

Shahid Faridi

Senior Journalist, Editor, Publisher & Columnist

A highly accomplished journalist and media leader with **35 years of experience** across India's leading media organisations, including the **Times Group** and **The New Indian Express Group**. Currently **Owner, Editor and Publisher of India Monitor**, a three-decade-old English daily newspaper acquired in **2025**, steering its editorial direction, newsroom transformation, and long-term growth strategy. Renowned for editorial leadership, institution-building, and consistently breaking high-impact political and business stories of national significance.

Current Role

Owner, Editor & Publisher – *India Monitor* (2025–Present)

- Acquired and currently lead *India Monitor*, a legacy English daily with a 30-year history
- Oversee editorial vision, newsroom operations, content strategy, and organisational restructuring
- Driving modernisation of editorial processes while preserving the paper's core journalistic values
- Responsible for talent leadership, content positioning, and institutional growth

Editorial Leadership & Experience

- Former **Resident Editor** of *The New Indian Express*, *The Morning Standard* (daily), and *The Sunday Standard* (weekly) in Delhi
- Served as **Head of News** for *The New Indian Express Group* for three years
- Headed *Mumbai Mirror* (Times of India Group) operations in Delhi
- Led large, multi-city editorial teams comprising political, diplomatic, business, and features correspondents, along with senior editing teams
- Recruited, mentored, and built high-performing editorial teams across multiple newsrooms

Editorial Innovation & Thought Leadership

- Introduced several successful, reader-focused columns and special features, significantly enhancing engagement and relevance
- As Resident Editor, conceptualised and launched popular sections such as: *Cityscape*, *City Speaks*, *Reality Check*, *Encounter*, *City Diary*, and *Face-Off*

- Authored the widely read weekly political column “**Power Games**” for *The New Indian Express*
- Anchored “**Delhi Dialogues**”, an interactive public forum featuring senior ministers, policymakers, educationists, bureaucrats, social activists, and subject-matter experts

Reporting Excellence

- Known for sharp news sense and depth, with a strong track record in **breaking major political and business stories**
- Broke and led coverage of several nationally significant stories
- Led teams of correspondents spread across the country and coordinated coverage at the national level

Career Progression

Rose from **Journalist Trainee** in **Business & Political Observer** (Owned by Reliance Industries Ltd) in 1990, to senior-most editorial leadership roles, including:

- **Principal Correspondent** – *The Economic Times*
- **Special Correspondent** – *The Asian Age*
- **Assistant Editor** – *Mumbai Mirror* (Times of India Group)
- **Senior Assistant Editor** – *DNA* (Owned by Zee & Dainik Bhaskar Group)
- **Associate Editor & Chief of Bureau** – *The New Indian Express*
- **Resident Editor** – *The New Indian Express, The Morning Standard, The Sunday Standard*

Personal Profile

- Spouse: Professor at Lady Shri Ram College for Women in the University of Delhi
- Son: Computer Science Engineer
- Daughter: Undergraduate student, University of Delhi

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