

## **Saqib Ahmad Wani, PhD**

Saqib Ahmad Wani is a media educator, researcher, and former journalist with over ten years of academic experience and media industry work. He holds a PhD in Mass Communication and Journalism from the University of Kashmir and has cleared both UGC-NET and J&K-SET with rank 1, 2023. His academic journey includes Assistant Professor roles at Islamic University of Science & Technology, University of Kashmir, and Central University of Kashmir, and Lecturer experience at Govt. College Baramulla.

Wani has taught and developed curricula in areas including New Media, Digital Humanities, Online Journalism, Data Journalism, Photography, Filmmaking, and Media Design. He played a key role in designing the Skill component of the B.Voc Electronic Media program, approved by the Media and Entertainment Skills Council and University of Kashmir.

His industry experience includes reporting roles at Greater Kashmir, Kashmir Times, and Zee News. As a researcher, he has presented papers on misinformation, post-truth politics, and media convergence at international conferences including IAMCR in Beijing and Nairobi and published in peer-reviewed journals. He is a certified trainer under the Google News Initiative and FactShala network for fake news verification and media literacy.

Wani has delivered numerous invited lectures and acted as a resource person in journalism, media production, animation, and editing across universities and colleges. He has guided multimedia and documentary projects at master's and bachelor's levels. His creative outputs include several short films and documentaries exploring themes like ecology, media culture, and societal narratives.

He is a member of FactShala Media Network, and was UGC's LOCF-Curriculum Reframing Committees. His skills include Adobe Creative Suite, FCP, data analytics tools, and research applications.