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She started the Centre for Media and Democracy that focuses on research and building discourse to create a culture for democracy. The Centre recently conducted a creative non-

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fiction writing workshop – the first to be conducted in Bhutan. She also created Mediacom Bhutan, a company specializing in media and communications consultancy, research, publications and film.

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Joined as a reporter in *Kantipur* in 1991, he has covered everything from business to politics, tourism to mountaineering, arts to international affairs. He became chief reporter, rose to the position of news editor and finally appointed as the editor of the leading daily

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in 2003 after the beginning of the Royal regression. He travelled the country extensively before and after of the Maoists' armed movement.

He led the newspaper during the much difficult period of military censorship and Maoists militants' pressure. He was detained, summoned and threatened by the authorities because of the newspaper's very strong editorial line advocating free press, democracy, human rights and rule of law during the King's days.

He wrote a novel *Palpasa Cafe* based on the stories of the people during the Maoists movement, winning Nepal's best known literary award *Madan Puraskar* in 2005. Translated and published in English also from Kathmandu, the Nepali edition has set a record of highest selling literary work in the country.

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This and his experience in marketing he took into UNICEF and now brings to voluntary work in his home city of Bombay. Here he is deeply involved in citizen mobilization for better urban governance. He is a trustee of CRY (Child Relief and You) and Akanksha, organizations working for underprivileged children in India.

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