

Job Title: Correspondent/Reporter
Department: Economics and Business Centre, BBC Newsgathering
Base: Mumbai
Contract: Fixed term (1 year)
Grade: Local terms and conditions
Reports to: Singapore Bureau Editor

Please note that the successful candidate must have the right to work in India.

Job Introduction

The Economics and Business Centre is part of BBC Newsgathering – which provides news reports for television, radio and online/mobile platforms both in the UK and internationally.

We report stories of regional and global importance, providing insightful analysis for audiences in English and local languages. We have the highest editorial and technical standards.

The India business team has staff in Mumbai and Delhi and they regularly travel around the country and region. They report on news events as well as their own exclusive stories and interviews. There is a strong focus on experimenting with new forms of story-telling for digital audiences and providing analysis of the major themes in global business and economics.

Job Purpose

Report on business news and current affairs events in South Asia

Provide timely, expert and authoritative coverage across TV, Online, Mobile and Radio

Work closely with teams in Mumbai, Singapore and London and other Language services in Delhi to decide on treatments, content and scripting

Ensure reports are of the highest quality and meet BBC editorial standards and guidelines and all legal requirements

Requirements

Experience as a journalist in television, radio or online. Experience producing digital video is an advantage

Broadcast experience on air, specifically live reporting, would be an advantage

An outstanding knowledge of business and economic affairs, particularly in South Asia, and excellent news judgement

A demonstrable understanding of the requirements of TV, radio and online/mobile journalism

Ability to work cooperatively within a small team of journalists when under pressure

Flexibility and willingness to work unpredictable hours and to travel at short notice

Fluency in spoken and written English and Hindi is compulsory. Another Indian language will be an advantage.

Experience, Skills and Abilities

A proven ability to generate original ideas and identify stories and trends. The skill to turn them into compelling content which will engage non-specialist audiences around the globe

Original journalism is a key part of this job. You will need a wide range of contacts and the ability to use them to find stories before they appear on other outlets.

Excellent writing skills and an understanding of the importance of impartiality and journalistic values

Creative thinking to generate treatments which surprise and engage the audience

Proven editorial judgment and flair and the ability to make valid decisions quickly

Knowledge of different BBC programmes and platforms and their requirements

An understanding of social media, how it can be used to enhance news coverage and an awareness of how mobile news content is transforming storytelling

Awareness of the BBC's Editorial Guidelines, and commitment to the editorial aims of BBC News. Knowledge of the law as it affects broadcasting & online journalism

About the Company

We don't focus simply on what we do – we also care how we do it. Our values and the way we behave are important to us. Please make sure you've read about our values and behaviours in the document attached below. You'll be asked questions relating to them as part of your application for this role.

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