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## PROFILE

I'm a media researcher and journalism trainer based in Kathmandu, Nepal. I have worked as journalist in various positions from reporter to digital editor in Nepal's media in Nepali and English languages; have research and training experience with the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Internews, UNESCO, CMR – Nepal, Equal Access, and South Asia Check. I have developed training manuals and conducted studies on social media, internet freedom, online media and disinformation.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Director**, CMR Nepal Journalism Academy

- Since October 2022

**Senior Journalist (Social Media)**, BBC News (Nepali)

- January 2019 to September 2022

**South Asia Coordinator**, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

- April 2014 to December 2018

**Digital Editor**, Annapurna Digital, Annapurnapost.com, 3NI Pvt .Ltd.

- November 2013 to March 2014

**Consultant**, Communication & Information Unit, UNESCO Kathmandu

- April 2013 to October 2013

**Online Coordinator**, myrepublica.com, Nepal Republic Media Pvt. Ltd.

- December 2008 to March 2012

**Sports Bureau Coordinator**, The Kathmandu Post, Kantipur Publications Pvt. Ltd.

- June 2002 to November 2008

**Reporter**, Nepal Samacharpatra daily, Kamana Publications

- July 2001 to November 2002

## FELLOWSHIPS, SEMINARS, TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

**Policy Research Fellow** (2013) Nepal's Online Journalism: Need for Policy Intervention, Alliance for Social Dialogue, Nepal

**Panelist** (June 2013) Press Freedom under Pressure, NR Conference, Hamburg, Germany

**International Fellow** (April 2013) Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Journalism, University of Ohio, USA

**Lead Trainer** (2012) Digital Journalism Training to 150 Journalists in five regions of Nepal under Equal Access funded by UNDP

**International Fellow** (2011/12) Journalism in Digital World, Berterlsmann's International Academy of Journalism, Hamburg/Cologne/Berlin, Germany

**Fellow** (2012) Media Literacy: Promoting Civil Society Through New Media, International Visitors Leadership Program, Department of State, US

**Panelist** (November 2006) Citizen Media's Revolution during the Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit at Seoul, South Korea organized by Asia Society

**Participant** (April 2006) Free Expression in Asian Cyberspace, at Manila, the Philippines organized by South East Asia Press Alliance

I have conducted sessions as trainer/resource person on disinformation, fact-checking, blogging, freedom of expression, internet safety, safety of journalists, online journalism, sports journalism and digital media in various workshops organized in Nepal, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh and participated as speaker in a few national and international forums/conferences.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

**Post-Graduation (Masters) in Mass Communication and Journalism**, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 2007

**Online Course on Online Journalism**, Konrad Adenauer Center for Journalism at the Ateneo de Manila University, 2003

**Graduation (Bachelors) in Mass Communication and Journalism and English Literature**, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 2001 [University Topper MC&J], 2001-03

I have attended Summer Schools at Central European University (**Funding Journalism in Digital Age**, 5 ECTS, 2018) and University of Oslo (**Media Studies**, 15 ECTS, B+, 2010); and online course at Ateneo de Manila University (**Online Journalism**, 2003).

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Name on Passport:** Krishna Prasad Acharya

**Gender & Marital Status:** Male & Married to Tara Adhikari

**Date of Birth:** August 25, 1978

**Nationality/Citizenship:** Nepali

**Languages:** Nepali and English (speaking/writing) / Hindi (speaking)

## **RESEARCH & SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Acharya, U. (2023). **Media and Information Literacy: A Resource Book for Teachers** (in Nepali). Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U. et al (2022). **Media Coverage of Nepali Labor Migrants During Covid-19 Pandemic**. Center for Media Research – Nepal.

- Pathak, T, KC, B, Acharya, U (eds) (2022). **Media in Province: The Situation and Status of Media in Provinces of Nepal**. Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Pathak, T, KC, B, Acharya, U (eds) (2021). **Media in Pandemic: The Impact of Covid-19 in Nepal's Media and Journalists**. Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2020). **Nepal Twitter Users Survey 2019**, Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2018). **An Overview of Media in Nepal**, in Understanding World Media (eds. Kaustubha, K et al), KK Publications: New Delhi, India.
- Acharya, U (2017). **Media Landscape: Nepal**, in Media Landscapes: Expert Analyses of the State of Media. European Journalism Center: Brussels, Belgium.
- Acharya, U (2017). **Nepal Twitter Users Survey 2017**, Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2016). **Online Media Ma Ankush: Ek Bahas**, in Media Journal 9:1, Center for Professional Journalism Study: Kathmandu. (in Nepali)
- Acharya, U (2016). **Digital Campaigning for Media Action: A Campaign Guide for Journalists** (eds. Worthington, J), International Federation of Journalists: Sydney, Australia.
- Acharya, U (2016). **Internet and Press Freedom**, in Press Swotantrata Sankuchan ko Barsha, Federation of Nepali Journalists: Kathmandu. (in Nepali)
- Acharya, U (2016). **Media, Codes and Ethic**, in Samhita 28 (eds. Shrestha, K), Press Council Nepal: Kathmandu.
- Acharya, U (2015). **Nepal Twitter Users Survey**, Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2013). **Internet-based Media**, in Media Reader (eds Sharma, D et al), Himal Books: Patan (in Nepali).
- Acharya, U (2013). **Nepal Twitter Users Survey**, Center for Media Research – Nepal.
- Acharya, U (eds). **FNJ Annual Press Freedom Report 2011**, Federation of Nepali Journalists: Kathmandu.
- Acharya, U, Pathak, T, KC, B (2011). **Journalists and Social Media: A National Survey of Nepali Journalists on Their Use of Internet and Social Media**, in Nepali Journal of Contemporary Studies XXI(1), Nepal Center for Contemporary Studies: Kathmandu
- Acharya, U, Pathak, T, KC, B (2010). **Grim Face of Newspaper: A Study of Negativity on Front Pages of Nepal's National Dailies**, in Nepali Journal of Contemporary Studies XX(2), Nepal Center for Contemporary Studies: Kathmandu.
- Acharya, U (eds). **Challenges Ahead: Media Yearbook 2008**, Federation of Nepali Journalists.
- Acharya, U (2007). **Sports Press in Nepal**, Central Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tribhuvan University: Kathmandu.
- Acharya, U (2005). **Ethical Dilemmas of Nepal's Online Media**, Central Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tribhuvan University: Kathmandu.

I have contributed to IFJ Press Freedom of South Asia annual reports from 2004 to 2022.

## AWARDS/HONOURS

- Kantipur Journalism Award 2004 by Kantipur Publications Pvt. Ltd
- Gorkhapatra Journalism Award 2004 by Gorkhapatra Corporation
- Excellence in Journalism Honor 2005 by Nepal Tourism and Culture Journalists Association

## PROFESSIONAL & SOCIAL INVOLVEMENTS

- **Founder-Chairman** (2011-2013) Center for Media Research - Nepal

- **Chair** (2011-13) Digital Media Committee at Federation of Nepali Journalists
- **Central Committee Member** (2011-13) Federation of Nepali Journalists
- **Founder/Blogger** - Radio Free Nepal (freenepal.blogspot.com) & United We Blog! [the pioneering blogs for fight for democracy during military censorship in media after Royal Takeover in 2005]
- **Founder/editor** – Cricket.com.np - the pioneering sports site of Nepal [2000-2015]
- **Member** – Nepal Sports Journalists Forum, Bloggers Association of Nepal, and Internet Society (ISOC) Nepal