

## About Shukria Dellawar

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*She strongly believes that all the information conveyed through news and media pales in comparison to a trip that allows you to explore the country's rich culture and history, while connecting with locals and hearing their lived experiences first hand.*