

Tarun Vijay

A brief introduction



Borne, brought up, educated and married at Dehra Dun, Tarun Vijay has worked for Years in Garhwal region for RSS and also participated IN SAVE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT DURING EMERGENCY. He established Vani parishad, an organization for the Youth and spread Vivekananda Youth Mahamandal under the guidance of Ramakrishna Mission. During college days he helped established a school for poor Garhwali children near Rajpur and helped destitute patients at Doon Hospital.

Presently: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

National Spokesperson BJP, Hony. Director, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, an ideological think tank based on the Nationalist school of thought at the BJP Head Quarters, New Delhi.

Author of over 2,000 articles in English and Hindi in national media such as: The Times of India, Hindustan Times, The Pioneer, The Statesman, The Indian Express, The Vijay Times, Blitz, The Outlook and many others. Regular columnist for more than 22 newspapers including The Times of India, Amar Ujala, Dainik Jagran, Navabharat Times, Tarun Bharat, Vijay Karnataka etc. Was Editor of Panchjanya for two decades, initiated Panchjanya Awards to mark golden jubilee under the chairmanship of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the first editor of Panchjanya.

He has been quoted and written about in The Financial Times of London and The New York Times (Sunday 2nd Feb, 2003)

National and international television media including Indian, Australian, British and European have interviewed Mr. Vijay on India's political-social issues.

Mr. Vijay was the only editor known in South Asia to have taken the initiative to launch a "Peace Agenda Initiative" collaborating with the largest circulation daily newspaper in Pakistan, Daily Jang between the two nuclear countries who have fought several wars. This initiative was a big hit and was greatly appreciated in both the countries.

Worked as a full time worker of Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram for five years in Dadra Nagar Haveli.

Had the distinction to get Central Govt. grant for Kailas Manasarovar Yatris for the first time in Indian post independence history. Now, seven Indian state governments also give grants to Yatris making his efforts successful.

Nominated and served:

- Received prestigious fellowship from Sichuan University, China to study India - China relations.
- Nominated on the Executive Council Board of IIMC, India's premier institute in the field of mass communication, education and training – Indian Institute of Mass Communication New Delhi. (2002- 03).
- Nominated on the Governing Council of India's largest university of journalism- Makhan Lal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism, Bhopal, (2004-still serving).
- Youngest member of the Home Minister's Advisory Committee (HMAC), (1981-82) during Mrs. Indira Gandhi's regime.
- Was invited by the U.S. govt. to study its democratic institutions in 1990.
- Member of the media group of the Prime Minister of India to France, South Africa, Pakistan, Malaysia.
- Member of the delegation of the President's media group to China
- Visited Switzerland with India's Labour Minister, Singapore, Uzbekistan and Nepal (2002 & 2003) on various media assignments.
- Member of the media group of the Foreign Minister of India to Vietnam and Laos.
- Member of Central Official Language Committee, Chaired by the Prime Minister of India (2002-04)
- Member of Jury, National Film Awards, 2001.
- Member, Executive Committee, Editors Guild of India (2004-2005)
- Member, Authors Guild of India
- Invited by the European Commission to Brussels to study its democratic institutions, 2004
- Member of the India-Japan Eminent Persons' Group (2001-2003)

- Member of the India-China Eminent Persons' Group, (2002-2004) - both nominations approved by the President of India.
- Vice-Chairman, Media Committee, Afro-Asian Games, 2001

Awards:

- Rajmata Scindia Award for Journalism. 2007
- Best Editor Award, 1994 awarded by the Chief State of Delhi Publishers Association
- Award, *Pragya Samman*, 1994, New Delhi
- Gyani Gyan Singh Award for best writings in Hindi by the Government of Punjab, 7, April 1999
- Pundit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Literary Award, 2000. Nagore (Rajasthan)
- Rotary (Club) Gaurav Samman (Given for fearless journalism) 2001
- Vishwa Hindi Ratna Samman (World Hindi Gem award) 5th May 2001

Books authored:

- **India Battles to Win.** Released by RSS Chief Shri Mohan Rao Bhagwat.
- **Saffron Surge** - India's re-emergence on the global scene and the Hindu ethos.
- **Indus Saga**
- **An Odyssey in Tibet - Pilgrimage to Kailas Manasarovar**
- **Bharat Niyati Aur Sangharsh**-released by Shri Dattaji Hosbale
- **Bharat ka Man**, (Hindi)
- **Yudh Abhi Baki Hai** (Hindi)
- **Samay ka Sach** (Hindi)

Led India's first Indus expedition from Demchhok to Batalik.

Conceptualized and executed Sindhu Darshan Festival, Ladakh.