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TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- HWC
NIIT, 2002

SKILLS

- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Short and long match reports, reviews, previews, and analytical pieces
- Creative in feature writing, profiles, interviews, news and writing cover stories.
- Rewriting, editing, proofreading, and storytelling
- Teamwork, management, and leadership skills
- MS Office, Page Making using QuarkXpress and InDesign

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

MS Office ● ● ● ●
QuackXpress ● ● ● ●

LANGUAGES

English ● ● ● ●
Urdu ● ● ● ●
Hindi ● ● ● ●
Kashmiri ● ● ● ●
Marathi ● ● ● ●

Aurfanul Haji

Senior Sports Journalist

PROFILE • ABOUT ME

Sports Journalist with more than 14 years of rich experience in reporting and writing engaging stories with leading Indian English Dailies. I have the nose for news and hunger to strive for facts.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Covered stories on IPL Spot Fixing, BCCI and MCA functioning
- Covered EPL side Blackburn Rovers visit to India and did interview of top stars
- Covered Commonwealth Youth Games 2008, Sachin Tendulkar's farewell Test, ICC Women's World Cup 2013, ICC T20 World Cup 2016, FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017, IPL, ISL, WTA, PGTI Golf and Marathon events.
- Took charge of the sports desk and single-handedly managed for 2 years at The Asian Age, Mumbai.

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Asian Age/ Deccan Chronicle
Sr. Reporter Cum Sub Editor
Mumbai, Maharashtra

December 2011
- November 2019

- Wrote news stories, reports, features, profiles, and briefs for the Local Sports Page
- Wrote match reports, news stories, previews & reviews for the National Sports Page
- Handled Mumbai Sports Desk and coordinated with other state bureaus
- Interviewed various sports celebrities for Sports Features and Sports Folio
- Developed a strong professional relationship with various PR agencies, Players and Sport Councils
- Worked on the national sports page on a daily basis using QuarkXpress
- Covered stories on BCCI functioning, MCA, IPL spot-fixing, Tendulkar's farewell Test, MDFA, WIFA, etc
- Coverage highlights: Various prestigious sports events including ICC World T20 2016, U-17 FIFA World Cup 2017, ODIs and Test matches, International football matches, IPL (eight editions), WTA, PGTI- Golf and ISL

Sakal Times
Reporter
Pune, Maharashtra

June 2007
- November 2011

- Reported, and edited various Local, National and International sports events
- Worked on Sports Pages using InDesign
- Selected relevant content with photographs from PR Agencies, News Agencies, and other sources
- Produced editorial contents (articles and interviews) on various topics
- Coverage highlights: Commonwealth Youth Games 2008, the top division English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers visit to Pune, International football friendlies and other local events

MiD-Day
Freelancer
Mumbai, Maharashtra

January 2005
- February 2007

- Covered match reports, news and human interest stories

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Sports, Traveling and Sports Event organization

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthday

April 23, 1980

Gender

Male

Marital Status

Married

Father's Name

Mr. Mohammad Rafiq Haji

Nationality

India

Passport

J4278491, Expires 02/08/21

- Conducted interviews and made profiles of rising stars, monitored wires
- Covered Giles & Harris Shield cricket (Elite and Plate Divisions), MSSA Inter-school hockey, football, tennis, basketball, athletic events, etc

EDUCATION

Biology, Bachelor Of Science

Amar Singh College

University

Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

Graduated
December 2001

Journalism, Master Of Mass Communications

University of Kashmir

University

Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

Post Graduate
December 2003

DECLARATION

I, Aurfanul Haji, hereby declare that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Aurfanul Haji

Maharashtra
January 1, 2020