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EDUCATION

Vasant Valley School, New Delhi, India	2010-Present
● CBSE 12: Psychology, Political Science, Mathematics, Economics and English	2024
● CBSE 10: Obtained an average of 97.4%	2022

STANDARDIZED TESTS

● SAT: 1510	2022
● IELTS: 8.5	2023

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Silver Award: Queens Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition (2022 & 2023)
- English Subject Award: Top Performer in Class 10 (2022)
- PE Subject Award: Top performer in Class 10 (2022)
- National Nanhi Chhaan Essay Writing Competition, Second Prize (2021) and Finalist (2022)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, JOURNALISM AND PROJECTS

Research: "Exploring Precursors to Stashing Behaviour and Financial Inclusion Challenges among Low-Income Women in India" 2022-2023

- Worked under Dr Pavan Mamidi, Director of the Centre for Social and Behavior Change, Ashoka University on a paper studying stashing behaviour among low-income women and its implications
- Conducted interviews in Munirka village, New Delhi to analyze the role of gender and societal norms in influencing financial behaviour
- The paper has been published on the official website of the Centre for Social and Behaviour Change:
<https://csbc.org.in/upload/Exploring-Precursors-to-Stashing-Behavior-and-Financial-Inclusion-Challenges-among-Low-Income-Women-in-India.pdf>

Interviewer, 'She Leads, She Inspires' 2023

- Interviewed women bureaucrats from across the country to learn about their work, inspirations and challenges
- Documented my findings in the form of a digital magazine

StraySafe: An Animal Welfare and Rescue Chatbot for Delhi Residents 2023

- Created a chatbot through which citizens across Delhi NCR can find shelters and veterinarians for stray dogs they find by sending a picture of the dog, along with their message and location to our designated helpline number
- The chatbot automatically provides them with the details of the closest organization in their locality to help with their needs, and forwards their query to the concerned authority simultaneously
- Connected with over a 100 shelters, veterinarians and NGOs for animal care; recognized by 'Outlook India' for this initiative:
<https://www.outlookindia.com/business-spotlight/class-12-delhi-student-launches-tech-enabled-solution-straysafe-a-game-changer-chatbot-in-stray-dog-rescue-in-delhi-ncr-news-341979>

Member of the Editorial Board, School Newsletter 2022-present

- Wrote articles on current global and school events for the monthly newsletter
- Edited articles received by students from grades 6-12 and mentored junior writers

Journalist, GenZWeAreTheFuture 2021-present

- Wrote weekly articles on social, economic, and political issues all over the world
- Organized online virtual youth conferences with speakers every quarter

Other Journalism Publications 2020-present

- Have published pieces in The Quint, YouthkiAwaaz, WriteUnite's Visions of the Future and in two anthologies for poetry and fiction titled 'Secrets' and 'To Save a Mockingbird' respectively

INTERNSHIPS

Intern, Inclusion and Diversity Task Force, Startup20 at G20. 2023

- Drafted policy recommendations for women-led startups and collected data from previous successful models to support them
- Surveyed underrepresented groups in business to seek feedback on recommendations for the Startup 20 Policy Communique

Intern, United Nations Global Compact Network India 2022

- Earned this internship based on my performance in Institute H21's Governance, Public Policy & Leadership 2.1 Fellowship
- Led a team of three in preparing a 22-page policy report on "*Achieving Women's Equality in India through School Education: The Status of SDGs 4 & 5 in India*"
- Presented final policy recommendations to the UNGCNI team

Finance Intern, IIFL Wealth 2022

- Created an asset allocation questionnaire for clients looking to avail wealth management services from IIFL Wealth, based on which portfolio recommendations would be provided
- Comparatively analyzed wealth management services provided by top global banks with those provided by IIFL Wealth and created a report on the firm's standing in this regard
- Evaluated a real portfolio on the basis of Asset Allocation and Risk Profile from the perspective of performance vis-à-vis the benchmarks of instruments in Equity and Debt and gave my recommendations for future investments

SUMMER PROGRAMS & COURSES

Politics and Economics of International Energy, Coursera 2023

- Completed the Coursera course on Politics and Economics of International Energy offered by Sciences Po

'Psychology for School Students' Internship Program, Fortis Healthcare 2023

- Completed the online Psychology for School Students' Internship Program conducted by Dr Samir Parikh of the Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences

Governance, Public Policy & Leadership 2.1 Summer Fellowship 2022

- Was awarded a 25% merit scholarship
- Explored the basics of public policy and international relations and reinforced my knowledge through the 'Dukistan Policy Stimulation', case studies on India's Education Policy and a draft research paper titled 'Russia Ukraine Tension: Impact on Inflation of India's Oil Prices'

Harvard Student Academies: Young Leaders in Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2021

- Learnt the steps of building a business and built a one-stop platform called 'Gateway2Sites'
- Pitched our business plan for which my group was awarded the 'Most Timely Business'

EXTRACURRICULAR, VOLUNTEERING AND OUTREACH

Student Mentor, Vasant Valley School 2023

- Mentored a group of 8 middle school students and brought their concerns to light with school teachers

Peer Tutor, School Outreach Program 2022-present

- Taught Mathematics, English and Hindi to students of low-income backgrounds after school

Volunteer, Centre for Education and Health Research Organization, New Delhi 2022-present

- Ran public health campaign to teach underprivileged children of ages 8-12 at government schools and community-based organizations about the importance of basic hygiene and nutrition
- Held regular storytelling sessions and art programs with them, focused on educating them about Indian mythology

Member, Art Council, Vasant Valley School 2021

- Created digital art pieces for the Western Music and Indian Music Competitions on behalf of Yellow House
- Helped organize Art Marathon, during which eminent artists from various fields are invited to school to conduct informative workshops

Volunteer, Tulsi Clinic 2021

- Launched Operation Oxygen Kadapa during the second wave of the pandemic and organized a fundraiser that procured 15 oxygen concentrators, which were later transported to remote rural areas in Uttarakhand in 2021

Volunteer, Aartiforgirls 2020-present

- Created and curated 4678 worksheets of online study material for primary school girls who had lost access to education due to the pandemic, and raised 1100 USD for relief kits

INTERESTS

Travelling, Reading, Photography