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PROFILE

Investigative journalist with a master's from Columbia Journalism School and a proven track record of deeply reported stories on criminal justice, labor, and civic issues in India and the US. Experienced in data analysis, public records research, and interview techniques. Currently seeking to tell stellar stories in U.S. newsrooms.

WORK EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA JOURNALISM INVESTIGATIONS | Journalism Center

New York

Research Assistant

Oct 2024- May 2025

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

COLUMBIA NEWS SERVICE | Columbia Journalism School News Website

New York

Reporter

Oct 2024- May 2025

- Published three New York City stories covering a [union contract](#) dispute, the mayor's indictment, and [sexworkers'](#) push for decriminalization.

REPORTERS' COLLECTIVE | Digital Investigative News Site

New Delhi

Reporting Intern

Mar 2024 – May 2024

- Scooped two long-form financial [investigations](#) on the government's Annual Budget from 2000 to 2024 and [reported](#) on the discrepancies in the allocation of funds for welfare benefits directed towards marginalized groups.

TIMES OF INDIA | National News Daily

New Delhi

Reporting Intern

Dec 2023-Jan 2024

- Broke news and produced 6 in-depth articles on gender, education, and civic issues in North Indian state Rajasthan's [educational](#) reforms, [women](#) commission's stagnation, and [homeless](#) shelters for the City edition.

INDIAN EXPRESS | National News Daily

New Delhi

Reporting Intern

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

- Published over 10 articles on pressing civic and political issues, including the [impact](#) of waterlogging in Delhi and the [consequences](#) of inflated food prices in a suburb for the Express City edition.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

New York

MS Journalism

Aug 2024- May 2025

- Toni Stabile Investigative Fellow
- Coursework: Investigative Techniques; Business Reporting; Journalism Law; Videography; Data Analysis

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY

New Delhi

B.A. (Hons). Political Science, Minor: Media Studies. Dean's List; GPA: 3.7/4.0

Aug 2021- May 2024

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

- Won the **People's Choice Award in Journalism Business class** for a fact-checking news product to combat misinformation| Columbia University | Mar 2025
- [Indian Prime Minister Modi's policy](#) to double farmers' income goes on overdrive during elections, stalls otherwise | The Reporters' Collective | May 2024
- [A construction worker's](#) mysterious death in India's Haryana state | People's Archive of Rural India | Jan 2024
- [No case hearings](#) held at India's largest state's women commission for months | The Times of India | Jan 2024

SKILLS

- MS Excel, FOIA filings, OSINT research, Legal analysis, R programming, Python**
- Languages:** English, Hindi, Spanish, Gujarati, Punjabi
- Courses:** Fundamentals of Economics by UC Berkeley, Digital Journalism by Reuters