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Academic Qualifications

- Currently studying **Mandarin (C1 and C2 levels)** at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), Taipei (Since September 2023)
- Studied **Mandarin (A1, A2, B1 and B2 levels)** at National Sun Yat-Sen University (NSYSU), Kaohsiung, Taiwan (March 2022-August 2023).
- Currently pursuing a **MicroMasters program in Statistics and Data Science** (Social Sciences Track) from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (edX).
- **MPhil** in International Relations (International Organisations) from Centre for International Politics, Organisations and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. **My Dissertation title – India and Regionalism in Asia: Case Studies of Select Organisations.**
- **Masters** of Political Science (Honors) from Mumbai University. CGPA- 6.25 in first semester, 5.75 in second semester, 6.50 in third semester and 6.50 in fourth semester with an aggregate of 6.25 for the entire course on the scale of 7.
- **BMM** (Bachelors of Mass Media) with 72% from Joshi-Bedekar College (Mumbai University) (Thane).
- **Diploma** in International Law and Diplomacy from Indian School of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi.
- **HSC** with 64% from Abhinav Junior College, Dombivli.
- **SSC** with 74% from Vidya Niketan High school, Dombivli

Languages

Languages	Level	Proficiency
English	C2	Native
Chinese/Mandarin (Traditional and Simplified Scripts)	C1	Native
Marathi	C2	Mother tongue
Hindi	C2	Native
Sanskrit	B1	Intermediate

(Band C – Native, Band B – Intermediate, Band A – Beginners).

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Publications

Double Blind Peer Reviewed

- China's Military Reforms and its Efficacy in Forwarding its Stated and Revealed National Security Goals (India Quarterly, with Manoj Kewalramani, September 2022 Issue).

Single Blind Peer Reviewed

- Use of Sea Power to Balance China's Rise (IPPR Journal, The Takshashila Institution).
- China's Nuclear Ambiguity and its Implications for India (ORF Occasional Paper, with Kartik Bommakanti).
- Civilian and Military Developments in Tibet and its Impact on India (Takshashila Discussion Document)

Non Peer Reviewed

(Occasional Papers)

- India's China Challenge (Takshashila Occasional Paper, with Manoj Kewalramani, et al.)

Other Publications (Select Mentions Only)

- Impact of COVID-19 on Chinese armed forces (Takshashila Strategic Assessment Paper, with Manoj Kewalramani)
- Taiwan Reunification and India (Takshashila Strategic Assessment)
- China's Maritime Assertion amid COVID-19 (Slide Dec)
- A journal publication 'NAM Today', April 2017 issue, titled 'India's National Interest through changing forums: Universal, Regional and Minilateral'.
- Other writings include over 100 opinion pieces in Indian, American, Taiwanese and other foreign publications like the Jamestown China Brief, The National Interest, Taipei Times, South China Morning Post, The Hindu, The Indian Express, The Times of India, Hindustan Times, the Diplomat, Deccan Herald, Asia Times, South Asian Voices, China-India Brief, and more. *(All available on www.suyashdesai.com).*

Work in Progress

- Deterring China through Punishment on the LAC (Double Blind Peer Reviewed – Asia Policy, National Bureau of Asian Research).
- Strategic and Security Implications if Taiwan falls (Roughly titled, with Dr Yogesh Joshi)
- India-Taiwan Relations: Continuity and Change (with Prof Harsh Pant)

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Newsletters

- **The PLA Bulletin:** Currently, I publish a monthly newsletter on the Chinese People's Liberation Army called the PLA Bulletin. It is subscribed in over 150 countries by over 5000 scholars, journalists, academicians, policy makers, policy practitioners, etc. Each newsletter is around 7000-10,000 words.
- **The PLA Insight:** I have published over 120 issues of the PLA Bulletin, a weekly newsletter on the People's Liberation Army. It was subscribed in over 100 countries by scholars, journalists, academicians, policy makers, policy practitioners, etc. Each newsletter was around 5000-5500 words.

Conference Presentations (Select Mentions Only)

- Invited as a panelist in the 2020 Annual People's Liberation Army Conference by *The National Bureau of Asian Research, US Indo-Pacific Command and US Army War College* to present on the PLA Modernisation and the Sino-Indian Border Dispute.
- Invited as a panelist in 2024 by Carnegie India to present at the first National Security Dialogue on *PLA Modernisation and Reforms*
- Invited as a panelist in 2022 by Manipal to present at the conference on '*the Evolving Idea of the Indo-Pacific Region*'. My presentation was on *China's Nuclear Ambiguity and the Indo-Pacific Region*.

Work Experience

- **Former Associate Research Fellow at the Takshashila Institution** (April 2019 to February 2022).
As a research associate, I studied China's security and foreign policy issues, and was responsible for publishing journal articles, occasional papers, issue briefs, op-eds, and participate in a weekly podcast. I also published 120 issues of the PLA Insight and have contributed as a scholar to over 150 podcasts on China's military and foreign policy issues, India's foreign and security policy issues and the PLA.
- Worked as a **reporter** in the Free Press Journal (Covering BMC- Mumbai Local Government Issues) January 2019- March 2019
- Worked as a **reporter** in Outlook covering personal finance. January 2018-December 2019
- Selected for the final round of **internship at RashtraPati Bhavan** (India's President's House) in the press wing in 2013. Only candidate to be under-aged and called for the interviews.
- Worked as a **research intern with the Indian Council of World Affairs** (India's Ministry of External Affairs), New Delhi for three months (15th September 2017 to 15th December 2017.) Worked on research related to India and regionalism.

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- Worked as an **intern with the Quint** (Mumbai) for a month in August 2017. I covered local stories in Mumbai and Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
- Worked as an **intern with the Indian Express** (New Delhi) for a month in the **Express Investigative Team (EIT)** in June 2016.
- Worked as an **intern with Times Now (TTN) (Mumbai)** for 2 months (April- May 2012)
- Worked as an **intern with DNA** for their print publication for 2 months (April- May 2011)

Fellowships, Awards and Grants

- Recipient of Huayu Enrichment Scholarship from TECC- India for pursuing Mandarin in Taiwan.

Extra-Curricular

- Part of the editorial team for the college magazine and college newspaper RTA (Year 2010 until 2012) and ‘Editor-in-Chief’ in third year (Year 2013). The paper got converted from tabloid to a bilingual broadsheet under my editorship.
- Official ‘Masters of Ceremonies’ for Joshi-Bedekar College for three years.
- Other activities include management roles during College festivals, college’s face for quiz and debate competitions, and limited participation in local and state level theatre, dance and football activities and competition.
- Class Representative for Joshi-Bedekar College for three years.