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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### The Hindu—India's leading English daily

Chennai, India

Multimedia journalist: Data

May 2022—Present

- Pitch, write and visualise data stories, for the daily <u>Data Point</u> section of the print paper.
- Produce, script, conduct interviews and edit the bi-weekly <u>Data Point podcast</u>, expanding on the findings of Data Point stories, which reaches over 1,000 listeners.
- Produce, script, shoot and edit the bi-weekly <u>Data Point video series</u>, explaining and contextualising complex data stories, which garners an average of 10-15k views.
- Write <u>feature stories</u> and <u>reviews</u> for Metro Plus, The Hindu's lifestyle, <u>culture</u> and entertainment supplement.
- Regularly contribute to the weekly Parley discussion section on the paper's opinion page.

CNN

Washington D.C., USA August 2019—June 2020

News Associate

- Built graphics and walls for CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper.
- Cut sound and edited video from The Lead with Jake Tapper for social media.
- Coordinated with producers and bookers to greet, mic and prepare guests for live hits.
- Ran scripts for live programming, adhering to specific anchor requests and communicating with the control room.
- Assisted the Assignment Desk with newsgathering by logging, verbating, and monitoring incoming video feeds.

# Voice of America Washington D.C., USA

News Intern, East Asia & Pacific Division

June 2017

- Shot and edited video for the <u>College View</u> series, which was distributed to Asian affiliate channels and published on social media.
- Booked interviews, researched and generated pitches for news and feature stories.

#### ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

## Pop Rocks and Tea Podcast

Chennai, India

Co-host and Co-producer

January 2022—Present

- Co-created a bi-weekly Western pop-culture news podcast, covering movies, TV, music fashion, online culture, celebrity affairs and other entertainment news topics.
- Co-host and co-produce the podcast, including scripting, editing, booking guests and cutting sound bites.
- Create and manage content, including reels, posts and stories, for the podcast's Instagram page.

## **Asian College of Journalism**

Chennai, India

Student journalist

July 2021—May 2022

- Shot, produced, scripted and edited a <u>10 minute documentary</u> on the low quality food rations and poor water supply in rural Tamil Nadu.
- Wrote and produced an <u>interactive online story</u> about how climate change is affecting the livelihood of fishermen in rural Tamil Nadu, which was later published on <u>DownToEarth</u> magazine.
- Anchored a five hour long Global Pop-Up Newsroom, live-streamed on Facebook, for International Women's Day.

#### Meanwhile In Newsletter

Chennai, India

Writer

October 2020- September 2021

- Created a newsletter that delivers impact-focused explainers to over 100 subscribers.
- Wrote and edited articles about global issues that lack coverage in mainstream Western media.
- Collaborated with on-the-ground photographers and created graphics and visualisations, as needed

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Asian College of Journalism, May 2022

Chennai, India

Postgraduate Diploma: Integrated Journalism

## American University, May 2019

Washington, D.C.

B.A. Journalism: Broadcast

Minors in Marketing, International Studies

## **SKILLS**

**Proficient** in Adobe Audition, Premier Pro CC, APeNPS/iNews, Mediasource, Flourish, Datawrapper, Canva; **Basic proficiency** in Adobe InDesign and Photoshop.

**Languages**: English (native), Hindi (full working proficiency), Tamil (limited working proficiency)