# SHALAKA SHINDE

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#### Education

### Columbia Journalism School, New York, Master of Science (Data Journalism), 2022-2023

Elective: Conflict reporting and OSINT

Projects:

- Auto-updating webpage displaying recent available air quality index of major Indian cities
- Alarming uptick in in-fighting patterns of South Sudan
- World's largest rice exporter country produces less than China
- Acute gender disparity in higher Indian judiciary

Awards: Full tuition scholarship from Columbia Journalism School

### Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, India, Post Graduate Diploma (New Media), 2014-2015

Elective: Investigative journalism techniques

Projects:

- Why is Chennai's local train transit system facing huge losses?
- Water shortage in Uthukkottai town located near one of the biggest reservoirs in Tamil Nadu
  Awards: A in investigative journalism techniques elective

### **Work Experience**

### Hindustan Times, Pune, Correspondent (May 1, 2017-May 21, 2022)

- Covered crime and courts beat from Pune, Ahmednagar, Sangli districts of Maharashtra state.
- Investigated crime families of Pune, custodial killing of a robbery-suspect by police, dog racing in remote villages of Maharashtra.
- Embedded with Indian Army rescue unit to extensively cover the 2019 floods of Western Maharashtra.
- Shot and edited news videos on LGBTQ pride parade, historic trains using only an iPhone.

#### The Quint, New Delhi, Desk Hand/Reporter (May 25, 2015-December 31, 2016)

- Produced interactive timelines of the aftermath of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack and Delhi sexual assault case using TikiToki.
- Introduced use of Infogram for election coverage in the newsroom.
- · Managed breaking news team.
- Scripted and produced news video stories on surrogacy law, female foeticide.

### IBN-Lokmat, Mumbai, Intern (December 19, 2011-February 3, 2012)

- Interned at this Marathi language television newsroom on the features desk.
- My responsibilities included scheduling guests, assisting producers, updating rolodex.
- Assisted the production team for a shoot of flagship show, Great Bhet.

## Skills

- Fluent in English, Hindi, Marathi languages
- Working proficiency in Python, CSS, html, SQL, and R
- Web scraping using BeautifulSoup and Playwright
- Data visualization

#### References:

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