

# Puja Bhattacharjee

Writer, Reporter & Visual Storyteller

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## JOURNALISM & RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**Storytellers, Remote** March 2022 - Present

*Freelance Content Writer*

- Develop content for behavior change communication for various social development projects
- Writing reports and policy briefs for high profile clients like UNICEF

**Freelance Journalist, Kolkata, India** Sep 2018 - Present

- Reporting the impact of [COVID-19 pandemic](#), [LGBTQIA+ issues](#), and [policy analysis](#)
- Reported on 2019 [Parliamentary elections](#); live blogging of breaking news for 101Reporters.com

**Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH** Jan - Apr 2018

*Communications Coordinator*

- Created and executed an external strategic communication plan
- Customized multi-media content packages for local, regional and national media

**Freelance** July 2017 - Jan 2018

*Video Editor*

- Edited and packaged [promotional videos](#) for Mettle Sports, an Evanston-based Sports startup

**CNN Health & Medical Unit, Atlanta, GA** Sep - Dec 2017

*Health Intern*

- Wrote stories for the CNN Health [website](#)
- Assisted with research for Dr. Sanjay Gupta's show, *Vital Signs*

**City Bureau, Chicago, IL** July - Aug 2017

*Documenter*

- Conducted in-person dialogue to promote public newsroom on how to revive and organize block clubs in the South side
- Contributed to aggregation and analysis of data for the [TIF Illumination Project](#)

**SHyNE Resource, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL** Oct 2016 - June 2017

*Nanoscience Journalism Intern*

- Wrote articles for [SHyNE website](#) on scientific research at seven nanotech instrumentation facilities within Northwestern University and University of Chicago to communicate latest information in field to multiple non-science focused audiences

**Medill Reports, Chicago, IL** June 2016 - June 2017

*Multimedia Reporter*

- Produced video and text [stories about environmental justice](#) and [Chicago LGBTQ community](#)
- Embedded with National Severe Storms Laboratory in Oklahoma to write [stories](#)

**Governance Now, Noida, India** Apr 2012 - May 2016

*Senior Correspondent*

- Reported on [rural](#) and [urban governance](#) issues, [real estate](#), [gender and sexuality](#), [politics](#) and [art and culture](#)
- Monitored and reported on implementation of government sponsored welfare schemes in a [six-month rural reporting project](#)

## EDUCATION

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**Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL** June 2017

*Master of Science in Journalism (Health, Science and Environment specialization)*

**Amity University, Noida, India** July 2012

*Master of Journalism and Mass Communication*

**University of Calcutta** July 2010

*Bachelor of Science (Physics, Chemistry & Math)*

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANT

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- In Old News [Mobile Journalism Fellowship](#) May 2021

- Thomson Reuters Foundation LGBT+ Rights [reporting grant](#)
- Fellow - ICFJ course on [Stemming the Tide of Religious Intolerance](#)
- Youth Ki Awaaz [Climate Reporting Fellowship](#)

March 2021  
March – April 2021  
Feb – April 2021

## **KEY SKILLS**

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- **Languages:** Proficient in English, Hindi and Bengali
- **Multimedia:** Adobe Suite: Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom
- **Camera Equipment:** Canon 80D, Panasonic AG-DVX 200
- **Other:** CMS, iNEWS, Microsoft Office, WordPress, HTML & CSS