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Master's in Climate Change & Sustainability Studies. Journalist and communications professional with experience in editing, writing, communications strategy & management.

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EDUCATION

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai — MA/MSc. In Climate Change & Sustainability Studies (Pursuing)

June 2018 - Mar 2020

Research-oriented Master's programme in Climate Change & Sustainability with comprehensive focus on scientific, social, and economic aspects of climate change.

MAJORS: Energy & Climate Change Mitigation, Water Policy, Climate Science, GIS, Economics, Research Methods (Quantitative & Qualitative), Public Policy, Governance.

Grade: Semester-I – 7.2 (GPA) | Semester-II – 7.2 (GPA) | Semester - III – 7.5 (GPA)

Madras Christian College, Chennai — BA Journalism

June 2010 - May 2013

Majors–Development Journalism, Public Relations, Design, Magazine and Print Journalism, Editing, News Writing and Reporting.

EXPERIENCE

Centre for Climate Change & Sustainability (TISS), Mumbai — Research Officer

October 2019 - Present

Project Management and Communication – Internal and external communications and editorial functions including writing and editing reports/policy briefs.

Research – Conducting data analysis and research on forest diversion activity in India under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 regime with the purpose of publishing a policy report titled '**Political Economy of Forest Diversion in India**' (Currently in draft stage).

Climate Policy Initiative, New Delhi — Intern (Comms)

April 2019 - June 2019

Interned as part of a global communications team. Outputs produced include op-eds on climate finance-related topics, presentations and TPs for international events, executive summaries for reports, and other

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Research Methods (Quantitative & Qualitative)

Programming – R (Intermediate); Python (Basic)

Communications – Strategy & Management

Editing & Writing – Academic/ Report Writing

Project Management

MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop & InDesign)

FIELDWORK/PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Urban Fieldwork (MA/M.Sc)

Oct 2018-Nov 2018

Conducted a comprehensive socio-economic survey of industrial recycling (plastics) clusters in Bhandup (W). Co-authored an academic report (for evaluation purposes) on educational/occupational patterns.

Rural Fieldwork (MA/M.Sc)

Mar 2019-Apr 2019

Conducted a comprehensive socio-economic and agrarian studies survey of 8 predominantly tribal settlements and 200-plus households in Vanai Chandranagar village in Palghar dist., MH for collecting data on household net worth/NAV for mapping vulnerability to climate risk.

communications collaterals.

GQ India, Mumbai — Senior Writer

August 2016 - September 2017

Ideation and creation of content related to culture and technology in line with GQ's rigorous editorial standards. Worked with audience development teams on specific strategies to build capacity through social media.

Independent Journalist/Writer – Travel, Culture, Tech

September 2017 - Present

Regularly contributed to several reputed national and international publications such as *The Culture Trip*, *IB Times*, *Firstpost.com/Tech2*.

The Asian Age, Mumbai — Features Correspondent

November 2014 - August 2016

Extensively covered stories in features (art, cinema, books, and popular culture) Collaborated with several organizations, NGOs and public sector agencies for editorial projects. Published over 200 articles including several national stories in the all-center editions with a cumulative readership of over 1 million.

The New Indian Express, Chennai — News Reporter

July 2013 - August 2014

Worked as a corporation and municipalities correspondent handling civic issues and city-centric developments. Covered human-interest stories and environment beat for supplement. Created a strong network base in public, private and social work sectors.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer/Writer — Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI)

October 2017 - March 2018

Worked as a researcher/writer preparing in-depth profiles of local water bodies and lakes in South Chennai aimed at aiding rejuvenation efforts. Focussed on geography, hydrology, economy, and challenges such as encroachment and garbage / sewage dumping.

[Link to Guest Blog](#)

LANGUAGES

English (*Highly Proficient*), Hindi (*Highly Proficient*), Tamil (*Native Proficiency*), Telugu (*Limited Working Proficiency*)

CERTIFICATIONS & ONLINE EDUCATION

UN CC: E-Learn – Advancing on REDD+

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

Second part of two-part comprehensive course on REDD+.

Modules: NFMS, FREL/FRL, MRV for REDD+, REDD+ Safeguards (SIS), Implementation, & Finance.

Fundamentals on REDD+

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

Introductory course on key principles of REDD+.

Modules: Climate Change and Forests, DDFDs, PAMs, NS/APs, and REDD+ Finance.

IFC-World Bank OLC – Managing E&S Performance

Mar 2019

Introductory course on Results-Based Climate Finance.

EIT Climate-KIC – Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) for Climate Adaptation-Courses – I, II, & III

May 2019

Comprehensive three-part course on CBA for Climate Adaptation tool developed by EIT Climate-KIC.

Google News Initiative – Data Journalism & Investigative Reporting

May 2019

Google News Initiative Course on using Google tools such for Data Journalism and Investigative Reporting.