

# Debadrita Sur

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## Accomplishments

- **Bronze Winner: Series Video Journalism** (Jan 2025)

Issued by the Telly Awards for 'Gig Workers Rising'

- **Best Documentary Short Nonfiction 22-25** (May 2024)

Nominated by Flint Youth Film Festival for 'Hungry'

- **Best Documentary Short** (March 2024)

Nominated by Touchstone Independent Film Festival for 'Hungry'

## Skills

Proficient in four languages: Bengali, English, German, and Hindi

Reporting skills: BLOX, FOIA, Parser, Google Analytics, Google Trends, LexisNexis, MailChimp, MS Excel, MS Office, Otter IA, Pacer, Parsley, Semrush, SEO, WordPress, Investigative reporting, Fact Checking, Source Building, Breaking News

Production skills: Adobe Premiere Pro, Archival Research, Audio Mixing, CANVA, Editing, Photography, Post-Production, Videography, Video Production

## Work Experience

### Production Assistant

Resolution Seven, New York City | January 2024 - Current

- Working on documentary films and video shorts on global stories and stories in the United States.
- Assisting with production and post-production work, archival research, editing, translation, and selecting and mixing audio.
- Recent work included a story about gig workers in India and Vietnam. More stories to follow in South Africa and Mexico.

### Reporter

Reach PLC, New York, NY | October 2024 - June 2025

- Write breaking news stories and enterprise features across a range of beats, including crime, national and international politics for three verticals, Daily Express US, Mirror US, and Irish Star US.
- Collaborate with social media team and check traffic to ensure proper generation of multimedia content for audiences across three verticals.
- Coverage includes the Russia-Ukraine war, the 2024 presidential elections, President Donald Trump's administration, bird flu in the U.S. as well as other breaking news events like the New Orleans terror attack, the healthcare executive murder, the Wisconsin mass shooting, etc.

### Trending and General Assignment Reporter

The Buffalo News, Buffalo | January 2023 - January 2024

- Wrote daily breaking news stories and long-term enterprise features and produce video content.
- Coverage included housing and homelessness, transportation issues and lack of pedestrian safety, local impact of the Middle East conflict, etc. Impact included a local school district's policy being reversed.
- Spearheaded video production leading to an increase in website traffic and engagement.

### Film columnist at Far Out and its sister website, Best of Netflix

Far Out Magazine, London | January 2020 - January 2022

- Wrote eight articles daily under tight deadlines, including breaking news, features, film reviews, and opinions.
- Monitored traffic and used search engine optimization (SEO) skills to reach daily targets.
- Assisted the social team in daily traffic engagement.

## Education

### Master of Science in Journalism

Columbia University, New York, NY | May 2023

- Specialized in beat reporting, narrative writing, and investigative journalism.
- Produced a documentary on food insecurity and a feature on the economic impact on subcultures.
- Reported on homelessness, labor, and medical inequity towards women of color.

## Affiliations

- Investigative Reporters and Editors (Judge at 2025 Golden Padlock Committee)
- Asian American Journalists Association
- Deadline Club (Deadline Club Awards Judge)
- Society of Professional Journalists, CJS Chapter, Film and Documentary Coordinator, 2022-23