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New York, NY

EDUCATION

Columbia University, *Master of Public Health* (GPA 4.1/4.3)

Sept 2023 – May 2025

Dept. of Environmental Health Science, Certificate in Infectious Disease Epidemiology.

National Law School of India University, *Master of Public Policy* (GPA 3.8/4)

Jul 2018 – Apr 2020

Master's thesis titled 'Prenatal Care Utilization in Four District Hospitals of Bihar,' completed after six months of ethnographic research. Received the highest grade and the 'Outstanding Dissertation' award.

St. Xavier's College Mumbai, *B.A. in Economics and Sociology* (GPA 3.8/4)

Jul 2014 – Apr 2017

Co-founder of the Xavier's Film and Literature Society.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Alameda County Department of Public Health

Jun 2024 – Dec 2024

Program Evaluation Assistant

- Project management for an impact evaluation among 15 grant-funded organizations. Worked closely with program managers to identify project bottlenecks, enhance workflows, conduct needs assessments and develop appropriate resources and tools for the grantees.
- Co-developed a final showcase where community-based organizations present their photovoice visual outputs to county leaders.

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

Jun 2022 – Jul 2023

Program Associate ☑

- Grant writer for maternal and child health project fundraising. Also supported Salesforce management and donor stewardship for active grants. As the lead coordinator for South Asia expansion (family health portfolio), I initiated strategic partnership communications with development sector and government partners across South Asia.
- Assessed the planning and implementation gaps in India's anemia control program through 50+ interviews with frontline health workers, district and state health officials in 15 states of India. I designed the field outreach plan and interview schedules. Planned and coordinated dissemination events.
- Led a scoping review of the anemia diagnostic landscape in India, compiled through desk reviews and consultations with upcoming innovators in India. These knowledge products are housed on the PATH website

Deloitte Consulting (India Offices of the US)

Oct 2020 – May 2022

Consultant ☑

- Supported the post-merger financial integration of a health insurance company with a leading healthcare corporation. In charge of streamlining conflicts arising from ERP differences between the merging entities.
- Resolved 900+ ledger differences by mediating discussions between the finance governance teams from both entities. Received a fast-track promotion from business analyst to associate within 11 months.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia World Projects (*Household air pollution in Ghana*)

Jun 2024 – Dec 2024

- Designed a bug tracker for GasPay, a mobile app to help accelerate household level clean energy transition (from traditional fuels to LPG) in Ghana. Supported grant writing for scale-up.

WE ACT (*Air Quality in Northern Manhattan*)

Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Analyzing trends in PM2.5 before and after the implementation of congestion pricing in NYC. Analysis in R Studio using hourly data collected through 11 air sensors in northern Manhattan.

CARE India (*Maternal health service delivery*)

Oct 2019 – Dec 2019

- Ethnographic research study to identify key actors and subjective drivers behind patient decision-making during obstetric referrals in a District Hospital in Bihar, India. Research published through my Master's thesis, awarded the highest grade.

Foundation for Agrarian Studies (*Women's unpaid labor*)

Oct 2017 – Dec 2017

- Time Use Survey to compute the time spent by 40 female agrarian laborers on economically productive 'SNA' activities and unpaid domestic work in two villages in Karnataka, India. Findings published through an article on the organization's website.

PUBLICATIONS

Regulatory Failure as State-Corporate Crime in the Indian Health Sector <i>Social Science Research Network</i>	2023
The Fate of the Left Out: A Case Study of Beed <i>Deccan Herald</i> ↗	2020
Maternal Mortality in Bihar: Does India really care about its Mothers? <i>Feminism in India</i> ↗	2019
Women's Domestic Work: A Report from Alabujanahalli Village, Karnataka, <i>Foundation for Agrarian Studies</i> ↗	2017
The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid in Improving Health Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa, <i>Arthniti (ISSN 2277 1344)</i>	2016

INTERNSHIPS

The Indian Express Published over ten bylines in the city beat in this leading national daily newspaper.	Aug 2017 – Oct 2017
Economic and Political Weekly Research and copy-edit assistant to the editor on three investigative pieces.	Apr 2016 – Jun 2016

SKILLS

MS Office | R Studio | Salesforce | Project Management | Canva | Trilingual in English, Hindi, and Marathi

VOLUNTEERING WORK

Kamalesh Mother and Child Hospital Organized and managed an anemia screening camp, where over 85 women were screened in two days Counselled beneficiaries on the implications of anemia and the importance of treatment compliance	2020
Children of the World (Trust), India Taught the English and Hindi alphabet, and occasionally dance routines to 20 children (ages 4–6) Administrative assistance for organizing and executing field day trips for the children	2015

OTHER INTERESTS

I enjoy playing the piano, running, reading and cooking. I'm also a certified deep-sea diver, usually dreaming about the next dive site to explore!