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Communications, mobile journalism & content production

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PROFILE:

- Over 15 years in communications and journalism in 5 countries: Belgium, China, United Kingdom, Singapore and India. <http://www.rahulvenkit.com/>

CORE COMPETENCIES:

- **Communications:** Global media outreach strategies, advocacy campaigns, digital content production; press officer, social media manager; press releases, speeches, editorials, media training.
- **Video & audio content production:** Specialist in mobile journalism & smartphone filming. One-man crew; presenting, reporting, scripts, camerawork, production, editing, advanced Final Cut.
- **Print media:** News-writing, features, analyses, copy-editing, proofreading.
- **Photography:** High-def shooting, editing. Photoshop, Acorn.
- **Newspaper page-making:** Sub-editing. Advanced knowledge of QuarkXpress.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Jun 2011 – present:

Senior copy-editor/Multimedia journalist – Xinhua News Agency, Brussels

- First Indian national to be hired by Xinhua Europe.
- News analyses, [features](#) on [economy](#), current affairs, Europe-China [trends](#), picked up [globally](#).
- Copy-editing stories, web content. Producing, filming, reporting for Xinhua's TV station CNC World.

Aug 2008 – present:

Freelance producer/contributor – TopHotelProjects, NDTV & others

- Independent video [productions](#) for TopHotelProjects [World Tour](#), [Dining Traveler](#), etc.
- Brussels stringer for [NDTV](#). Covered Brussels [terror attacks](#), attempted Turkey coup, Paris attacks, Greek debt crisis, Beijing Olympics.
- Produced, filmed and edited videos for the [Financial Times](#) in London; opinion pieces for [The Globalist](#).

Dec 2015 – Dec 2016:

Communications consultant – World Health Organization, Geneva/Brussels

- Comms support for WHO's Global Influenza Programme, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Secretariat.
- Drafting key messages; content for WHO website, op-eds, feature stories, newsletters, leaflets.
- Editing publications, reports and technical documents.

Jun 2009 – Feb 2011:

Communications officer/Multimedia specialist – International Diabetes Federation, Brussels

- Global press outreach for World Diabetes Day, Diabetes Atlas launch, IDF [humanitarian programs](#), etc.
- In-charge of producing multimedia content on diabetes awareness, [reviewed](#) in The Huffington Post.
- Advocacy, campaigning for diabetes awareness, [NCD Alliance](#), High-level UN Summit on NCDs.
- Presentations, speeches, briefing/position statements, media training for [president](#), CEO, senior staff.
- [Press releases](#), [crisis communications](#), event management, liaising between associations.
- Represented IDF at UN discussion panels, international conferences. Special focus on India, China.

Apr 2008 – May 2009:

Video journalist/Senior copy-editor - *China Radio International, Beijing*

- First Indian national to be hired in CRI's English service in its 60 years of broadcasting.
- Helped set up CRI's multimedia desk. Shot, produced and edited online [video content](#), including viral report on [China's richest village](#). Conducted training for colleagues in TV, broadcast skills.
- Copy-edited radio scripts and web stories.

Aug 2007 – Mar 2008:

Freelancing, based out of Pune, India

- Traveled to Guyana to cover Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting in Oct 2007 and China for an international pageant in March 2008. Wrote for Singapore magazine eMedia Fusion.

Jul 2006 - Jul 2007:

Web/Communications consultant - *Commonwealth Secretariat, London*

- Sole candidate selected out of 8 Asian countries. First intern to work as a communications officer.
- Communications, advocacy for Commonwealth's youth, education, gender and health projects.
- Wrote weekly Commonwealth news bulletin, [editorials](#), features, web content, publicity material.

Feb 2005 - Jun 2006:

Sub-Editor/Writer - *Today newspaper, Singapore*

- Sub-editing, laying out pages and writing for MediaCorp Press' compact English daily.
- Wrote [weekend](#), sports, [foreign affairs](#), features, [celebrity interviews](#), [entertainment](#) stories.
- Live weekly appearances on national TV presenting the weekend edition of the newspaper.

Mar 2000 - Aug 2003:

Feature Writer - *The Indian Express, Pune*

- Wrote first front-page article at age 16. Human interest, [current affairs](#) and [investigative](#) stories. Also Bollywood, entertainment, youth affairs and lifestyles reporter specialized in personality interviews.
- Correspondent for Riding High, a [horse-racing](#) chronicle in Mumbai and Pune.

EDUCATION:

DEGREE	PATH	INSTITUTION	PLACE	GRADE	YEAR
M.A	International Journalism (Broadcast)	University of Westminster	London, UK	Merit	2004
B.A	Economics	University of Pune	Pune, India	First Class	2003

LANGUAGES:

- English (Native proficiency)
- French (Professional working proficiency)
- German (Limited working proficiency)
- Hindi (Full professional proficiency)
- Marathi (Professional working proficiency)
- Tamil (Limited working proficiency)

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

- Film-making: [Profiled](#) in One Day on Earth global video project.
- Music: Guitar player, singer with [One Last Song](#).

REFERENCES: Available upon request