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Dolly Thakore has been in the business of Communications and Public Relations for over twenty years, and was until recently the Public Relations Director of the B4U Television channel.

She edited the Mumbai International Film Festival brochure MIFF 2000, and is Associate Publisher for Dakini Books, London, publisher of *Bollywood -- Popular Indian Cinema*, and *Ground Rules*.

She began her career as Casting Director and Unit Publicist with Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi*. And since then has worked on a number of Indian and international co-productions like *Far Pavilions*, *Kim*, *Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom*, *Jinnah*, *Mysteries Of The Black Jungle*, *Sixth Happiness*, *Such A Long Journey*, *Miss Beatty's Children*, *Deham*, *Dance Like a Man*.

Trained in Radio and Television with BBC London, she returned to India to become one of the leading Newscasters and Television hosts interviewing prominent citizens from India and abroad including film personalities like Amitabh Bachchan, Shabana Azmi, and authors like Stephen Berkoff, Khushwant Singh, and Farrukh Dhondy.

A columnist and film and theatre reviewer, she has written for leading newspapers and magazines in India like *The Sunday Times*, *Bombay Times*, *Indian Express*, *India Today*, *Business India*, and *Business World*.

Events she has moderated and compered include international seminars and trade fairs, Festivals of France and USSR in India, National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, Confederation of Indian Industries, Indian Merchants chambers, the Richard Gere Foundation, and many charity art auctions.

Was a member of the Advisory panel of the Censor Board for Film Certification for many years. Has served on the National Film Jury, Indian Panorama Jury, and was on the jury for the Indian Television Awards - 2002.

She has acted in a number of theatre productions including "Death of a Salesman", "Streetcar named Desire", "All My Sons", "Gaslight", "Wings", etc.

She is an examiner at the IIT Powai Industrial Design Centre, and at national script writing, slogan, art competitions; and is a Visiting Professor in Communication Skills at a leading Management Institute in Mumbai.

Bio Data

Name: Dolly Thakore

Date of Birth: March 10, 1943

Education

Loreto Convent College, Lucknow
Christ Church College, Kanpur
M.A. English (Part 1)
Miranda House, Delhi University

Travel

Widely Travelled To All Parts of India
New York, Los Angeles, Texas, San Francisco
Australia
UK
Europe France, Germany, Spain
Belgium, Italy
Greece
Beirut, Cairo, Syria, Amman
Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok
Malaysia
Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dabi
Africa - Kenya, Uganda
Pakistan 2004

University

Represented University in All India Youth Festivals in Debate, Elocution,
Drama
Inter-University Declamation Contests

1965-1969

BBC, London Editorial Assistant for London Calling and Overseas Press Bulletin
Presenter and Participant for BBC TV, London On Programmes for Immigrants From India and Pakistan: Make Yourself At Home Look, Listen, and Speak
Participant in English-By-Radio for BBC London
Hindi Script Writer and Presenter of Women's and Children's Programme for the BBC World Service, London
Researcher for 24-Hours, BBC London
Broadcaster and Translator From English To Hindi for London Newsletter for Central Office of Information, London
Founder Member/Writer for London's First Hindi Weekly, Pravasini
Conducted Hindi Classes At Indian High Commission, London, for Hindi Prachar Parishad
Columnist for Indian Observer, India Abroad
Compere for Indian Festivals, Anniversaries, Indian Clubs and Colleges
Lectured On India To Various Organizations, Cambridge Societies, etc.
Assistant Editor for Dictionary Of International Biographies, London
Returned To India

Mumbai 1969-1974

Senior Account Executive for Frank Simoes Advertising Pvt Ltd.
Pro & Model Coordinator for S.H. Bensons, Now Ogilvy & Mather
Account Executive for LPE Aiyar
Copy Writer for National Advertising

Radio - 1969 Onwards

Producer Compere, Interviewer, Programmer, Participant in Radio Plays, Discussions, Panels for All India Radio.

Guest Lecturer/Speaker

Lecture on Communications Skills at Empire Institute of Learning
Visiting Professor for Lala Lajpatrai College of Management - Communication
Xavier's Institute of Communications
Symbiosis Institute of Foreign Trade - Pune
Rotary Clubs
Lion's Clubs
Giants International
Concern India - 1998
Aviance - Concern India - Pune 1999
National Council of Women in India - 2000
Radio Advertisers and Television Producers Association (RAPA)

Awards

1993: Media India Trophy for Excellence in Electronic Media
1997: Bharat Nirman Trophy for Media
1997: Junior Merchants Chamber Award For: Outstanding Women of the City
1997: ANK Award for Contribution To Theatre as Actress, Critic, Columnist
2000: Wizweb Award 2000 for Personal Website www.facequest.com
2002: RAPA (Radio Advertisers and IV Producers Association) Award for Art of Interviewing

Examiner

For IIT Powai
Industrial Design Centre
National Script Writing, Slogan, Art Competitions
On Selection Panel for Bombay Universities first Course in Drama, 2003
On Selection Panel for Air India crew

Judge

Malhar, Mood Indigo, Aarambh, Kaliedoscope, etc.
Bajaj-Jetair Slogan Contest
Miss India
Indian Television Awards 2002

Languages

Official Translator From Hindi To English For Government of India

Memberships

Member of the Central Board of Film Certification
Film Advisory Board
Member of the National Film Jury
Member of the Panorama Film Jury
Rotary Club of Bombay