

Education

New York University

2019 - present

Masters in Journalism, Literary Reportage concentration

Asian College of Journalism

2014-2015

Post Graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism

Grade: A Minus

- Produced and edited a documentary on Bonded Labour in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.
- Produced and edited an investigative documentary on the cruelty of the dairy industry.
- Chief Editor of Shades of Green, the college magazine focusing solely on environment.
- Dissertation: 5,000 words on the role of media in covering issues of mental health in India.

MOP Vaishnav College for Women

2011-2014

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

CGPA 6.68 out of 10.0 (A+, First Class)

- President of Present Tense Journalism Society, conducted workshops and seminars on data journalism and covering Tamil Nadu politics.
- Best Project Award: Transcendence, A journal on the Transgender Community of Tamilnadu
- Best Research paper: What's on your Plate? - Exploring the Diversity of News Diets in the city of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Core Committee member of the Debate and Literary Society.
- Core Committee Member of the Student Body.

Vidyodaya Matriculation Academy, Chennai

1998-2011

10th grade SSLC Board: (88%); 12th grade SSLC Board: (94%)

- Represented India in the Goethe Institut's International Partner-Schule Conference for Students.

Work Experience

Independent Journalist

March 2018 – 2019

- Covered South Indian politics, gender, environment, development, culture and human rights.
- Wrote and reported for leading newspapers and digital news organizations such as The Hindu, Hindustan Times, The Wire, Scroll, The Hindu Business Line, The Ladies Finger, VICE India and Firstpost.
- Won a Special Mention by Red Ink for the Lifestyle and Entertainment category.

The Lede Independent Journalist Network
Special Correspondent, Tamil Nadu

January 2017- March 2018

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- Write and report for leading newspapers and digital news organizations such as The Hindu, Hindustan Times, The Wire, Scroll, The Hindu Business Line, The Ladies Finger, VICE India and Firstpost.
- Extensively covered Sasikala's conviction, TTV Dinakaran's win in the RK Nagar elections, the Jallikattu violence and interviewed decision makers in Tamil Nadu politics.
- Covered the MGNREGA situation in Tamil Nadu which urged the National Coordinator to release Rs.500 crore rupees for workers in delayed compensation and wages.

The News Minute
Senior Reporter, Tamil Nadu

January 2016- January 2017

- Covered development, gender, politics, human rights and environment.
- Won the LAADLI award for Gender Sensitivity 2016 for a series on the LGBTQ+ community in India.
- Was lauded for political coverage during the 2016 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.
- Got exclusives and scoops and travelled across Tamil Nadu for the assembly elections.
- Wrote political analysis pieces for the run up to and after the Assembly elections
- Wrote two stories on human rights which helped raise money to help those affected.
- Extensive ground coverage on the Sankar honour killing case.

CNN-News18
Desk Editor

May 2015 – January 2016

- 6 minute feature story on the state of mental healthcare in India.
- Editing and writing content for daily news bulletins, involved in structuring and production of news packages.
- Anchored news coverage and put together packages for the Chennai floods.

IT skills

- Proficient in Hindenburg, Avid Media Composer, Sony Vegas Pro, Tableau Public, Adobe Audition, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Quark Xpress.

Language fluency

- English - written and spoken; Hindi - written and spoken; Tamil – can read and speak.
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