

DIYA OSTWAL

INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER | SELF-EMPLOYED GERMAN TEACHER

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

German Teacher - Learn German With Diya

July 2020 - Present

- Teaching German as a foreign language to students from Grades 6 to 12 (SSC/HSC and CBSE boards) and individuals aspiring for the Goethe Zertifikat Exams for levels A1, A2, B1 and B2.
- Customising courses for individuals according to their learning intentions and goals, hosting interactive sessions to promote intercultural communication.
- Track record of 100% success rate of 70+ individuals till date.

Public Relations Officer - Hundred Percent Public Relations

July 2023 - March 2024

- Drafting press releases, media management and media relations, covering indoor and outdoor events, hosting press conferences, creating detailed report files for clients, tracking daily news coverage in print, digital and electronic media.
- Anchored a Press Conference (in German and English) on behalf of the Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation and Gun For Glory in December 2023.
- Covered events like: Sawai Gandharva Bhimsen Mahotsav, Pune Public Policy Festival, Pune Design Festival, SIAT 2024, Deccan Literature Festival, Konnichiwa Pune, Aarogya Film Festival, Kathaa Yatra, Vasantotsav, Gaana Saraswati, etc.

Research Intern, Prakruthi NGO, Mumbai (Remote)

August - September 2024

- Translated Marathi transcriptions into English, adhering to context-specific and linguistic accuracy for a research project focusing on increasing crime rate against women and adolescents in Vidarbha, Maharashtra.

EDUCATION

- Postgraduate Certificate Course in Gender Studies in India** (February 2024)
Savitribai Phule Pune University, **Grade A / CGPA: 7.8**
- Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication** (June 2023)
Savitribai Phule Pune University, **Grade O / CGPA: 9.25**
- Bachelor of Arts in German** (June 2021)
Sir Parshurambhau College, Pune, **Grade A+ / CGPA: 7.9**

RESEARCH / PROJECTS

Research Paper: Digital Literacy Among Rural and Marginalised Women in India

- Presented the paper for the Institute of Social Studies Trust's annual flagship event "Shram Aur Hum 2025" at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- Motivation: 1. To understand how intersectionality influences the digital divide among rural women in India.
2. To highlight how women's collectives lead digital skill-building, often addressing gaps left by government programs.

Podcast: The Perks of Work Travelling

- Final year project during the Master's degree program.

- Interviewed six individuals from different professions to understand how travelling is not just about leisure, but how it can be a crucial part of someone's professional requirements.
 - The idea behind the central theme of this podcast was to discuss cultural diversities in food, traditions, languages, people and how travelling for work teaches you to adapt to intercultural inclusivity.
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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- **NTA UGC NET (Journalism and Mass Communication) June 2025:** Qualified for Assistant Professor and PhD position.
 - **MH SET (Journalism and Mass Communication) June 2025**
 - **First Prize in Public Relations (2023):** Presented by the Pune Union of Working Journalists (Patrakar Sangh) as a student of the Department of Communication and Journalism (Ranade Institute), Savitribai Phule Pune University
 - **Goethe Zertifikat B2 (2020)**
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CERTIFICATIONS

- **Faculty Development Program on Fact-Checking and Digital Integrity** hosted by Bennett University, the Times Group.
 - **Five-Day Workshop on the Basics of STATA** conducted by The Research Wise.
 - **Field Research Fellowship** by the International Institute of SDGs and Public Policy Research.
 - **Verifying AI-generated Content** by AFP and Google News Initiative.
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LANGUAGES

English | German | Marathi | Hindi | Marwadi

SKILLS

COMMUNICATION & RESEARCH

- Multilingual Communication
- Qualitative Research
- Script Writing, Interviewing & Podcasting
- Translation, Transcription & Proofreading
- Feature Writing & Academic Writing (APA Style)

TECHNICAL

- Designing: Canva
- Audio Editing: Audacity & Sound Forge
- Video Editing: InShot & Kinemaster
- Microsoft Office Suite: MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint
- CMS Platforms: WordPress, Substack
- Data Collection Tools: SurveyMonkey, Google Forms
- SEO Basics, Keyword Search

SOFT SKILLS

- Attention to Detail, Problem Solving, Teamwork & Leadership, Intercultural Sensitivity