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EXPERIENCE

Current:

Freelance Journalist

I have written on how easily Indian media can lose its news archives for the national monthly magazine [The Caravan](#); on how a small town in Mizoram, India, became one of the country's cleanest, for the online news website [The Wire](#).

Past:

Principal Correspondent – CNN News18, Digital Bureau

October 2016 – August 2018

I reported on health and environment, covering the union ministries and the sectors. My work on environment has ranged from [river revival](#) work in Uttarakhand, how New Delhi politics get in the way of tackling devastating [air pollution](#), how [garbage](#) reaches Delhi's towering landfills, India's [microplastic](#) problem, and why [storms are on the rise](#) in India.

I traveled through the Bundelkhand region during the Uttar Pradesh state elections, to cover how [government programmes](#) failed the most vulnerable, the demands of the [adivasi communities](#), and the cynicism of [first time voters](#).

I've written on government efforts to [map health care](#), the [National Nutrition Mission](#), [tuberculosis](#) and policy, the fight to make [coronary stents](#) and other [medical devices](#) cheaper, the dizzying cost of [private health care](#), the importance of Southeast Asia's first [tobacco testing laboratory](#) set up by India, [manual scavenging](#) in Delhi.

More here: <https://www.news18.com/byline/aradhna-wal.html>

Senior Correspondent – DNA, national daily, Zee Media Group

January 2015 to September 2016

I reported on the [Aam Aadmi Party](#) and New Delhi politics, climate change and [floods](#) in India, the [student movement](#) that rattled the sitting government, the mystery of the [dengue vaccine](#), stigma and [mental illness](#), [antibiotic resistance](#) in newborns, how a girl in rural Uttar Pradesh was almost [buried alive](#) for religion, efforts to bolster [public health care](#) in Delhi.

I reported on the terror attacks on the [Pathankot](#) airforce base, in Punjab, and on the north Indian state's [porous border](#) with Pakistan. More here: <http://www.dnaindia.com/authors/aradhna-wal>

Subeditor – Tehelka, national news weekly

August 2011 – January 2014

I reported and worked on the desk for the features team. My work included stories on marital rape in India, a cover story on [Dalit women](#) fighting caste and sexual oppression in the north Indian state of Haryana, on the skewed [portrayal of women](#) in some of India's regional media.

Features Intern – Mail Today, national daily newspaper

January – February 2011

Editorial Intern – NDTV 24x7, national news channel

May – June 2008

EDUCATION

Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, New Delhi

2009 – 2011

Masters in English – 61.87% Division I

Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, New Delhi

2006 – 2009

BA (Honours) in English – 60.1% Division I