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Currently the consulting editor and lead news anchor of the India Today group, he has over three decades of journalistic experience in print and television. He was the founder editor of the IBN 18 network which included CNN IBN, IBN 7 and IBN Lokmat. Prior to that, he was Managing Editor of both NDTV 24X7 and NDTV India and was responsible for overseeing the news policy for both the channels. He has also worked with The Times of India for 6 years and was city editor of its Mumbai edition at the age of 26.

During his long career in journalism, he has covered major national and international stories, specialising in national politics. He has won more than 50 awards for journalistic excellence, including the prestigious Padma Shri for Journalism in 2008, the International Broadcasters award for coverage of the 2002 Gujarat riots, the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism award in 2007 and the 2019 Prem Bhatia award for political journalism for analysis of the 2019 elections. The first Indian to win the Asian Television award for both talk show and news presentation, he has been News Anchor of the year at the Indian Television Academy a record ten times. In 2020, he was conferred with the Lifetime achievement award at the annual news broadcasting awards, He has been the President of the Editors Guild of India and was also chosen as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum. Sardesai writes a fortnightly column across several newspapers, including The Hindustan Times and Dainik Bhaskar. He has his own blogsite and is the third most followed journalist in the world on social media site, Twitter. A graduate of St Xaviers college, he has completed his Masters and LLB from Oxford University and played first class cricket at Oxford and captained Mumbai schools.