

RESUMÉ

Name: Savyasaachi Jain

Media trainer and practitioner based in India. Extensive experience of conceptualizing and managing communications initiatives, media development activities and capacity building. Have initiated and led several large international media projects. Have led teams since 1993, possess ability to function independently. Able to think in a structured manner and work towards specific indicators and outcomes.

Currently an international trainer associated with the UK-based media development organisation, Thomson Foundation, and with organizations such as the inter-governmental organization, Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development, Kuala Lumpur, and the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU). Responsibilities include delivery of training in many countries, design and delivery of media development projects and supervising documentary co-productions.

Broadcast background with print experience as well. Producer of hundreds of hours of current affairs and documentary programming for radio and television and more than 50 international radio/TV documentary co-productions.

Specific areas of interest include: human rights, conflict, diversity, migration, governance, media ethics and development issues.

Awards and Honours

- 2002 *Commonwealth Vision Award 2002*, the Royal Commonwealth Society, London
- 1997 Nominated for *Best Documentary* at the *Asian Television Awards, 1997*, Singapore
- 1992 *Don Rowlands Prize for Excellence*, The Thomson Foundation, UK
- 1987 *India Abroad Fellowship*, USA

Professional Training and Education

- 1992 Mid-career course in television at THE THOMSON FOUNDATION, UK
- 1986 Diploma in Social Journalism, TIMES RESEARCH FOUNDATION, New Delhi
- 1984 B.Tech. from the INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Kanpur
- 1979 CBSE from MAYO COLLEGE, Ajmer,

Professional Experience

- At Present Media Consultant and Trainer associated with *Thomson Foundation, UK, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, UNESCO, the European Union's Cross-Cultural Programme*, and numerous schools of journalism and media. Conducted media training for career professionals from more than 35 countries in India, UK, and in several other European and Asian countries. Active documentary maker, have supervised about 50 international TV and radio co-productions.
- 2009 Some activities in 2009:
 - Setting up an EU project with partners in Italy and India on documentary co-productions with Europe
 - Preparing to deliver a workshop on Disaster Risk reduction

- 2009 contd. - Preparing to deliver consultancy on newsroom reorganisation at a national TV news channel in India
 - Led training on HIV/AIDS issues for TV journalists in Bangladesh
 - Led training on HIV/AIDS issues for TV journalists in Vietnam
 - Commissioned to do official film on the Indian Foreign Service by the Ministry of External Affairs
- 2008 Some activities in 2008:
 - Supervised television documentary co-productions between Canada and 14 Asian countries on issues of diversity and migration, provided documentary training for radio and television
 - Conducted training seminars for a global audience of journalists at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, August 2008. These were the official events of the International AIDS Society and we conceived and organised them on their behalf
 - Led training programme on principles of public service broadcasting for the Mongolian National Broadcaster in Ulaanbaatar, Sept 2008
 - Conducted training in documentary production for the Iranian state broadcaster, IRIB, in Tehran, October 2008
 - Participating in a working group establishing guidelines for 'An Asia-Pacific Approach to Public Service Broadcasting'
- 1995 – now Independent Producer, *IntegriTV*, directed more than 110 films of various lengths for *international and domestic broadcast*. Films produced for, among others, British Ministry of Defence, Royal Commonwealth Society, European Union and several broadcasting organisations. Produced fiction and non-fiction, public service advertising and long format programming.
- Specialisation in areas of conflict and diversity – insurgencies, sectarian rioting, interpersonal conflict, religious conflict, social stigma and discrimination, etc. Extensive body of work on Kashmir.
- 2007 Released the documentary film on human smuggling "*Shores Far Away*", which was shot in India and several European countries and was premiered at a function sponsored by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. Invited by the Chair of the British Parliament's Select Committee on Home Affairs to a series of screenings and discussion in Britain of the film. The film was screened in numerous film festivals and seminars in Indian cities as well, and in 260 schools and colleges in villages and small urban centres in India.
- 2005 – 2007 Project Editor, *The EU-India Media Initiative on HIV/AIDS*, a EUR 625,000 training programme for journalists, spokesmen and NGO network heads designed for *Thomson Foundation*, UK. Focus on HIV/AIDS, media skills for print, radio and TV, all with a specific emphasis on the principles of good governance as an analytical tool for journalists. Activities included training in media skills, production of materials, administering bursaries, seminars with journalism editors and journalism students, awards to journalists, and working with rock bands.
- 2004 – 2005 Project Editor, *The EU-India Documentary Initiative on Diversity and Conflict Transformation*, a EUR 625,000 training and exchange programme for documentary makers from India and Europe. A total

of 32 radio and TV documentary makers – 16 from India and 16 from Europe – were trained and they produced cross-cultural documentaries on themes of *conflict and diversity*.

- 1990 – 1995 Producer of **Eyewitness**, the premier current-affairs programme, responsible for producing *hundreds of current affairs films*.
- 1987 – 1988 Correspondent with *India Abroad*, *New York*, and *Bureau Chief* in Los Angeles
- 1984 – 1990 Correspondent with various well-known Indian publications from the *India Today*, *Times of India* and *Business India* groups

Other Relevant Information

Work has been noticed by almost every major Indian publication and by the *London Times*, the *Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *New York Times*, *Time* magazine and *Amnesty International*.

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