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EDUCATION

Columbia Journalism School

New York (Expected graduation Aug 2023)

Master of Science (Data Journalism)

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**.
- A [map-based visualization](#) using **Mapbox** of a dataset, built using Playwright and **BeautifulSoup**, of long pending murder case trials from 5 districts.

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

Asian College of Journalism

Chennai, India (2014-2015)

Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism (New Media)

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

SKILLS

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

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 Desk

May 2015 - December 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.

IBN-Lokmat, Mumbai, Intern

December 2011 - February 2012

- Assisted producers in the Marathi language television newsroom on the features desk.