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Navika Kumar is the Group Editor-in-Chief of Times Now and Times Now Navbharat, leading the editorial mandate, content strategy, and political and policy-led intellectual properties across Times Network's primary news channels. As the only woman editor heading two major national news channels, in both English and Hindi, she brings over three decades of media experience across print and broadcast journalism. She spent 15 years in print with leading publications such as The Economic Times and The Indian Express before transitioning to television in 2005 as part of the founding team at Times Now. Throughout her distinguished career, she has spearheaded major investigative reports, including the Office of Profit story, the Commonwealth Games scam, the AgustaWestland chopper deal, the Aircel-Maxis deal, and the Sheeshmahal report, while anchoring flagship primetime programs including The Newshour and Frankly Speaking on Times Now, as well as Sawal Public Ka on Times Now Navbharat. Her journalistic contributions have been recognized with prestigious honors, including the Prem Bhatia Memorial Trust Award for political reporting, along with multiple ENBA, NT, ITA, and Society Achievers Awards.

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NAVIKA KUMAR**Group Editor-in-Chief, Times Now and Times Now Navbharat**

A versatile and transformative news personality with over 3 decades of experience, Navika Kumar is a name to reckon within News Broadcasting in India. Navika leads the editorial mandate of Times Now & Times Now Navbharat. Navika Kumar spent 15 years of her journalistic career in the Print Media with Newspapers like The Economic Times & The Indian Express. She switched to Television in 2005 and was part of the Founding Team at Times Now - today India's No. 1 English News Channel.

With stellar journalistic credentials, Navika Kumar is amongst the few journalists who have left their imprint in both political as well as in business reporting. She has also set a record of sorts by being equally fluent in both English & Hindi and the only Woman to Head two National News Channels – Hindi & English.

A firebrand news anchor with extensive knowledge of current affairs, politics and business, Navika is credited for investigating and breaking high impact stories including 'Office for Profit' story that led to the resignation of Sonia Gandhi, the CWG scam that led to the exit of Suresh Kalmadi, the Augusta chopper scam and Aircel Maxis deal, Sheeshmahal and many others.

During Covid, Navika was mandated to launch the Hindi news channel under the Times Network brand. Under her leadership, the Hindi news channel has built a strong affinity with the viewers and advertisers alike, within a year of its launch. In her role as the Group Editor in-Chief of Times Now & Times Now Navbharat, Navika drives the Editorial strategy for the Network's news brands, besides leading the content direction of all Political & Policy led IPs of the Network. An integral part of the Network's flagship brand, TIMES NOW since inception, Navika anchors the primetime show 'The Newshour' @ 9 pm & the popular interview format show 'Frankly Speaking' on Times Now & now 'Sawal Public Ka' on Times Now Navbharat @ 8 pm every weeknight. Navika is the only Woman Editor in the Television space in National media today.

Navika has been recognized with Prem Bhatia Memorial Trust award in 2006 for her exemplary political reportage and ENBA, NT, 23rd ITA awards for Best Anchor and Society Achievers Awards for remarkable achievements & outstanding contribution in Indian Media

& Television News Journalism.