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Eminent Journalist

Susanta Kumar Mohanty, an eminent Journalist and former Editor of the Century-old Oriya daily Newspaper, 'Samaja' from the media house, had a long career in journalism and social service.

I take pride in having discharged the responsibility of Editor (working) for two terms i.e. from 2014 - 2017 and 2020 - 22(March). Born in Cuttack on 15 August 1964, after completing schooling at Ravenshaw Collegiate school, I went on to complete a Bachelor of degree (B.A) from Christ College Cuttack in 1984. Highly passionate about journalism, I started reporting for different media houses in the state. In 1993, I joined the national news agency, Press Trust of India (PTI) as a Cuttack district correspondent.

I worked as a reporter in PTI for the district of Cuttack in Odisha for five years. Later, I joined Samaja as a sub-editor in 1998. 'Samaja' is a synonym for newspapers in Odisha. A mass circulated and widely read Odia daily, 'Samaja' has completed "Hundred and Two" years of its glorious publication.

In between, I had been elevated to the coveted posts, which were News Editor, Chief News Coordinator, Edition In-charge, executive editor and the highest post of Editor (Working) for years together. But as per the norm, I had to retire and bid adieu to my institution on 15 August 2022.

Having a career of three decades in media, I have been able to associate myself with various organisations and committees. I was a jury member of the Biju Patnaik Sports Awards committee under the Youth and Sports department, Government of Odisha from 2019 to 2022. I also had the privilege of being an external member of the Board of Studies for the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Ravenshaw University from 2021 to 2022. I was also a member of the syllabus and content generation for the

department of the Diploma in Journalism and mass communication, Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur from 2016-17. I also served as a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee of Ravenshaw University.

Besides being passionate about my work in my sphere, I also keep an interest in sports. My interest in sports took me ahead due to which I got to cover various International cricket matches and other sports events held in India.

Additionally, in recognition of my immense contribution to journalism, I was felicitated by different organisations.