

Profile



Ram Ugrah, formerly of the National Herald, The Pioneer and The Times Of India, has been freelancing as a political cartoonist since 1960 after having initiated to journalism with the defunct The Leader of Allahabad (1960) as a sub-editor. With no formal training in fine arts, he is entirely self-taught and has a passion for cartooning.

The late M. Chalapathi Rau, then doyen of Indian Journalism and Mr Khushwant Singh prominently published Mr Ugrah's cartoons in the Delhi Herald. The Shankar's Weekly of the late K. Shankar Pillai, BLITZ of the late R.K. Karanjia, the Young Indian of Mr Chandra Shekhar, the Socialist India edited by Mr Iqbal Singh had found Mr Ugrah's cartoons as adding value to their publications.

An editorial journalist until 1998, he had been consistently doing political cartoons that were also published by the Herald's sister publications Hindi and Urdu dailies Navjeevan and Qaumi Awaz.

When the Herald's Lucknow establishment closed in mid-July of 1979, The Pioneer editorial board chairman Dr S.N.Ghosh inducted Mr Ram Ugrah to look after the Edit-Page where he regularly did the weekly cartoon round-up 'Indian Panorama' and illustrative caricatures until he joined the Lucknow Times of India, from where he superannuated.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated his first solo cartoon show held at the Lucknow Press Club. His second exhibition was unveiled in mid 90s by the then UP Governor B. Satyanarayan Reddy.

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