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Curriculum vitae

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Education and Qualifications

2018: Qualified the National Eligibility Test of the University Grants Commission, acquiring the eligibility to be appointed as an Assistant Professor of Law.

2016-2018: *Master of Laws* (Human Rights Law & Administrative Law), School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala [First Class; CGPA: 7.19].

Dissertation: 'Conscientious Objection as a Principle in U.S. Constitutional Law'.

Recipient of the University Merit Scholarship.

2016: Enrolled as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Kerala.

2011-2016: *Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Honours)*, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi, Kerala [First Class; CGPA: 9.25].

Training

2018: Seminar, organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), on humanitarian law and the principles, priorities and best practices that guide humanitarian responses to conflict situations- held at the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology.

2016: Seminar, organised by the Nuclear Law Association (India) and TERI University, on the legal regime governing civil and military employment of nuclear energy- held at TERI University, New Delhi. The seminar included a visit to the Narora nuclear power plant in Uttar Pradesh.

Achievements at University

2017: Student Editor for a national seminar on protection of migrant workers in India, held at the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology.

2016: Convenor and Editor-in-Chief, NUALS Law Journal (Vol. 10).

2015: Elected to the Executive Committee of the NUALS Students' Council.

2013, 2014, 2015: Editor, NUALS Law Journal (Vols. 7, 8, 9).

2013: Part of an Indian youth delegation which visited Japan to study the aftermath of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters of March 2011, and the country's reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. The programme, conceived by Japan's National Diet and implemented by the Government of Japan, included a visit to Fukushima- the prefecture which hosts the stricken nuclear power plant.

2011: Special Mention award at a Model United Nations Conference held at St. Teresa's College, Kochi, Kerala.

Work experience

2015: Intern, Nishith Desai Associates [Mumbai; 1 month].

- Studied international legislations aiming to prevent corrupt practices committed by multinational corporations, in particular the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (1977).

2013: Intern, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Field Office [Chennai; 1 month].

- Studied issues of human rights and claims for meaningful autonomy emerging from the Tamil majority regions of the Republic of Sri Lanka;
- Studied the ideals and principles which underlie the different ‘durable solutions’ to refugee situations, in particular the solution of voluntary repatriation;
- Assisted in conducting the voluntary repatriation interviews of four Sri Lankan refugee families;
- Prepared a report examining the evolution and elements of welfare assistance provided to Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu by the host government and civil society.

2013: Intern, Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy [Dharamshala; 1 month].

- Studied issues of human rights and claims for meaningful autonomy emerging from the Tibetan Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China;
- Studied the development of democratic practices, including the establishment of a government-in-exile, within the Tibetan exile community in India.

2012: Intern, The Hindu Newspaper [Chennai; 1 month].

- Worked at both the reporting and editorial sections of the newspaper; assisted in the editing and preparation of articles at the international-news desk.

2012: Volunteer English teacher with Make a Difference, an NGO providing English-language classes and career awareness for underprivileged/at-risk children [Kochi; 1 year, part-time].

Publications

- The Great East Japan Earthquake and the search for “gaman”, *openDemocracy*, April 17, 2014. <<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/great-east-japan-earthquake-and-search-for-gaman/>>
- Remembering the Tagore-Noguchi letters, *openDemocracy*, November 14, 2013. <<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opensecurity/remembering-tagore-noguchi-letters/>>
- The “Patriotic Education” of Tibet, *The Diplomat*, August 21, 2013. <<https://thediplomat.com/2013/08/the-patriotic-education-of-tibet/>>
- A house of fame, *The Hindu*, March 2, 2013. <<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/a-house-of-fame/article4469579.ece>>

Cultural attainments

2018: Attended a German-language course conducted by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Cochin University of Science and Technology.

2014: Qualified level N5 (Basic) of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test conducted by the Government of Japan.