

## SHALAKA SHINDE

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia Journalism School**, New York | Master of Science (Data Journalism), 2023

Along with data analysis and visualization, took a seminar class in conflict reporting and OSINT investigation, and advanced visualization. Projects leveraging these skills include:

- Auto-updating [webpage](#) that scrapes recent available air quality index of major Indian cities using **Playwright**, and displays it using **Datawrapper** and **Github pages**.
- [Story](#) of an immigrant from South Sudan to shed light on the country's water crisis using **scrollytelling**.
- Analysis of [murder cases](#) awaiting resolution in Indian district courts for over two decades using **custom graphics** and created a dataset created using Playwright, **BeautifulSoup**, **API**.

**Awards:** Newman Fund, Pulitzer Moore Scholarship, grant from the Li Center for Global Journalism.

**Asian College of Journalism**, India | Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism (New Media), 2015

Took new media and investigative journalism techniques classes from premier journalism school in India. Among top 2 performers in investigative journalism elective class.

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## SKILLS

- Data analysis using Python, R, SQL, and Microsoft Excel
- Web scraping using BeautifulSoup, Playwright, API
- Web development and design using CSS, HTML
- Data visualization using Datawrapper, ggplot, RAWgraphs, Flourish
- D3, Svelte, and Observable JavaScript libraries for data visualization
- Mapping/GIS using QGIS, Mapbox, Carto tools; folium and geopandas libraries

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Hindustan Times**, Pune, Correspondent

May 2017 - May 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, Breaking News Writer

May 2015 – Dec 2016

- Produced **interactive timelines** of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack aftermath and Delhi sexual assault case using TikiToki.
- Introduced use of **Infogram** for election coverage in the newsroom.
- **Managed breaking news team** of 4 desk reporters.
- **Scripted and produced** news video stories on surrogacy law, female feticide.