



## BIO -DATA

- Name** : Sandesh Prabhudesai
- Profession** : Journalist & Writer
- Present** : Editor, goanews.com (Goa's oldest news website since 1999)  
: Goa Correspondent, BBC since 2000  
: Professional journalist for 37 years (since 1987)  
: Into Book Journalism since 2020  
: Writing literature in fiction and non-fiction areas
- Past** : Consulting Editor, *Goa 365* (TV channel)  
: Editor-in-Chief, *Prudent Media* TV channel - 4 Years: (2008-2012)  
: Editor of *Sunaparant*, a Konkani daily, 4 Years: (2004 – 2008)  
: Conducted famous TV debate '*Dhiryo*' on Goa Doordarshan (2006-2008)  
: Started India's first unique Mobile News Service – *Goenkar News Service* – in 1999  
: Started *goanews.com*, Goa's first news website, in 1999  
: Freelancing for *rediff.com*, *Pioneer*, *Sunday Observer* etc – 8 Years: (1996 – 2004)  
: Chief Reporter, *Gomantak Times* – 6 Years: (1990 – 1996)  
: South Goa Bureau Chief, *Tarun Bharat* – 3 Years: (1987 – 1990)  
: Madgao correspondent for *Sunaparant & Rashtramat* (1987)
- Background** : Led RTI movement in 1997 as General Secretary of Goa Union of Journalists  
: Worked as a full-time activist in students' movement for 7 years (1980-87)  
: Started Street Theatre in Goa in 1980 (over 15 plays & over 300 performances)  
: Founder member of editorial team of a students' magazine *Udent*, in '80s  
: Founder Editor of a youth magazine *Sangeen* in '80s  
: Worked as a student journalist for *Novem Goem* in '80s
- Literary** : Writer of **10 books**, including 2 translations (Konkani & English)  
: 3 books released together in 3 languages in 2014: ***Taalgadi*** (Konkani), ***Ghusmat*** (Marathi) and ***Clear Cut*** (English).  
: ***Goff*** (Konkani) in 2015.  
: ***Rasto Natya: The First Theatre*** on Street Play in 2018.  
: Translated Bhagat Singh's book "*Why I am an Atheist*" of National Book Trust in Konkani as ***Hanv Nastik Kityak***  
: Translated ***History of Official Language of Goa*** in Marathi to English  
: ***Ajeeb Goa's Gajab Politics: Politics of Land of 7000 Years***, the bestseller English book written in 2022  
: ***Double Engine: History of Goa Lok Sabha Elections***, written in 2024 was the Bestseller on Amazon  
: ***Saath***, a poetry collection in Konkani, published in January 2025  
: Written several Street Plays & Radio Programmes  
: Critical write ups on Drama, Film and Literature  
: Writing various columns in Konkani, Marathi & English since 1987: (30 Years)
- Cultural** : Trustee of ManoShobha Kalaghar, a unique cultural centre at Agas, Loliem  
: Acted in and directed stage plays  
: Performed several programmes on All India Radio since student days  
: Actively involved as a founder of Goa Yuva Mahotsav

: Participates in educational, cultural and literary activities  
: A cultural worker

**Awards**

: *Konkani Rotna* 2023 by Kala Niketan  
: *Laxmidas Borkar Smruti Patrakarita Puraskar* 2022  
: *Konkani Prasar Madhyam - Kala Kaushalya Puraskar* 2020 (Goa Konkani Academy)  
: *Felicio Cardoz Potrakarita Puraskar* 2017  
: *Best TV Journalist Award* of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry in 2016  
: Konkani Bhasha Mandal *Literature Award* in 2015 for *Taalgadi*  
: Goa Konkani Academy *Literature Award* in 2015 for *Taalgadi*  
: *Bhaskar Award* of Maharashtra Journalist Foundation in 2011  
: Several state-level awards in Poetry and Theatre since student days

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