

# Bishnu Prasad Pokharel

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## Business Journalist

- International and national awards, fellowships and scholarships winning journalist with the 10 years of experience of reporting on business, consumer, political and social issues across diverse media organisations.
  - Well-known business journalist based on capital city of Nepal, working for leading news papers.
  - Good in investigative, off-beat news reporting, narrative writing, news editing and photography. Academic research, blogging, fictional writing and poetry composition are additional creative capacities.
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## Skills

- Reporting and News Writhing
  - News Editing
  - Creative Writing
  - Radio Report Producing
  - Data Journalism
  - Blogging
  - Academic Research
  - News Portal Updating
  - Photography
  - Interview
  - Social Media Content Creation
  - Fictional Writing
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## Recent Awards

**Best Consumer Rights Reporting Award** (*Government of Nepal, Department of Commerce & Supply Management*), 2011  
**Youth Journalist Award** (*Rotaract Club of Biratnagar Midtown*), 2008  
**Best Employee Award** (*Udhghosh Daily*), 2007  
**Best News Reporter Award** (*Udhghosh Daily*), 2006

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## Recent Scholarships & Fellowships

**South Asia Foundation Scholarship** (*South Asia Foundation, New Delhi*), 2014-2016  
**Thompson Reuters Foundation Training Fellowship** (*Thompson Reuters Foundation, London*), 2012  
**Investigative News Reporting Training Fellowship** (*Transparency International, Nepal*), 2007

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## Recent Research

**Social Media Activism: New Citizen Diplomacy between Nepal and India** (*MA Dissertation, Submitted to UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir*), 2016  
**Social Media: New Tool of Political Campaign in South Asia** (*Research Paper, Conformed to Publish in Kashmir & South Asia Studies Digest, ISSN 2394-6725*), 2016  
**Poverty, Progress & Pleasure: Push and Pull Factors of Modern Day Slavery Socio-Psychological Perspective on Increasing Sex Trafficking** (*Submitted to UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir*), 2016

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## Professional Experience

**Kantipur Media Group (Kantipur Daily)** –Nepali Language National Daily

**Sub Editor**, 4/2016 to till date

Business Reporting and news writing, interviews, feature writing and news photograph. Work focus on Information Communication Technology (ICT), Consumer Rights, Corporate, Market, Trade, Bilateral and Multilateral issues and Socio-economy.

**Selected Accomplishments:**

- Unimaginable Inflation: Struggle for Bread and Butter (Language -Nepali) (<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-05-22/20160522073204.html>)
- Sixty Percent of Export Revenue Goes for Subsidies (Language -Nepali) (<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-25/20160624205738.html>)
- Power of Word: Journey to Entrepreneurship (Language -Nepali) (<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-09-09/20160909125617.html>)
- Nepali Kitchen with Russian Coriander and Korean Garlic (Language -Nepali) (<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-07-04/20160704075612.html>)

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**FREELANCE WRITING** –Setopati.com, Nagarik Daily, Kashmir Life Weekly, 4/2014 to 4/2016

**Selected Accomplishments:**

- Why India wants monopoly in Nepali hydropower sector? (Language -Nepali) (<http://www.setopati.com/bichar/15219/>)
- A Letter From Kashmir by Nepali soldier (An Essay) (Language -Nepali) (<http://www.setopati.com/sahityapati/16701/>)
- Death-Penalty: Not for Person, but for Thinking (Language -Nepali) (<http://setopati.com/blog/25734/>)
- Love Anniversary (A short story) (Language -Nepali), Nagarik Daily
- Academic imperialist (Language -English), Kashmir Life Weekly

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**ANNAPURNA POST DAILY, Kathmandu** – Nepali Language National Daily

**Business Correspondent**, 5/2013 to 4/2014

Business Reporting and news writing, interviews, feature writing and news photograph. Work focused on Information Communication Technology (ICT), Consumer Rights, Corporate, Market, Trade, Bilateral and Multilateral issues and Socio-economy.

**Selected Accomplishments:**

- Inflation strike hard (Language -Nepali)
- Coffee Culture in Nepal (Language -Nepali)
- Budget Reporting of Fiscal Year 2013/14 (Language -Nepali)
- Supplements editor of several occasional pull-outs special issues about market reporting

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**NAGARIK DAILY, Kathmandu** – Nepali Language National Daily

**Business Correspondent**, 6/2010 to 5/2013

Business Reporting and news writing, interviews, feature writing and news photograph. Work focused on Information Communication Technology (ICT), Consumer Rights, Corporate, Market, Trade, Bilateral and Multilateral issues and Socio-economy.

**Selected Accomplishments:**

- Middle-Man Syndicate in Vegetable Trade (Language -Nepali)
- Series News Reporting about Food Adulteration (Language -Nepali)
- Series News Reporting on Unhygienic Way of Producing Gutpak
- Coordinated several occasional corporate and market related pull-outs

## **NAYAPATRIKA DAILY** – *Nepali Language National Daily (Tabloid)*

**Reporter**, 11/2008 to 6/2010

Business Reporting and news writing, interviews, feature writing and news photography Work focused on Information Communication Technology (ICT), Consumer Rights, Corporate, Market, Trade, Bilateral and Multilateral issues and Socio-economy.

### **Selected Accomplishments:**

- A biographical long feature about Netra Panta driver of Nepal's first elected Prime Minister BP Koirala
  - Reporting on many surprising issues like unknown son of Former Prime Minister GP Koirala
  - Several reporting on off-beat news like Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal's shopping in trade fair
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## **UDGHOSH DAILY** – *Nepali Language Regional Daily from Biratnagar*

**Reporter**, 9/2005 to 10/2008

Reporting and hard news writing, interviews, features writing and news photography. Work focused on daily events, political affairs, business activities, Consumer Rights, Corporate, Market, Trade, Bilateral and Multilateral issues and Socio-economy.

### **Selected Accomplishments:**

- Reporting on second People's Movement-2005
  - Reporting on first Constituent Assembly Election-2007
  - Reporting on peace process and Maoist rebellions integration in society
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## **PART TIME WORK** –KOSHI FM BIRATNAGAR, SKY FM BIRATNAGAR, SAPTARANGI FM DAMAK, ARTHIK ABHIYAN WEEKLY KATHMANDU (2006-2008)

Reporting and news writing, conducting interviews, feature writing, radio report making and news photography. Work focused on daily events, political and business issues.

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## **Technology**

**Software:** Photoshop, ImageReady, MS Office (Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint)  
**Web/Multimedia:** Simple video editing, photography, recording, audio editing, webpage updating, simple web page management and making knowledge

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## **Education**

### **UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR, JAMMU & KASHMIR, INDIA**

#### **Master of Arts in Kashmir and South Asia Studies, 2016**

- Core : Regionalism, International Relation, Democracy and Political Economy
  - Elective: Gender, Media, Religion, Literature
  - Secured first division (76%)
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### **TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY KATHMANDU, NEPAL**

#### **Bachelor of Arts in English Literature & Psychology, 2012**

- Elective: English Literature & Psychology
- Core: English & Nepali Grammar
- Graduated with second division

## TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY KATHMANDU, NEPAL

### Intermediate of Arts in English Literature, Political Science & Psychology, 2004

- Elective: English Literature, Political Science & Psychology
  - Core: English & Nepali Grammar
  - Passed with second division
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## SLC BOARD OF NEPAL

### School Leaving Certificate, 2002

- Elective: Math and Education
  - Core: English, Nepali, Social Studies, Population, Health and Environment, Science
  - Passed with second division
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## Language

### NEPALI

- Native Language
  - Reading & writing: Easily
  - Speaking: Fluently
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### ENGLISH

- Language of Education in higher degree
  - Reading & writing: Easily
  - Speaking: Fluent
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### HINDI

- Reading & writing: Easily
  - Speaking: Fluently
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### URDHU

- Speaking: Workable
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## Training & Seminars

### INDO-GLOBAL SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY, SRINAGAR, JAMMU & KASHMIR, INDIA

Ethical Leadership and Peace Building, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

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### ANTENNA FOUNDATION, KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Data and Election Reporting, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013

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### BRITISH COUNCIL, KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Creativity in Journalism, 8<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

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**THOMPSON REUTERS FOUNDATION, LONDON, UK**

Writing Financial and Business News, 27<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

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**THOMPSON FOUNDATION, UK & CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, NEPAL**

Investigative Journalism, 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011

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**TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL NEPAL, KATHAMANDU**

Investigative News Reporting, 12<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

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**National Human Rights Commission Regional office Biratnagar**

Human Right & Media, 12<sup>nd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007

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**BIRATNAGAR SUB-METROPOLITAN OFFICE, NEPAL**

Waste management & environment protection, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006

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**Nepal Press Institute, Biratnagar, NEPAL**

Basic Journalism Proficiency Training, 16<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2005

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**Country Visited**

- INDIA
- THAILAND
- UK

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**Voluntary Work****YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, BIRATNAGAR SUB-METROPOLITAN CORPORATION, NEPAL**

Youth Leadership Volunteer, 2005 to 2006 (One Year)

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**Affiliations****MEDIA CLUB BIRATNAGAR, NEPAL**

Founder secretary, 2006

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**FEDERATION OF NEPALI JOURNALIS (FNJ) REPUBLICA CHAPTER, KATHMANDU, NEPAL**

Executive Member 2012 to 2013

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**TECHNO JOURNO FORUM (TJF), NEPAL**

Founding Vice President, 2014

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**Blogs**

voicesouthasia.com

kharpali.blogspot.com (Nepali)

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