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EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi Special Centre for National Security Studies	2021-
Arts Faculty, University of Delhi Master of Philosophy, Comparative Indian Literature Thesis: "Contextualising India's Second and Third Generation Partition Narratives in Marianne Hirsch's Concept of "Postmemory"	2014 - 2017
Sri Venkateshwara College, University of Delhi Master of Arts, English Literature	2011 - 2013
Shivaji College, University of Delhi Bachelor of Arts, English Literature	2007 -2011

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India <i>Consultant</i>	Sep 2019 - Nov 2021 <i>New Delhi, India</i>
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- Policy research on India's internal and external security challenges

Henry L. Stimson Center, South Asia Program <i>South Asian Voices Visiting Fellow</i>	Jun 2019 - Jun 2020 <i>Washington, D.C., USA</i>
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- Participated in meetings and conducted research interviews with D.C.-based analysts and government officials during a two-month residency at the Stimson Center
- Wrote and presented a research memo on the impact of the ceasefire violations between Indian and Pakistan on border populations
- Drafted articles on South Asian security and politics for Stimson Center online publication South Asian Voices

Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) <i>Senior Researcher, Internal and Regional Security Programme</i>	Apr 2016 - Aug 2019 <i>New Delhi, India</i>
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- Researched, hosted events, and wrote commentaries on political and security developments in South Asia, including insurgency and terrorism in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran's foreign policy interests in South Asia, India's internal security, the Kashmir conflict, India-Pakistan border relations, militant radicalisation and cyber-security issues
- Produced a three-part research report and gave an internal presentation on Jammu and Kashmir's political and security developments since 2016, based on research interviews conduct in the Kashmir valley region
- Conducted research interviews in border areas in Jammu and Kashmir to evaluate the impact of ceasefire violations between India and Pakistan on the border populations

- Drafted daily and monthly open-source intelligence-based risk analysis reports on India, Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Supervised research interns and other visiting scholars
- Coordinated and hosted visiting scholars and analysts for the IPCS Podcast series

Aptara Limited
Content Editor

Sep 2013 - May 2014
New Delhi, India

- The job involved daily monitoring of online news portals; selecting and editing important news covering the eastern, western, southern regions of Africa, and South Asia

Aaghaz-e-Dosti Initiative
Member (Volunteer Work)

Jan 2016 - Aug 2019
New Delhi, India

- Tasked to find ways innovative ways to improve bilateral relations between India and Pakistan
- Wrote blogs, organized discussions on India-Pakistan peacebuilding efforts, and conducted social media outreach

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- Participated and conducted several Government-to-Government meetings as a Consultant in the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), Government of India
- Presented on “Indo-Pak Ceasefire Violations: Need to (Re)Assess Bilateral Mechanisms,” Stimson Center - Washington, D.C., August 2019.
- Presented on “The Parallel Economy of Militancy in JK: The Current Context,” Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) - Shimla, India, June 2019.
- Moderator, Pakistan’s India Policy Roundtable with Moeed Yusuf, IPCS - New Delhi, India, December 2018.
- Organizer and participant, 12th GIBSA Quadrilogue, IPCS - New Delhi, India, October 2018.
- Moderator, Previewing Pakistan’s 2018 General Election Roundtable, IPCS - New Delhi, India, July 12, 2018.
- Participant, Herat Security Dialogue-VI, Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) - Herat, Afghanistan, October 2017
- Speaker, “Spread of Terrorism in Europe and ISIL,” MUNation - New Delhi, India, July 2017.
- Presented on “The Politics of Partition Violence in Khushwant Singh’s Train to Pakistan and Chaman Nahal’s Azadi (Freedom),” University of Delhi - New Delhi, India, May 2015.

LANGUAGES

Advanced proficiency
Basic Level

Hindi, English, Urdu
Persian, Punjabi