Sayan Ghosh

WRITER | DATA JOURNALIST | EDITOR

Recent data journalism. Evidence. Context. Public understanding.

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PROFILE

Journalist, writer and editor with around seven years of experience turning official statistics, research and reporting into clear public-facing stories. Recent work at The Times of India includes single-authored data and visual journalism on agriculture, elections, taxation, sport, political economy and mining. Earlier bylines include The Diplomat, Forbes and The Hindu. Now studying for an MSc in Computational and Data Journalism at Cardiff University.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Editor | Republic Media Network

NOIDA · OCT 2025 - APR 2026

- Led English Digital Videos shifts, set editorial priorities and coordinated output across fast-moving national and geopolitical stories.
- Turned complex developments into clear scripts and visual narratives while balancing speed, accuracy and audience relevance.
- Reviewed final output and worked across reporters, producers and editors under live-news deadlines.

Senior Digital Content Producer | The Times of India

KOLKATA · FEB 2024 - SEP 2025

- Wrote and edited digital stories and explainers and produced print pages for eastern and north-eastern editions.
- Sourced, cleaned and compared official and third-party datasets, then worked with designers to turn findings into charts, maps and full-page visual packages.
- Published through newsroom CMS workflows and covered elections, political economy, agriculture, mining, climate, wildlife, governance and public safety.

Financial Editor | VaR Value Research & Media

GERMANY (REMOTE) · FEB 2023 - FEB 2024

- Edited and wrote investment journalism for professional investors, translating market research and technical material into accessible copy.
- Reported capital-market trends and interviewed industry specialists for explanatory and analytical pieces.

Correspondent | Zenger News

WASHINGTON, D.C. (REMOTE) · JUL 2021 - FEB 2023

- Reported and edited international stories and features for partner publications.
- Used datasets, reports, filings and expert interviews in work that appeared in The Diplomat and Forbes.

Sub-editor | The Hindu

CHENNAI · DEC 2019 - JUL 2021

- Published data stories, news explainers and features on elections, gender indicators and international security.
- Edited copy for accuracy, clarity and house style and published through digital CMS workflows.

News Trainee / Sub-editor | Network18 / Firstpost

MUMBAI · JUN 2019 - DEC 2019

- Edited and published breaking news in real time, managed social updates and supported multimedia output.

REPORTING & EDITING STRENGTHS

- Find the public-interest question in large or messy datasets and explain it without overstating the evidence.
- Combine quantitative evidence with reporting, source verification and expert interviews.
- Write and edit for clarity, structure and accuracy under tight deadlines.
- Work with designers to turn findings into charts, maps and visual narratives.

AVAILABILITY

Part-time now, up to 20 hours a week during my MSc. Full-time from autumn 2027 on the UK Graduate visa, with no sponsorship needed until 2029.

EDUCATION

MSc Computational and Data Journalism
Cardiff University · Oct 2026 - Sep 2027

MA Journalism
Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication · 2017 - 2019

BA Political Science
Jadavpur University · 2013 - 2017

DATA & RESEARCH

- Official datasets
- Comparative analysis
- Research and dataset review
- Expert interviews
- Source verification
- Caveats and uncertainty

TOOLS & PRACTICE

- Newsroom CMS workflows
- Data sourcing and cleaning
- Digital visual explainers
- Digital video and multimedia
- Python fundamentals
- Reproducible analysis in development

PUBLICATION EXPERIENCE

- The Times of India
- The Diplomat
- Forbes
- The Hindu
- Zenger News
- Firstpost / Network18

LOCATION

Cardiff, UK. Experienced working with remote teams in the US and Germany.

SELECTED PUBLISHED WORK

Recent Times of India data and visual journalism

Odisha’s Potato Paradox

The Times of India · 2024 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Compared 14 years of cultivation area, production and yield data to explain why Odisha still faced a potato-supply crunch even as cultivated area and output rose sharply and yields weakened.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/odisha-potato-paradox.html

Why Biden-Harris Failed Despite This

The Times of India · 2024 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Set headline US economic growth against inflation-adjusted wages, consumer sentiment, housing costs, border data and market performance to explain why strong aggregate indicators did not translate into positive voter perceptions.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/biden-harris.html

Statoistics: Tax data analysis

The Times of India · 2024 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Built a compact visual explainer around comparative tax statistics, selecting and standardising the measures that best showed the scale, distribution and relative burden across groups.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/statoistics-tax.html

Statoistics: IPL data analysis

The Times of India · 2024 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Turned IPL statistics into a concise comparative visual story, using consistent measures, rankings and chart-led explanation to make a dense sports dataset quickly interpretable.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/statoistics-ipl.html

3rd Phase Polling: A Quick Look

The Times of India · 2024 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Analysed Odisha election affidavits to compare candidate assets, education, age, gender and declared criminal cases across Lok Sabha and Assembly contests, then translated the findings into a multi-chart visual package.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/third-phase-polling.html

Flaming Greens

The Times of India · 3 May 2025 · CO-REPORTED

Combined Forest Survey of India and Odisha government data with field reporting to show the scale, geography and causes of the state’s forest-fire burden, including the concentration of fire points and the role of human activity.

https://wannabecoder45.github.io/clips/flaming-greens.html

Published articles

COVID-19 Shrank India’s Burgeoning Middle Class

The Diplomat · Aug 2021 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Used Pew Research Center and World Bank evidence, labour-market research and interviews to explain the pandemic-era contraction of India’s middle-income population.

https://thediplomat.com/2021/08/covid-19-shrank-indias-burgeoning-middle-class/

The Next Big Investment Hub For Unicorns - And It’s Not China

Forbes / Zenger News · Aug 2021 · SINGLE-AUTHORED

Combined company and deal data, filings and expert interviews to explain the rise of India’s startup and venture-capital ecosystem.

https://www.forbes.com/sites/zengernews/2021/08/30/the-next-big-investment-hub-for-unicornsand-its-not-china/

Jharkhand election 2019: JMM+ victorious on the back of BJP’s dipping urban vote share

The Hindu · Dec 2019 · DATA TEAM / CO-AUTHORED

Compared constituency-level vote shares across rural, semi-urban and urban seats to explain the coalition’s victory, using tables, scatterplots and maps.

https://www.thehindu.com/data/data-jharkhand-election-2019-jmm-victorious-on-the-back-of-bjps-dipping-urban-vote-share/article61602865.ece

WHAT THIS PORTFOLIO SHOWS

- Single-authored data storytelling
- Official-source research
- Comparative analysis
- Election and political data
- Economic and social indicators
- Environmental reporting
- Visual framing for general audiences

WORKING METHODS

- Question formation
- Research and source review
- Data selection
- Interviewing
- Claim verification
- Editing for clarity
- Visual framing
- Iterative revision

WORKING STYLE

- Independent story ownership
- Open to strong editing
- Comfortable with feedback
- Remote collaboration
- Accuracy under deadline
- Curious across subjects

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