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EDUCATION

Bombay International School, Mumbai, India

2012 - Present

- IBDP: Subjects: HL Math AA, Economics, Global Politics; SL Chemistry, English LL, Spanish Ab; Extended Essay - Fame II and its impact on Pune's Electric Buses; Early Predicted Grade: 44/45
- IGCSE: Subject (Grades): International Math (A*), Additional Math (A*), Physics (A*), Chemistry (A*), Biology(A*), English Language (A), English Literature(A*), History(A*), German(A*), Computer Science (A*)

STANDARDISED TESTING

| ACT: 35 (Math: 36, Science 35, English 35, Reading 32) | 2024 |
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| • IELTS: 8.5 | 2025 |

AWARDS AND HONORS

| School | |
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| ICE Distinction: Cambridge Program | 2024 |
| Academic Excellence Grade 10: Securing 9A* and 1A and the highest grade in 9 IGCSE 2024 subjects | 2024 |
| Academic Excellence Grade 10: Second topper in school | 2024 |
| Citizenship Award Grade 9 and Grade 10: Modelled good citizenship through active participation in school and | 2023- 2024 |
| community. Led initiatives, motivated peers, demonstrated problem-solving, humility and commitment to service | |

MUN & Debate

| UNIS@BIS: Outstanding Delegate (Grade 9), Best Overall Delegate (Grade 10) | 2022, 2023 |
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| Speech Debate India (US NSDA affiliate): Outstanding Distinction (1000+ pts) | 2025 |
| Indian School Debating Society BP HS: Octo finalist at All India Debating Competition | 2023 |
| TDI Asia British Parliamentary Debate HS: Finalist Asia, 1st place All India | 2023 |
| Bal Education Trust HS: 2nd runner up all India, 1st place Maharashtra State and Mumbai District | 2023 |
| International US DE Naviga, Finalist doubles at 27th Stanford Invitational (6.0 in regular rounds), 1st place appell | or TOC Digital 2022 |

 International HS PF Novice: Finalist doubles at 37th Stanford Invitational (6-0 in regular rounds), 1st place speaker TOC Digital 2023 2020, 2021, 2022

• International MS PF Open, SDI Nationals: Quarterfinalist at Georgetown Fall, Three-time champion All India

LEADERSHIP @ BIS

Head Boy, Student Government, Bombay International School

2023

2024

- Spearheaded student leadership for 400+ K-10 students, redesigned SG processes, integrated campuses, and fostered collaboration Co-Founder and Secretary General, BISMUN; Secretary General, UNIS@BIS, Bombay International School 2023 - Present
- Co-founded BISMUN for Grades 5 to 7; mentored 120+ students and institutionalised the conference as an annual school event
- Organised and led UNIS@BIS 2025, a senior school MUN event for 120+ students in Grades 8 to 10

Harvard MUN India: Outstanding Delegate (Individual) and Best Small Delegation School

Co-Founder, Entrepreneurship Club, Bombay International School

2024

- Co-founded an Entrepreneurship Club at BIS for students to create, plan, execute and sustain ventures, mentoring 50+ students Captain of Beta House, Student Government, Bombay International School 2022
- Led 150+ students to win Raina Cup; drove record participation, mentoring programs, student feedback and spirit-building initiatives Class Representative, Junior House Captain, Student Government, Bombay International School 2018, 2020 Executive Board & Chair SDG 4 - Quality Education, Diplomathon World Symposium Mar 2025
- Nominated by BIS, selected to Diplomathon executive Board: chaired and mentored 20+ students on UN SDG4

GLOBAL AFFAIRS. POLITICS & ECONOMICS EXPLORATION

Research

Author, First Time Voter Primary Research Project, Mumbai

Jun 2025 - Present

- Conceptualised and designed a survey to gain an understanding of first-time voter behaviour in Mumbai; collected data (sample size 133 students) through a public intercept for in-person interactions near college student meeting points in South and Central Mumbai
- · Analysed voter behaviour data using significance testing; identified cohort differences and reported insights with cross-tabs, charts and graphs

Author, Unpacking India-US Relations: Implications and Considerations for China

Jun 2023 - Sep 2023

- Wrote a research paper on India-US relations and its impact on US-China relations under the guidance of Tayce Hong, PhD. Candidate, University of Cambridge, UK;
- Awarded Credit UCSD Extension, Published National High School Journal of Science, US

Outreach & Empowerment

Co-Founder & Director, The MUNify Project, Mumbai

Jan 2024 - Present

A non-profit organisation to expose public school students to debating, research and public speaking through Model United Nations

- Selected by Akansha, a leading Indian NGO, to conduct MUN conferences in Mumbai public schools
- Led outreach to collaborate with schools and developed programming for MUN committees
- Led Press relations and achieved recognition in two prominent media houses Free Press Journal and TimesNow
- Organised 3 individual MUNs and 2 interschool MUNs for 3 Mumbai and 3 Pune schools, mentored 350+ students
- Created an organisational structure with new committee members to ensure continuity and growth in other cities
- Scaling initiative to 4 new schools, 150+ students over the next 6 months; nominated for the Diana Award 2026

Internship & Observations

Intern, Office of Ayush Prasad, Collector & District Magistrate, Jalgaon

Jun 2025

- Gained firsthand exposure to key functions of district administration, with emphasis on development planning and rural governance
- · Observed flagship scheme implementation, tech in public service, field-level monitoring, and disaster management preparedness

Intern, Chambers of Justice Arif Doctor, High Court of Mumbai, Mumbai

Jun 2025

Gained firsthand exposure to court proceedings and deliberations related to civil cases

Intern, Office of Sanjay Bhatia, Upa-Lokayukta, Maharashtra

Jun 2025

Gained understanding of the functioning of the Indian Government, Public Policy, Administrative procedures and legal system –
particularly the mechanisms used to address issues such as corruption amongst government functionaries.

Debate Intern, Mentor & Judge

Intern, Speech Debate India Debate Academy (affiliate of US NSDA)

Feb 2025 - Apr 2025

- Interviewed and selected to work with Rajiv Kacholia to design a system to evaluate student performance during class
- · Learnt to design rubrics, define measuring mechanisms and allocate weights to various performance parameters

Mentor, Judge, Speech Debate India Debate Academy (affiliate of US NSDA)

2022 - 2023, Sep 2025 - Oct 2025

Mentored MS & HS-level debaters for SDI India Nationals; judged several national and international tournaments

Co-Leader, Mumbai District, Speech Debate India Debate Academy (affiliate of US NSDA)

2022 - 2023

• Selected as a member of the managing committee of SDI; defined fresh objectives of SDI to generate interest in debate amongst school students in India, organise events and encourage participation, and interview and select Judges for events

Online Courses

• University of Edinburgh: Introduction to Philosophy

Nov 2024

• Yale University: Moral Foundations of Politics

Jul 2024

• University of London: Global Diplomacy: The United Nations in the World

Sep 2023

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Conceived & Authored, A sustainability-focused interdisciplinary research project for Ghost nets waste

Jun 2024 - Present
Interdisciplinary project repurposing discarded fishing nets through collaboration with conservationists, technologists, industry and fishermen

- Collaborated with TREE Foundation, Chennai, to understand the challenges with sea turtle conservation; participated in laboratory-scale production of Unsaturated Polyester Resin (UPR) using recycled PET (rPET) derived from Ghostnets (discarded fishing nets)
- · Conducted a successful technical validation at Scott Bader India, a UK multinational's chemical plant in India
- Analysed the impact of rPET net usage in UPR formulation, reducing costs by 6-11% by replacing ~35% of the virgin raw material
- Created a pathway to repurpose 186,000 kgs of waste collected by 461 fishermen and supporting over 1000 beneficiaries
- Working with TREE Foundation to scale ghost net recycling across India through education and a 200% increase in incentives
- Research recognised by the FRP Institute (Composites Industry Association) in their magazine, Composites Today

DEBATE & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Debater, Speech Debate India Academy (affiliate of US NSDA)

2020 - Present

- Completed intensive debate courses on Global Affairs, Politics, Environment, Economics, and Global Chronicles at Speech Debate India (SDI), an academy founded by Stanford alumnus, Rajiv Kacholia
- Won multiple awards in national/international tournaments on topics related to economics, politics and international relations; continued with internship and mentorship at SDI; involved for over 500 hours since grade 6

Public Speaking

• BIS Fireside Chat: Selected to be part of a 5-member student panel to interact with India's Chief Justice Chandrachud

2025

• BIS Talks: Wrote and spoke on "The unifying power of sports, sportswashing, and gender dynamics in sports."

2024

ARTISTIC PURSUITS

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BIS Founders' Day

2016 - 2024

- Selected to play the lead role of Randle McMurphy in the 2024 production "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- · Acted as a key character over several school years, including as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sherlock

Acting Workshop for Public School Students

2025

• Led drama initiative at Sitaram Mills school to spread anti-bullying message; wrote scripts, trained students and managed production The Happy Place at Aditya Birla World Academy

• Won first-place award for an ad filmmaking competition

2022

Music

Tabla (Indian classical percussion instrument)

2013-2019

Received certification at the Elementary level Prarambhik (Distinction) and Praveshika (First Class); Performed at school music days

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Plaksha University, YTSG Program: Built an ECG using an ESP32 microcontroller & sensors using Arduino and Python

Jun 2023

GirlsinAl Hackathon: Won 1st Team in National AI ('21,'22); Semifinalists, Global AI (22'); Best Tech. Award, Global AI ('21)

2021, 22

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Chess (FIDE rating: 1429); Cricket, Soccer; Python, C++, Arduino IDE; German (Fit 2), Spanish (Beginner)
- Visiting museums, trying different cuisines, a fan of Cricket, American football and F1, sci-fi shows and movies