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HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Solutions Storytelling Project - Asia</u> 2025 fellow making a short doc on rural healthcare in India

Led in-person mobile journalism training for reporters in Zambia for BBC Media Action, 2025

Launched <u>BBC News India's YouTube channel</u>, which gained 75k followers in a year

Revamped <u>BBC India-Instagram</u>, adding new video formats and 100k followers in six months

Judge for Online News Association's journalism awards for video and social media, 2024, 2025

Founded <u>In Sync</u>, an interview series exploring innovation in non-fiction video

Won a <u>WAN-IFRA award</u> for 'Best use of video' for a short documentary series, 2023

Won a <u>WAN-IFRA award</u> for short-form video production covering an Indian election, 2022

Won a <u>BBC News award</u> for Outstanding Initiative for Reaching New Audiences in 2021

Trained BBC's East African language teams in Kenya in 2019, 2020 on making digital videos

EDUCATION

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, United States Master of Science in Journalism September 2015 - December 2016

Rajiv Gandhi Technological University, India Bachelor of Engineering, IT August 2007 - June 2011

SKILLS:

Spoken languages: English, Hindi/Urdu (Fluent), Sindhi (Competent)

Multimedia: Final Cut Pro (Advanced), Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, CapCut, Edits

Other tools: Audience Analytics - in depth, SEO, OSINT - basic, Google/YT/X Trends, Canva

Certificate/courses: Hostile Environment First Aid Training, PADI Open Water Diver, Mental Health First Aider, Reporting on AI (intensive)

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Senior Producer/Journalist, Freelance, India

Nov 2024 – Present

- Produce and edit short- and long-form videos, and develop social media strategy for news and non-profit clients
- Lead video and social output, produce India stories for the BBC
- Archival producer on a documentary about caste discrimination
- Train bilingual journalists worldwide in video and social storytelling
- Create and manage Instagram content for a book reviews channel

BBC News, Delhi, India

Senior Video Producer

Nov 2022 - Aug 2024

- Managed video and social team, executive produced 15-minutelong films, and news and feature shorts under tight deadlines
- Directed, produced, presented and edited award-winning <u>short</u> <u>documentaries</u>, explainer videos and <u>Instagram reels</u>
- Collaborated with digital, social and design teams across the BBC to craft and lead an impactful rollout of big stories from India
- Monitored social and video analytics and developed overall video strategy to reach underserved audiences on multiple platforms

Senior Video Journalist

Dec 2018 – Nov 2022

- Developed new formats to reach young and female audiences on YouTube, IGTV, Instagram Reels and the BBC website
- Launched and led a project to increase female engagement in video across BBC's World Service teams
- Reviewed scripts and storyboards and supervised BBC's language video teams in Asia, Africa and Europe to produce explainers, character-led videos and short documentaries
- Filmed, edited and produced videos on <u>inequality</u>, <u>climate</u>
 <u>change</u>, <u>coronavirus</u> etc. reaching millions of people globally
- Ran <u>trainings</u> across 42 language teams on using social media for reporting, filming remotely, creative editing and scripting

Digital Journalist

Feb 2018 - Dec 2018

- Field produced a documentary on <u>India's cow vigilantes</u> for BBC
 Newsnight finalist for Asian Media Award, 2019
- Reported, wrote and edited daily news and feature pieces covering gender, global relations, and protests across India

Washington Post, Washington DC

Feb 2017 - Jan 2018

Video Producer

- Conceptualized, filmed and edited a five-part video series,
 Between Two Cultures, on daughters of immigrants in the US
- Edited video output for social media verticals and website
- Reported and wrote features on migration and gender

Multimedia Reporter, Washington DC

Dec 2015 - Feb 2018

- Covered stories focused on <u>refugees</u>, <u>immigrants</u>, <u>business</u> and <u>culture</u> for AJ+, NBC News, Business Insider, Upworthy and others
- Video intern at Vox.com, USA Today covering the 2016 US election