

SAURABH SHREEKANT DATAR

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EDUCATION:

Stanford University, 9/15 – 6/16 (expected)

- Pursuing an MA in journalism with a focus on data-driven storytelling. Coursework includes Public Affairs Data Journalism, Computational Methods, Web Applications, and Multimedia Storytelling, and News Reporting

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, India, 7/05 – 5/09

- Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering
 - Editor of the college newspaper, 'Eyes Only', that published campus-related news, including student council elections, academic and administrative policies
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SKILLS:

- **Tools:** Illustrator, Photoshop, Excel, Open Refine, Tableau, Google Fusion Tables, CartoDB, QGIS
 - **Programming:** C, HTML/CSS, SQL, JavaScript, jQuery, Leaflet, Python, d3.js/R (working knowledge)
 - **Social Media:** Blogging, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, User Engagement, YouTube
 - **Languages:** Hindi/Marathi (Fluent), Kannada (fluent spoken, intermediate reading and writing)
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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE:

Senior Copy Editor, Mid-day (a leading English tabloid), Mumbai, 09/13 – 07/15

- Rewrote, edited, and fact-checked news reports, and designed pages for a popular city tabloid
- Reported 1,000-word features stories on India's 2014 elections, the gold scavengers of Mumbai's bullion market, the city's first railway announcer, and India's first crowdsourced publishing venture
- Produced data-driven stories for www.mid-day.com on topics such as the Ebola outbreak, elections in the state of Maharashtra, swine flu in India, and PM Modi's foreign visits

Features Writer, Just Another Magazine, Mumbai, 06/09 – 06/10

- Reported on urban issues, education, technology, and entrepreneurship for a premier youth magazine
 - Managed the magazine's Twitter account, blog, and website content; created its Facebook page, gaining 1,000 followers in six months
 - Commissioned stories to correspondents in Delhi, Pune, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Kolkata
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ADVERTISING EXPERIENCE:

Senior Copywriter, 93.5 Red FM, Mumbai, 09/12 – 08/13

- Wrote and produced radio campaigns for clients that included cellular service providers Vodafone and Tata DOCOMO, Indian Premier League cricket tournament, and Maharashtra tourism

Copywriter, Ogilvy & Mather, Mumbai, 07/10 – 09/12

- Wrote print, TV, radio and digital campaigns for Hindustan Unilever, Mattel and Godrej Properties
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WRITING AND EDITING EXPERIENCE:

Proofreader

- Proofread two books on entrepreneurship by author-entrepreneur Rashmi Bansal, Stay Hungry Stay Foolish and Connect the Dots

Freelance Scriptwriter, 07/10 – 03/15

- Wrote scripts for award-winning Hindi online satire show Jay Hind! and other YouTube channels
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SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Awarded a tuition fellowship by the Department of Communication at Stanford University
- Received the prestigious Indian J N Tata and K C Mahindra scholarships, and tuition grants from South Asian Journalists Association and Asian American Journalists Association
- Completed 'Doing Journalism with Data', a massive online open course in data journalism offered by the European Journalism Centre in 2014