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Date of Birth: 11th November 1975

Brief: Pranab is a trusted byline in his chosen areas of national politics, governance, security and international affairs for over two decades. His column State of Play is a regular feature in The Economic Times. He has reported extensively within and outside India, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Israel during his career, besides having led reporting teams across organisations. He was awarded the Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence for his writings on the Indo-US nuclear deal.

Professional Experience:

October 2023 onwards: Executive Editor, ET Politics, The Economic Times
April 2021-September 2023: Associate Executive Editor, The Economic Times
March 2018-March 2021: Deputy Executive Editor, The Economic Times
July 2017-March 2018: Editor, ThePrint, a digital news product
April 2015-July 2017: National Affairs Editor, The Economic Times
July 2014-April 2015: Executive Editor, India Today, responsible for helping conceive and bringing out the weekly issue, especially by way of credible news content.
June 2013-June 2014: Editor, Express News Service, The Indian Express, coordinating national news coverage besides writing on foreign affairs, security issues, terror investigations and overall governance and national politics
April 2006-June 2013: Chief of Bureau (Deputy Editor), The Indian Express.
April 2005-April 2006: Special Correspondent covering foreign and security affairs, The Indian Express
February 2003-April 2005: Employed as Principal Correspondent, The Indian Express, covering the civil aviation sector besides reporting on foreign policy issues.
Aug. 1999 to January 2003: Employed as Staff Reporter in The Hindu, reporting on local issues in Delhi.
June 1999 to Aug. 1999: Reporter with SUNDAY, a weekly English magazine.
April 1999 to June 1999: Internship with The Statesman.
Conceived and prepared a radio newsreel on Ethnic Strife in Kokrajhar (Assam, North Eastern India) for the All India Radio. The programme was broadcast on 25 March 1999.

Academic Qualifications:

MSc. Econ. in Security Studies, Department of International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK. (Sep. 2000 to Oct. 2001).

Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism (English), Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, India (Aug. 1998 to Apr. 1999).

B.A. (History), Loyola College, Chennai, India (May 1993 to June 1996).

Awards:

2010: Ramnath Goenka excellence in journalism award for political reporting

1996: Devasena Gnanapragasam medal for the Most Outstanding Student, Loyola College.

1996: Rukmini Ammal Medal for standing first in History, Loyola College.

1995: Special Award for Excellence and All-round Achievement, Loyola College.

1994: Jerome D' Souza medal for public speaking, Loyola College.

Area of Interest:

To report on national politics, matters of international and national security, foreign policy and diplomacy.