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I am a multilingual journalist, editor and communications professional with over 3 years of experience in storytelling, qualitative research, project management and media production. Possessing an MA in Critical Media and Cultural Studies from SOAS, I specialise in development, gender, migration, social justice and its intersections in South Asia.

Education

Sep 2019 –
Sep 2020

SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London

M.A. Critical Media and Cultural Studies: **Merit**

- **Modules:** *Qualitative Research Methods; Gendering Migration and Diaspora; Culture and Society; South Asia & West Africa; Anthropology; Film; Cultural Studies etc.*
- **Awardee** of the SOAS International Postgraduate Excellence Scholarship
- **Dissertation:** Impact of Migration and Media in Shaping Identities of Young British Hindu Women

June 2014 –
Apr 2017

Symbiosis Center for Media and Communication, Symbiosis International University, Pune

B.A. Media & Communications Studies, Specialising in Journalism

- **CGPA:** 3.45/4
- **Dissertation:** An Analysis of Commodification of Cultures in Indian Travel Magazines

Professional Experience

Nov 2021–
Present

Digital Communications Coordinator, Samuel Hall

An international social enterprise that conducts research, evaluates programmes, and designs policies in contexts of migration and displacement

- Work within a global team to design and implement digital communications strategies for dissemination of research
- Conceptualise and implement the multimedia blog/editorial section for the enterprise
- Manage website, analyse social media trends, produce online advocacy campaigns in contexts of migration & displacement

Sep 2018 -
Present

Independent Journalist & Editor South Asia & UK

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- Published Over 200 by-lines for leading publications such as Al Jazeera, Huff post, New Internationalist, Hindustan Times, Newlines, The Wire. All stories carried out detailed field reporting and qualitative research
- Article on “Indian female farmers going womb-less to boost productivity” were shared by UN Women, prompting investigation into the issue by the National Commission of Women
- Edited multiple stories filed by reporters across India as a freelance copy-editor for [101 Reporters](#)

Nov 2020 –
Nov 2021

India Country Manager & Lead Social Scientist, India Team, HACE

UK-based Data start-up analysing cross-sectoral factors affecting child labour to drive change

- Manage a global team of social scientists and data-researchers to develop quantitative data collection and analysis skills, regulating the use of data along with guidelines of reliability and validity
- Led the social research of published, peer-reviewed academic articles detailing topics intersecting with child labour in India: most recently investigating health infrastructure
- Directed “Ethical Storytelling and Data Analysis” training sessions for marketing and media teams

July 2017 –
August 2018

Features Reporter, Homegrown, Mumbai

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- Spearheaded the training and implementation of ethical reporting and fieldwork, successfully

- launching primary qualitative research within the publication
- Managed the travel section of the publication, assigning and developing innovative concepts and story structures
- Ideated and explored storylines and projects that investigate the intersections of travel with politics, human rights and capitalism
- Investigated the inefficiency of suicide helplines in India, which prompted the pilot of a pan-India, multilingual, 24-hour suicide helpline by Microsoft Research

Aug 2015 –
Dec 2017

Research and Editorial Coordinator, GoUNESCO, India

- Brainstormed the future vision of the organisation, developing a strategic roadmap and organising the “Make Heritage Fun Event” for 12 participants and coordinated their deliverables
- Was promoted to the position of Editorial Coordinator because of my consistent positive contribution to the editorial department
- Interviewed key stakeholders and experts from underrepresented sectors to highlight lesser-known intangible heritage of the region
- Managed a group of 7 international interns, delegating heritage-based stories and edited articles

Nov 2015 –
Dec 2015

Labour Research & Communications Intern, Ambuja Cement Foundation CSR, Roorkee, India

- Interviewed over 30 industry heads and members of the labour force to draft and present the Trade Need Assessment Report
- Analysed the skill sets of rural youth in Uttarakhand for the Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institute
- Liaised with the Programme Manager to monitor and evaluate women’s non-formal education centers
- Worked with women’s self-help groups to develop income generation plans, leading to the launch of a community catering business

Additional Skills and Courses

Languages

- **English** (fluent), **Marathi** (native), **Hindi** (fluent), **Urdu** (professional)

Projects

- **Gujjrango Aina**: Project lead of an auto-ethnography created by a forest dwelling community in the lower Himalayas, known as the Van Gujjars
- **Research Coordinator**, Sahapedia: East India Community of Mumbai
- **SOAS Digital Ambassador**, incharge of writing blogs on international research projects

Workshops and Courses

- Religion in the Contemporary World (Harvard Edu)
- Mental Health and Crisis Management Course (One Future Collective), 2020
- The Creative Enterprise Programme with British Council, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2018
- Social Journalism Workshop with ‘Child Rights and You’ (CRY), 2015

IT

- Microsoft Office, SPSS, NVivo, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Indesign, SquareSpace, MailChimp

Publications

- **Nighoskar, D.** and Crapper, G. Health Infrastructure and the Economy in India: An Overview and Analysis in 2020. HACE: Data Changing Child Labour (India), Manchester, UK, 2020.
- **Portfolio**: muckrack.com/devyani-nighoskar-1
- **Homegrown**: homegrown.co.in/author/109
- **Instagram**: instagram.com/runawayjojo/

Voluntary Experience

Nov 2019 –
Present

Volunteer English Teacher and Translator, Kalayaan, London, UK

- Provided vital translation support to produce a Hindi language [video](#) on migrants’ rights during the pandemic, which was published on the Mayor of London website
- Served as a Sunday English teacher for migrant domestic workers

Nov 2014 –
Dec 2014

Community Outreach Volunteer, Teach For India, Pune, India

- Conducted qualitative surveys to understand parental feedback of their ward’s education
- Taught Social Sciences to 2nd year students from marginalised backgrounds
- Worked with teaching fellows to facilitate fund-raising for community-based endeavours

