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## EDUCATION

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2016 - 2018	<b>Master of Arts (MA) Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences</b> Passed with First Class; Grade A-	<b>Mumbai</b>
2013 – 2016	<b>Bachelor of Arts (BA) Social Sciences, Tata Institute of Social Sciences</b> Passed with First Class Distinction	<b>Hyderabad</b>

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## WORK AND ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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April 2021-Present	<b>Reporting Associate (independent contract), UNHCR, India</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay abreast with the operational developments and assist in the preparation of briefing notes and reports.</li><li>• Draft regular daily, weekly and monthly up-date for internal and external audience.</li><li>• Assist in collecting and drafting the required information for the production and dissemination of regular updates for internal and/or external distribution.</li><li>• Draft updates, background notes, briefing kits, newsletter, press reports, factsheet, sitreps and activity specific reports as required.</li><li>• Liaise with internal and external partners to gather information.</li><li>• Assist in the development of funding submissions, appeals and reports.</li><li>• Prepare and distribute meeting minutes that are held periodically.</li><li>• Consolidate and provide inputs for donor reports.</li><li>• Assist to enforce compliance with reporting requirements.</li><li>• Assist in the record keeping and archiving of documents ensuring materials are adequately tracked in shared folders.</li><li>• Research/analyse, interpret and, monitor and review information and data from regular and wide variety of sources for internal and external reporting.</li><li>• Support UNHCR inter-agency coordination initiatives through provision of reporting and secretariat functions where relevant</li></ul>	
June 2018 – March 2021	<b>Research Associate, Strategic Affairs, Vision India Foundation</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervision research activities, including Mid-Term Reviews and Workshops on Indian Foreign Policies</li><li>• Organization of “Young Diplomats Conclave” in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.</li><li>• Liaising with Embassies and High Commission for Workshops on Foreign Policy</li><li>• Organization of World Governance Expedition to Singapore, Russia, and Israel</li><li>• Actively assisted ATAL conclave in mapping out key areas of emphasis with relevant background research</li></ul>	
Oct – Dec 2019	<b>Researcher (On-Lien), Yale-National Univ. of Singapore-Boston Univ.</b>	<b>New Delhi/Singapore</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting Archival Material on Indian Strategic Culture</li><li>• Digitization of Archival Material</li><li>• Compilation of Database and Project Management</li><li>• Data Assessment and Analysis</li></ul>	

March-May 2018	<b>Surveyor Apprentice, J-PAL, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Lab, South Asia</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship as Research Surveyor, Information Disclosure Project on articulate matters generated by coal-powered thermal power plants in Maharashtra, India</li> </ul>	
April-May 2017	<b>Research Apprentice, Observer Research Foundation</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship on Indo-Iran Trade</li> <li>• Writing Research Articles on the Policy Implications and Geopolitics of Chabahar Port</li> </ul>	
Nov 2016	<b>Research Apprentice, Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship as part of East Asia Research Program</li> <li>• Publication of Research Articles on Indo-Myanmar Energy Trade and Cooperation</li> <li>• Writing Research Reports on India's Developmental and Geopolitical Reservations on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor</li> </ul>	
May- June 2015	<b>Research Apprentice, OXFAM India</b>	<b>Patna</b>
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted Intensive, Mixed-Method Field Study</li> <li>• Analysis and Documentation of Collective Farming Initiative Project</li> <li>• Evaluation of the Impact of the Collective Farming Initiative Project on the Livelihoods in Giriyaq And Silao Block, Nalanda (Bihar)</li> </ul>	
Oct-Nov 2014	<b>Evaluator, National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, MoRD, Government of India</b>	
	<u>Roles and Responsibility</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised resource mapping exercise</li> <li>• Facilitated community level engagement</li> <li>• Monitored surveying of participatory planning exercise.</li> </ul>	

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Book Chapter**

Pulipaka, S., & Ratna, P. (2019). Non-Traditional Security Issues in the Indo-Pacific. In Indo-Pacific Report 2019. New Delhi: National Maritime Foundation (NMF).

### **Journal Articles**

Ratna, Paras. "Evaluating India-Myanmar ties in the Context of the Asian Geopolitics." *Jindal Journal of International Affairs* 4, no. 1 (June 2020), 10-24

### **Opinion Pieces**

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Pant, Harsh & Ratna, Paras (2019, July 27). Stress in Indo-US Engagement? Retrieved from <https://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/stress-indo-us-engagement>

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<b>20-22 July 2019</b>	<b>Institute of China Studies and Shiv Nadar University</b> Participated in China Studies Research Methodology	<b>Greater Noida</b>
<b>9 Feb 2019</b>	<b>Japan Foundation and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library</b> Presented Paper on “The dynamics of Quad in the Indo-Pacific” at Young Scholars Conference	<b>New Delhi</b>
<b>3- 7 Feb 2019</b>	<b>Indo-ASEAN Youth Summit</b> Selected and Participated in Indo-ASEAN Youth Summit	<b>Guwahati</b>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Languages:** Hindi (Native), English (Fluent), Urdu (Speaking – Good), Indonesian (Basic/learning)

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