**Lochani Asthana (लोचनी अस्थाना)**

**Hindi News Reader-Editor-Translator, News Services Division, All India Radio, Delhi. Took Voluntary retirement March-2009.**

**Language Specialist, NHK World Radio Japan, Tokyo (1999-2002 & 2009-2012)**

**Experience Profile**: Over 35 years experience in Broadcasting, News Reader-Translator-Editor, Language Specialist (Hindi), and Program Presenter.

 Worked at NHK World Radio Japan at Tokyo, for 6 yrs i.e. from March 2009 to March 2012 and Jan 1999 – Jan 2001 where I Served as Language Specialist and in charge of all the scripts of News and feature programmes to be broadcast live or recorded. I was to check and improve all the translations. During this tenure also did round the clock coverage for the ill-fated tsunami last year and gave live feeds to world media both in Hindi and English viz. BBC Radio , Aaj Tak, News Headlines, and News Services Division of All India Radio, Delhi. Being incharge of Hindi B’cat from Radio Japan, I used to interview renowned celebrities visiting India like Sh. A B Vajpai as Prime Minister of India on visit to Japan, Oscar winner Musician A R Rehman, Motor Racer Narain Kartikeyan, Oddisi Dance Performer Sonal Mansingh, Santoorist Pt. Shiv Kumar etc.

Besides all this I also used to train part time employees of Hindi Unit in translation and broadcasting.

 **News Reader cum Editor (Hindi) , NSD All India Radio; New Delhi**

**May 1992 – Feb 2009 (Jan1999- Jan2002 secondment to NHK, Tokyo)**

At AIR News Services Division, I worked as News-reader, translator and Editor. Not only I compiled National Bulletins but also worked as Editor –in-charge in Hindi News Room. Used to translate News Stories at short notices.

** Served All India Radio as ANNOUNCER from** 1977 to1992

Started my Career as a Broadcaster from AIR, Rohtak in 1977, where I used to present all sorts of Music programs and compered special audience programs for Children, Women and Youth etc. In 1985, I moved over to AIR, **Delhi**.

**Script Rewriter**

I have been rewriting scripts of National Geographic’s Videos from English to Hindi for UTV since 2005 and so far I must have rewritten more than 300 scripts for them.

I also did translation work for Ericcson India ( Ad Agency) in Delhi before I left for Japan.

I have been doing translation job for Language World also.

 **Other Important information:**

 Have been a visiting faculty with Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi on Radio Journalism and Electronic Media Related sessions

 Also recorded 35 “talking books” for the visually impaired – a project sponsored by Ministry of Social Welfare, New Delhi.

 Travelling is a passion and have travelled extensively within India and abroad viz. Japan, USA, UK, Italy and Thailand etc.

 Just for the completion sake, had done Masters in English from M.D.University in 1977 and had been a university rank holder thru graduation levels of Kurukshetra university, Haryana.