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Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York   **August 2017 - May 2018**
MA in Science, Environment and Medicine Journalism
Trained in long form narrative writing with special focus on covering science, environment and public health. Took courses on intersection of climate change and public health at the Mailman School of Public Health. Reported on gaps in India's public health system leading to infant deaths for MA thesis.

Asian College of Journalism   **July 2012 - May 2013**
Post-Graduate Diploma in Television Journalism
Trained in writing for TV, editing news shows and reporting. Took courses in Health & Environment Journalism. Wrote a 5,000 – word dissertation on Matrilineal Societies in South India.

SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce   **July 2008 - May 2011**
Bachelor in Mass Media
Studied different aspects of media including journalism and public relations. Freelanced for leading national newspapers and magazines during the course.

Work Experience

Reporting Fellow – IndiaSpend   **October 2018 - Till date**
Reporting on climate change hotspots across India as well as the intersection between climate change and public health for India's only data journalism venture.

Independent Science Journalist   **May 2018 – October 2018**
Published pieces on public health & science in *Vice*, *The Wire* and *Scroll* and *News Deeply* among others.

Senior Health Correspondent at *DNA*, Mumbai   **June 2016 - August 2017**
Produced at least 6-7 news and feature stories per week basis at one of India's leading dailies. Reported breaking health news stories, live tweeted from events and tracked developments in health.

Assistant-Manager for Digital Content at *Zee Digital*, Mumbai   **October 2014 - June 2016**
Wrote and edited feature stories for hyper-local news section of one of India's leading media houses which is also the parent company of DNA newspaper. Gave story ideas to the team of reporters as well as planned news reporting campaigns.

Desk Reporter - *Times Now*, Mumbai   **May 2013 - September 2014**
Wrote news for bulletins, produced news shows and news capsules as a part of the editorial team for India's leading English language news channel.

Consulting writer - *Bizxchange* and *Home Trends (Times Group)* **June 2011 - May 2012**
Wrote feature stories on start-ups and interviewed entrepreneurs at *Bizxchange*, a business website of *Times of India*. Did a short stint with architecture magazine *Home Trends* which was a joint venture between the *BBC World Wide* and *Times of India* where I interviewed architects & home owners.

Fellowships and awards

• Global Health Reporting Contest Award 2018 by ICFJ
• Best Journalism Editorial Award 2018 by Columbia Graduate School of Journalism
• SCARF Mental Health Award 2018 by SCARF-India

References

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Recently published work

India's climate change hotspots (Series)

https://www.indiaspend.com/category/indias-climate-change-hotspots/

India's Public-Health Failures That PM's Insurance Scheme Won't Plug: The Story Of Arti And Kailash

https://www.indiaspend.com/indias-public-health-failures-that-pms-insurance-scheme-wont-plug-the-story-of-arti-and-kailash-18001/

Where Doctors Won't Go, Pregnant Women Are Deserted and Aadhaar Causes Hunger

https://thewire.in/health/where-doctors-wont-go-pregnant-women-are-deserted-and-aadhaar-causes-hunger

Thoothukudi's Villages Are Paying a Price That No One Is Counting

https://thewire.in/health/thoothukudis-villages-are-paying-a-price-that-no-one-is-counting