

Rahul Pande.

Brief Bio Data:

Name:- RAHUL BHALCHANDRA PANDE

Present Designation: State Information Commissioner, Nagpur bench

Date of Birth:- 7-11-1973

Place of Birth:- Nagpur

Mother Tongue:- Marathi

Languages Known:- Marathi, Hindi and English

Family Background:-

Father:- Late Shri Bhalchandra Pande, retired Additional District Health Officer

Mother:- Sau Asha Pande, well known poetess and president of Sahitya Vihar

Brother:- Shri Mohan Pande, Senior Management Professional

Wife:- Sau Suwarna Pande, Joint Director Accounts and Treasuries, Finance Department,
Government of Maharashtra

Educational Qualification:

Master of Arts (Political Science)- Nagpur University

LL.B. (Three Years Course)- Nagpur University (Topper in Criminal Law)

Cleared National Eligibility Test (NET) in Political Science.

Career Graph:

- One of the youngest Chief Reporters with specialisation in Court, Political and Developmental Reporting.

Promoted as the City Editor of The Hitavada in February 2009 and leading the City Line team successfully.

-Instrumental in exposing the Nagpur University bogus degree cum-revaluation scam in 1999 and followed it up till date with zeal and vigour. When the cases were languishing in trial courts, filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) before Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court demanding

speedy trial of the NU scam cases. At last a special court has been constituted to expeditiously try NU scam cases and several scamsters have been sentenced to jail.

-Countless stories were treated as Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by the High Court. Known for hard-hitting style, exposed several scams including irregularities in Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT), Wardha

Road Land scam, Gunthewari land scam. Delivered several important stories in every sector which dominated the front pages. Extensive writing on constant injustice meted to Vidarbha region and especially

about raw deal in irrigation sector.

- Played an important role in ensuring welfare of media personnel and was closely associated with working class movement. Was selected as Executive Committee member of the Nagpur Union of Working Journalists (NUWJ). Became its Vice-President for two terms and elected as General Secretary of the NUWJ during the year 2007-08. Introduced free health check-up camps, free computer education, skill enhancement, scholarships and fellowships for journalists. Made an aggressive presentation before the Wage Board for Journalists.

-Recipient of Several State Level awards including

First Dalit Mitra late Chintamanrao Marpakwar memorial journalism award for excellent reporting. Award presented at the hands of Union Energy Minister Sushilkumar Shinde on June 22, 2008 at a

grand function organised at University Convocation hall.

N Rajam memorial award for excellence in English Journalism instituted in memory of eminent journalist late N Rajam.

Recipient of National Human Rights Award.

Late Nashikrao Tirpude award for excellence in journalism.

Received another award at the hands of Uttaranchal Governor for excellence in journalism.

Maharshi Narad Patrakarita Samman instituted by Vishwa Samvad Kendra for excellence in journalism.

Toured Germany as part of media team accompanying Hon'ble Prime Minister during his Germany trip in 2013.

-Was Member of Journalist Accreditation Committee.

-Member of the selection panel for most of the journalism award including State Government's committee.

-Expert Member of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee of Election Commission of India during 2019 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

-Member of late Shankarrao Chavan Trust to oversee distribution of financial aid to needy journalists for their medical ailments, supervised distribution of

Balashastri Jambhekar Sanman Yojana to provide financial help to senior journalists

-Key resource person on Right to Information for various Government Institutions, Law Colleges, Journalism Colleges and Academic Institutions. Has delivered several key note addresses on RTI, cyber security, Media freedom, Contempt of Court and Media Laws.

राहुल पांडे

मध्य भारतातील सर्वात मोठे इंग्रजी वृत्तपत्र द हितवादचे शहर संपादक राहुल पांडे ह्यांचे माहिती आयुक्त म्हणून नेमणूक करण्यात आली आहे. विदर्भातील माहिती आयुक्त म्हणून निवड झालेले पांडे हे पहिलेच पत्रकार.

48 वर्षीय पांडे ह्यांनी पोलिटिकल सायन्समध्ये एम ए केले असून त्यांनी एलएलबी ही पूर्ण केले आहे.

पांडे ह्यांचा पत्रकार म्हणून ही आरटीआय कायद्याचा अभ्यास दांडगा आहे. त्यांनी असंख्य आरटीआयवर आधारित बातम्या तर केल्या आहेतच, पण तसेच आरटीआयचा योग्य वापर करून ही असंख्य प्रकरणं उघडकीस आणली आहेत. सार्वजनिक हिताच्या अनेक प्रश्नांवर त्यांनी केलेल्या वार्ताकनामुळे हाय कोर्टाने त्या विषयांना जनहित याचिका म्हणून दाखल करून घेतले आहे. इतक्या मोठ्या प्रमाणात कोर्टाने वार्ताकनाची दखल घेतलेला राहुल पांडे हा एकमेव पत्रकार असेल.

त्यांच्या राजकीय अभ्यास आणि आकलनामुळे अनेक वेळा वेगवेगळ्या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक न्यूज चॅनेल्सवर ही चर्चा सत्रांमध्ये त्यांना बोलावले जाते.

त्यांनी नुकतेच नितीन गडकरी ह्यांच्या webinars वर आधारित अनमासकिंग इंडिया नावाचे पुस्तक ही संपादित केले आहे.