

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**January 2017- March 2018**

Special Correspondent, Tamil Nadu

- Cover South Indian politics, gender, environment, development, culture and human rights.
- 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**January 2016- January 2017**

Senior Reporter, Tamil Nadu

- 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**May 2015 – January 2016**

Desk Editor

- 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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