



## EDUCATION

University of Southern California, M.F.A Film TV Production, May 2018.

University of Pune, Sinhgad College, Masters in Computer Science, 2011.

## SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

BAFTA Newcomers Los Angeles Fellow, 2020.

James Bridges Directing Scholarship, 2018.

Edward Thomas Troutner Cinematography Scholarship, 2017.

## AWARDS

- Directors Guild of America Student Award Winner.
- Best Student Film at Sunscreen Film Festival.
- Best Student Film at DTLA Film Festival.
- Platinum Remi Award at 52nd World-fest Houston.
- Festival Special Mention at 9th Dada Saheb Phalake Film Festival.
- USC First Look Best Dramatic Short Nomination.
- Palm Springs Short Fest Best Student Film Nomination.
- Leo Award at Da Vinci Film Festival, Los Angeles.
- NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Best Short Film Nomination.

## WORKS

### MURMURS OF THE JUNGLE - SHORT HYBRID DOCUMENTARY | DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR - 2021

- 51st International Film Festival of Rotterdam
- 52nd International Film Festival of India, Indian Panorama.

### SAMIR- EPISODIC FEATURE | CO- DIRECTOR - 2019

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- Heartland International Film Festival, 2019.
- Cinequest International Film Festival, 2020.
- Newport Beach International Film Festival, 2020.

### DIFFICULT PEOPLE - 20 MINS | DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER - 2018

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- Winner of Directors Guild of America Student Award, 2018
- Palm Springs Short Fest, 2019
- Winner of Sunscreen Film Festival Best Student Film, 2019.
- American Society of Cinematographers Student Heritage Award Nomination, 2019.
- Platinum Remi Award at 52nd WorldFest Houston
- Festival Special Mention at Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, 2019.
- Best Actor at Jaipur International Festival
- Edmonton International Film Festival, 2019.
- Bronzlens Film Festival, 2019.
- Los Angeles Asia Pacific Film Festival, 2019
- Santa Cruz International Film Festival, 2019.
- Best Cinematography at Little Wings Film Festival, 2019.
- Oaxaca Film Festival, 2019.

- USA Film Festival, Dallas, 2019.
- Newport Beach Film Festival, 2019.
- Crossroads Film Festival Mississippi,
- Bentonville Film Festival, 2019.
- 69th Montecatini International Film Festival.
- Ojai Film Festival, 2019.
- South Asian Film Festival of America, 2019.
- Catalina International Film Festival, 2019.
- Santa Cruz International Film Festival, 2019.
- Film Four Corners Film Festival, 2019.
- Ischia Film Festival, 2019.
- Houston Asian American Pacific Islander.
- New York Indian Film Festival.
- IFFSA Toronto.
- Arizona International Film Festival
- Westchester International Film Festival
- Roxbury Film Festival.
- Ottawa Film Festival, 2019.
- South Asian Film Festival, Orlando, 2019.
- Revolution Me Film Festival, 2019.
- Winner at Jelly Fest, 2019.

#### **GEETA - 15 MINS | DIRECTOR, WRITER - 2017**

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- LA Shorts Film Fest, 2018.
- Best Student Short DTLA Short Film Festival, 2018.
- Best Short Nomination New Filmmakers LA, 2018.
- Long Beach Indie International Film Festival, 2018.
- Best Short Film Voiceless Film Festival, 2018.
- Film Shortage Daily Picks, 2019.
- New Generation Indian Independent Film Festival Germany, 2018.
- Screening at University of Frankfurt Germany, 2018.

#### **THE TIMEKEEPER - 5 MINS | DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR - 2019**

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- 37th Flickers Rhode Island International Film Festival, 2019.
- Dharamshala International Film Festival, 2019.
- Oxford Film Festival, 2020.
- Indie meme International Film Festival, Texas, 2020.

#### **A SHORT SCENE ABOUT WAITING - 5 MINS | DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER, EDITOR - 2016**

- Hong Kong Arthouse Film Festival
- Best Director at Largo Film Festival

#### **DIARIES OF UNKNOWN - 25 MINS | DIRECTOR, PRODUCER - 2013**

- International Film Festival Kerala
- Excellence in filmmaking at Kanyakumari International Film Festival
- Maduari International Film Festival
- Special Jury prize in Samyak Film Festival

#### **PRESS**

Indian Express, Platform Magazine, Voyage LA, Vidsee, IndieShorts Magazine, USC Daily Trojan.

#### **CHESS**

International Fide Rated Chess Player. Have played multiple Nationals and State level tournaments.