

JANANI JANA

She/Her | (773) 671-7008 | jjanareports@gmail.com | [LinkedIn](#) | [Website](#)

Multimedia journalist with four years of experience covering business, politics and policy across India and the United States. Skilled in real-time breaking news, data analysis, public records and general assignment reporting.

EXPERIENCE

[Washington Business Journal](#) | Staff Reporter, Arlington, VA

January 2026 – May 2026

- Published 75+ articles in four months covering real estate companies, developers and economic projects across Northern Virginia and Maryland, including the groundbreaking of the multimillion-dollar, 130-acre Rivana development at Innovation Center Metro.
- Covered daily zoning changes and filings across Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties with same-day turnaround.
- Cultivated a source network spanning private developers, real estate brokers, elected officials and the general public.
- Featured on the local radio channel WTOP and broadcast station FOX5 News for breaking a story on the [mini-Sphere in Maryland](#) and covering the [Virginia General Assembly's casino gaming bill](#).

[Pulitzer Center](#) | Post-Graduate Crisis Reporting Grantee, Mumbai/Chicago

September 2025 – February 2026

- Received a competitive grant to ground-report the story of land use and economic development on the coast of Mumbai regarding a controversial 130-acre coastal garden. The story was published on the [Pulitzer Center website](#).

[Chicago Sun-Times](#) | Reporting Intern, Chicago, IL

June – August 2025

- Covered general assignment across beats with speed, accuracy and understanding.
- Pitched long-form enterprise stories in politics, policy and business, like the impact of tariffs on [international grocery stores](#), Illinois farmers' concerns regarding Coca-Cola's [cane sugar](#) variant and [city-wide protests](#).
- Repackaged print reporting into short-form videos for social media channels.

[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) | Investigations Extern, Remote

January – April 2025

- Filed FOIA requests, analyzed and formatted acquired data for multiple stories with the investigative team.
- Co-published a two-part investigative project that [surveyed 72 Wisconsin sheriffs' offices](#) and their cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) authorities on deportation.

[NDTV Profit](#) | Policy Correspondent, New Delhi

November 2021 – August 2024

- Covered breaking news across web and broadcast platforms as a government policy reporter on finance, trade and labor.
- Balanced daily reporting with exclusive enterprise coverage of public finances, [federal taxation](#), [electoral funding](#), bilateral trade and record-breaking heat waves.
- Led special broadcast coverage of India's G20 presidency, the Vibrant Gujarat Summit and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council.
- Reported on elections, central bank decisions, bilateral trade announcements and Free Trade Agreements.
- Produced multiple video formats including live broadcast spots, explainer videos, studio segments and on-camera interviews with senior government officials and corporate executives.

[BW Businessworld](#) | Business Correspondent, Remote

January – October 2021

- Reported and wrote 50+ articles covering business news for print magazine, digital and video.
- Launched and produced a weekly video segment on economic and policy news in India.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Chicago, IL

August 2025

Master of Science, Journalism, Investigative Lab Chicago with a data journalism concentration

- Inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism honor society, for ranking in the top 10% of the Medill class of 2025.

Christ University, Bangalore, India

June 2020

Bachelor of Arts, Triple Major in Communication, English Literature and Psychology

- Recognized as a merit scholar for two consecutive years for maintaining a high grade-point average.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Student package 'Policing the Vulnerable' that included a story on [expiring American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funds and their impact on mental healthcare in Chicago](#) won the following awards:
 - [2026 Peter Lisagor Awards](#) for Best Health Reporting and Best Political and Government Reporting.
 - First place in the [2026 Katherine Schneider Journalism Award](#) for Excellence in Reporting on Disability (hosted by Arizona State University), small market category.
- Named a SABEW Goldschmidt Data Fellow; completed a five-day data immersion in Washington, D.C. with federal and non-federal agencies that produce core business journalism datasets.
- Awarded a National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) grant to attend the [SABEW Personal Finance Summit as a 2025 fellow](#).
- Additional scholarships, alongside a \$30,000 merit award from Medill toward my Master of Science in Journalism degree:
 - 2025 Robert H. Wieder Scholarship of \$3,500 for a student with journalistic promise.
 - 2024 Business Journalism Scholarship of \$2,500 by the [American Society of Business Publication Editors](#).

SOFTWARE AND TOOLS

Styles (AP) | Public Records Requests, PACER | Bloomberg Terminal | Data Processing and Analysis (Microsoft Office, Google Apps, Tabula, SQL, Python) | **Data Visualization and Mapping** (Datawrapper, Flourish) | **Audio and video editing** (Adobe Premiere, Audition)

Other Languages: Tamil (Proficient), Kannada (Proficient), Hindi (Proficient) and Spanish (Basic)

SAMPLE CLIPS

[Prince George's is fast-tracking the National Harbor mini Sphere. Here's how it will come together](#): Scoop on Prince George's County 6,000-seat entertainment venue project north of MGM National Harbor that will break ground in 2027.

[Greater Washington private sector job losses match federal cuts](#) in Trump's first full year; [D.C. metro area added 50,000 residents last year despite fewer immigrant arrivals](#), new census data show: Two data-led stories based on federal data localized for the D.C. metro area.

[Chicago's ethnic grocery stores struggle to keep prices down and import goods](#): Interviewed ethnic grocery store managers over time after Liberation Day to chart the impact of tariffs on inventory and consumer behaviour.

[Advocates Hope Mumbai Coastal Garden Will Help Lessen Climate Change Impacts](#): A record of land use and how a controversial development sits at the intersection of climate change and participative civil infrastructure.

[Expiring Federal Funds Threaten Chicago's Alternative Crisis Response Effort](#): A public records-led investigation into the finances of Chicago's alternate emergency response revealed its overdependence on expiring ARPA funding.

[Will the Coalition Government's Expectation Affect Budget Allocation?](#): Explainer on Modi's BJP national policy and its electoral fiscal strategy.