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AWARDS

📖 Festival international Nature Namur(2019).
Ultra Short Film Winner

EDUCATION

BA Mass Communication
and Journalism| AP
Goyal Shimla University

PG Diploma in Animal
Welfare and Wildlife
Law, 2022

POSITIONS

- **Founder**, Bustards Media
- **Board Member**, Green Earth Warriors(Laikipia, Kenya)

ISHAN SHARMA

STORYTELLER, CONSERVATIONIST
AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GRANT
RECIPIENT

PROFILE

An 9-year-experienced storyteller dedicated to social development, delving into the connections between human and nature interactions. Films have been showcased at various international film festivals and forums. Presently, actively involved in encouraging community engagement and working on social media storytelling campaigns on wildlife and nature in India.

EXPERIENCE

Director and Co-Founder| Bustards Media

December 2020 - Present

- Leading and creatively coordinating the entire team to engage with a variety of clients including NGOs (EcoSattva, GIZ, Ewaso Enclave and Earth Children), government agencies (Forest Department MP MH, MGNREGA), and companies (Pardus and Pashoo Pakshee). The Media House partners with diverse stakeholders to develop effective engagement, marketing, social media outreach and education strategies.

Communication & Outreach Consultant| Arcane Conservancy

May 2025 - Present

- Grant writing and outreach for Otter conservation - building up a ground level NGO with the founder.

National Geographic Grant Recipient

March 2021 - Present

- Covid Emergency Storytelling Grant, the project focused on capturing the effects of the pandemic on tribal communities in Central India.

Freelance Filmmaker

April 2016- 2020 October

- **FILMMAKER | AUG 2020 - DEC 2020 MADHYA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Directing a documentary on Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.

- **ONLINE OUTREACH CONSULTANT JAN 2020 - DEC 2020 MORANI CONSERVACNY, NANYUKI KENYA**

- **STORY RESEARCHER | AUG 2019 - SEP 2019 TANGLES SEAS PROJECT**

Research the ground reality of nets disposed by fishermen in ocean and its impact on marine life. DIRECTING PERSONAL PROJECTS, INDIA, 2018-2019 Filming stories of wildlife and human conflict in and around India. Silent Valley (MANIPUR, India) "story about wildlife hunting in remote areas of north- eastern Indian." Your Tiger, Our Forest (BRAMHAPURI, India) "documentary currently under post- production recording the events of human-tiger conflict in a fragmented wildlife corridor"

- **FIELD DOCUMENTATION | JAN 2018 - APR 2018 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST, MUMBAI**

Documenting the ground work of organisation which included camera trapping in central Indian landscape, conservation education programs, and field story of forest guards.

- **FILM FESTIVAL COORDINATOR | SEP 2017 - DEC 2017 CMS VATAVARAN**

Coordinating all the interns towards there daily work in the Nature and Wildlife film festival venue. Writing daily reports of the festival.

- **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | APR 2016 - MAY 2016 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL, INDIA, UJJAIN**

Incharge for finding stories around Kumbh Mela, biggest human gathering on planet. Assisting director for logistic and line production support.