and post- verdict scenario in Ayodhya as well in its adjacent town of Faizabad.

- ***The Financial Express ~                      From November 2000 – June 2005***  
***Role: Senior Correspondent~              From November 2000 – April 2003.***  
***Role: Principal Correspondent~        From April 2003 – June 2005.***

- Specialized in sectors like banking, insurance, state finance, state excise and politics-industry interface
- Interviewed chairmen of major banks like State Bank of India, United Bank of India and Allahabad Bank, among others.
- Some of my special stories related to bank scams and state finance were also simultaneously carried in The Indian Express.

### **Major achievements—**

- Major breaking stories on bank loan defaulters in West Bengal as part of Indian Express Group's (The Indian Express and The Financial Express) most popular series "The Indian Bank Robbery"
- ICMR- IBS Centre For Management Research (Asia's most popular collection of management case studies) in its report, State Bank of India – The VRS Story (<https://www.icmrindia.org/free%20resources/casestudies/State%20Bank%20of%20India-VRS%20Story5.htm>) quoted a number of my reports pertaining to VRS in Indian banking sector published in Financial Express and Indian Express

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- ***The Statesman ~ From March 1997 – October 2000***  
***Role: Staff reporter- cum- sub editor***
- Performed the dual performance of collecting information and filing stories as well as subbing stories for the Business Desk
  - A major breaking story on the main Employment State Insurance (ESI) Scheme defaulters in West Bengal
- ***The Asian Age ~ From March 1996 – March 1997***  
***Role: Trainee reporter ~ From March 1996 – July 1996***  
***Role: Staff reporter ~ From July 1996– March 1997***

### **Education**

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- ✓ BA (English, Economics & Political Science) from the University of Calcutta
- ✓ PGD in journalism from Sardar Patel College of Communication & Management- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi

### **Extracurricular activities: Certification**

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- Participated in second division football league for Southern Athletic Club
- Completed advance course in mountaineering from West Bengal Adventure & Mountaineering Federation


### **Extracurricular activities: Pursued**

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- ❖ Writing internal reports for Vaarta, an NGO working in the area of Queer rights
- ❖ Long association with Action Aid, International as volunteering team leader for educating street & platform children
- ❖ Occasionally participate in counseling of parents with children with alternative sexual orientation for an NGO, Solidarity against Campus Homophobia (SACH)

### **References:**

- **Somnath Dasgupta**  
**Former Editor (online) The Telegraph and former Resident Editor of The Financial Express, Kolkata**  
(Mobile: 9830061526)
- **Atmadip Ray,**  
**Senior Assistant Editor (Banking) of The Economic Times, Kolkata**  
(Mobile: 9830996105)



➤ **Arghya Sengupta,**  
**Assistant General Manger (HR & Administration)**  
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*I hereby declare that the information mentioned is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any information is found to be false, I shall be personally liable.*

**Date:**

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**Place:** Kolkata

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