

# NAVYA ASOPA

*Multimedia journalist*

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Multimedia journalist with a master's from Columbia Journalism School and a proven track record of breaking news on US-India trade relations, elections, and immigration. Experienced in fact-checking, video production, data analysis, public records research, and interview techniques.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS | Global News Agency,** 05/2026 – Present | New Delhi

*Output Producer*

Editing video content and live story elements to produce high-quality, visually compelling narratives for broadcast and digital audiences.

**CENTRAL DESI | Local Digital Newsroom,** 12/2025 – 05/2026 | New Jersey

*Reporting Fellow*

Reported on the local [politics](#), [immigration](#), and artists of the South Asian community in the Garden State.

**NEWSREEL MEDIA CO. | News App Startup,** 12/2025 – 02/2026 | New Jersey

*Editorial Fellow*

Edited and published a dozen stories per week about politics, human interest, business, technology, and lifestyle for an interactive news app designed for modern attention spans.

**BBC NEWS INDIA | Collective Newsroom,** 08/2025 – 02/2026 | New York

*Freelance Reporter*

Published multimedia reports on India-US relations, like the impact of [tariffs](#) on local shopkeepers, the [H1B fee hike](#) on tech professionals, and the [city's mayoral race](#).

**INDIA ABROAD | Local Digital Newsroom,** 08/2025 – 02/2026 | New York

*Freelance Reporter*

Produced multimedia stories on the South Asian diaspora in the city, including the [first Indian director](#) to win in Venice, [Nepali vigil](#) for protest deaths, and [Zohran Mamdani's](#) campaign.

**COLUMBIA JOURNALISM INVESTIGATIONS | News Lab,**

10/2024 – 05/2025 | New York

*Research Assistant*

Investigated wrongful conviction cases in New York by examining ongoing lawsuits and analyzing exoneration datasets under the guidance of Kristen Lombardi.

**THE REPORTERS' COLLECTIVE | Investigative News Site,**

03/2024 – 05/2024 | New Delhi

*Reporting Intern*

Scooped two long-form [financial](#) investigations on the 2000-2022 government annual budget and reported on the [discrepancies](#) in fund allocation for welfare benefits to marginalized groups.

**EDUCATION**

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**COLUMBIA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM,**

08/2024 – 05/2025 | New York

*MS Journalism, Toni Stabile Investigative Fellow*

Coursework: Investigative Techniques, Business Reporting, Journalism Law, Videography, Data Analysis

**ASHOKA UNIVERSITY,**

08/2021 – 05/2024 | New Delhi

*B.A. (Hons). Political Science, Minor: Media Studies*

Dean's List, GPA: 3.7/4.0

**SKILLS**

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**Technical:** MS Excel, FOIA filings, OSINT research, Legal analysis, R programming, Python

**Languages:** Hindi, Spanish, Gujarati, Punjabi

**Certifications:** Fundamentals of Economics by UC Berkeley, Digital Journalism by Reuters

**AWARDS**

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**People's Choice Award, Columbia University**

01/01/2025

Awarded in Journalism Business class for a fact-checking news product to combat misinformation

**Media Excellence Award, Ashoka University**

04/15/2024

Awarded by the Media Studies Department for achieving excellence in journalism during undergraduate studies

**PUBLICATIONS**

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[Scroll.in](#), *As Trump signs bill to end US government shutdown, staffers describe 43 days of stress they faced*

11/13/2025

[The Quint](#), *'H-1B Rules Designed To...': Indian Workers, Employers on Trump's Visa Fee Hike*

09/25/2025