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CURRENT FULL TIME ENGAGEMENT

Research Consultant at Lord Cultural Resources, India [from November '17 to present]

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

- **Knowledge Consultant** at [Culture Express](#) (Since 2016)
- **Contributing writer** at scroll.in (Since 2014) [Winner of Likho Awards for Excellence in Media via Scroll], at Hindu Businessline INK (Since September 2018), First Post (since September 2018), and Mumbai Mirror (since June 2019)
- **Research consultant** at Abundantia Entertainment (June – Aug '18), Face Entertainment for Epic Channel (Mar – Dec '17), Swastik Productions (Dec '16 - Feb '17), Reliance's BIG Magic (July '16 - Dec '16)
- **Mythology columnist** at bonobology.com (2016-17)

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Degrees

1. MA, Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, St. Xavier's College, [*gold medallist*] [summer of 2014 - summer of 2016]
2. MA, Clinical Psychology, SNDT Women's University, Pune [summer of 2004 – summer 2006]
3. BA, LAD College, Nagpur University [*gold medals in English Literature and Philosophy and a silver in overall BA*] [summer of 2001 – summer 2004]

Diplomas

4. PG Basic & Advanced Diplomas in Comparative Mythology, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai [2013-14]
5. PG Basic and Advanced Diplomas Mysticism, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai [2014-2015]

Certificates

- Certificate in Manuscriptology, Vaidika Samshodhana Mandala, Pune
- Certificate in Hinduism, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

PAST EXPERIENCE

Project Management

Project Manager for the Good Pitch India project at the Indian Documentary Foundation [from July to October 2017]

Editorial profiles

Assistant Editor, StyleSpeak and Spa Mantra

C&E Media, Mumbai, January '12 – September '14

Chief Sub Editor and Senior Correspondent, Which? Right Choice

Hill Road Media, Mumbai, July '11 – December '11

Senior Executive (Editor – QC cell)

Social Wavelength, Mumbai, June '10 – June '11

Senior Copy Editor, Pune Mirror

The Times of India, Pune, May '08 – December '09