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PROFILE

I'm passionate about supporting journalism, journalists and media in my two-decade long career. I'm a journalist, trainer, media rights advocate and nonprofit manager based in Kathmandu, Nepal. I have extensive experience as a journalist in various positions from cub reporter to digital editor in Nepal's media in Nepali and English languages; have project management, research and training experience with the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Internews, UNESCO; and nonprofit managerial experience with the Center for Media Research – Nepal.

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

FELLOWSHIPS, SEMINARS, TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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

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).

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

- **Executive Director** (pro-bono – 2013 - 2018) Center for Media Research - Nepal
- **Founder-Chairman** (2011-2013) Center for Media Research – Nepal
- **Chair** (2011-13) Digital Media Committee and **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]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name on Passport: Krishna Prasad Acharya

Gender & Marital Status: Male & Married to Tara Adhikari with one daughter

Date of Birth: August 25, 1978

Nationality/Citizenship: Nepali

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

RESEARCH & SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Acharya, U. (Ed.). (2025). *Nepal's Misinformation Landscape*. CMR-Nepal.
- Acharya, U. (2023). *Media and Information Literacy: A Resource Book for Teachers (in Nepali)*. CMR-Nepal.
- Acharya, U. et al (2022). *Media Coverage of Nepali Labor Migrants During Covid-19 Pandemic*. CMR-Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2020). *Nepal Social Media Users Survey 2021*. CMR-Nepal.
- Pathak, T, KC, B, Acharya, U (eds) (2022). *Media in Province: The Situation and Status of Media in Provinces of Nepal*. CMR-Nepal.
- Pathak, T, KC, B, Acharya, U (eds) (2021). *Media in Pandemic: The Impact of Covid-19 in Nepal's Media and Journalists*. CMR-Nepal.
- Acharya, U (2018). An Overview of Media in Nepal, in Kaustubha, K (ed.). *Understanding World Media*. KK Publications: India.
- Acharya, U (2017). *Media Landscape: Nepal*, in *Media Landscapes: Expert Analyses of the State of Media*. European Journalism Center: Brussels, Belgium.
- Acharya, U (2016). Digital Campaigning for Media Action: A Campaign Guide for Journalists. **International Federation of Journalists**: Australia.
- Acharya, U (eds). *Annual Press Freedom Report 2011*. FNJ: 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, *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*. FNJ: Kathmandu.

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