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EDUCATION

The British School, Delhi, India;	2019-Present
- <i>International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 12;</i> (Predicted Grades: 45)	2022-Present
- <i>Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 10</i> (Grades: 7 A*s, 3 As)	2022- 2020

STANDARDIZED TESTING

• SAT Score: Total – 1530 ; Reading & Writing – 770 ; Math – 760	2023
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ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

School:

• Principal's Award for Academic Excellence (Grade 11) and Overall Effort Award	2023
• Special Prizes for excellence in English, Hindi, Biology, Theory of Knowledge (Grade 11)	2023
• Gold & Silver Awards for The Leadership Programme for my social initiative, Learnclusive	2023, 2022
• Governor's Silver Award awarded by School for being Top Scorer in India in IGCSE Drama	2022
• Director's Award; Special Prizes for excellence in Additional Maths & Drama (Grade 10)	2021
• Principal's Award; Special Prizes for excellence in Biology & Chemistry (Grade 9)	2020

National and International:

• John Locke Essay Competition Commendation Prize for my sociological essay deconstructing "identity"	2023
• Duke of Edinburgh's International Gold & Silver Awards for Young People for Learnclusive	2023,2022
• Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award by Cambridge Board - Top Scorer in India in IGCSE Drama	2022
• Harvard International Review Commendation Prize for essay on Gender Sociology of the Global South	2022
• Immerse Essay Competition Essay Prize & 20% Scholarship for essay on Early Childhood Education	2022
• Gold Award in SIMCC SINGA Mathematics Olympiad	2022
• Duke of Edinburgh's International Silver Award for Young People for my initiative, Learnclusive	2022
• Gold (1) and Bronze Awards (2) in UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge	2022-2020
• Gold Medallist (1) and Silver Medallist (1) in national Olympiads for Economics and Finance	2022
• Gold Award in Biology Challenge by The Royal Society of Biology and University of Warwick	2021

SKILL UPLIFTMENT INITIATIVE

Founder of Learnclusive (https://www.learnclusive.org)	2019-Present
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Developing required skills for cognitive development of children from various demographics: 2019-Present

- Founded to promote alternative strategies & pedagogies for inclusive learning. Created distinct scholastic curricula & individual models catering to 460+ children belonging to institutions from diverse socio-economic strata like:
- Prajna Foundation (NGO in Delhi). Made assignments & took 2-hour weekly sessions to develop creative thinking skills using visuo-spatial tools. Raised above 600 USD to support Prajna's initiatives to provide holistic learning.
- Public schools like Hari Vidya Mandir & Shikshan Sansthan (for low-income families in Varanasi and Buhana). Furnished 45+ classrooms with infographics on social issues. Conducted interactive art sessions for 200+ students.
- The British School (private school for high-income families in Delhi). Conducted modules & questionnaires with 60+ primary school kids. Using the data, helped teachers recognise individual needs & brainstorm personalised solutions.
- Koala Chain (private preschools). Conducted research studying if methods like tangrams aid memory & attention span.

Developing required skills for financial empowerment of women in Indian villages near Varanasi: 2021-Present

- Worked towards upskilling women in villages like Chanditara & Khutaha by fundraising & donating sewing machines
- Set up a skill centre where 120+ women trained in ongoing vocational training programmes which teach sewing.
- Helped women get jobs in nearby textile factories through collaboration with Village Councils & private firms.
- Each woman is now earning INR3,000-5,000 per month, which increased their average household incomes by 35%.

Developing required skills & educating farmers in efficient farming practices like millet farming: 2021-Present

- Introduced millet farming as better alternative for acidic soils of Chanditara village, after soil testing at ICAR-IIVR
- Organised sessions with national agricultural experts like Mr. Chandrashekar Mishra & Village Councils
- Distributed seeds of pearl millets, Kodo, Barnyard & Finger Millets for 2 acres of plantation
- 90+ farmers who adopted millet farming reported average increase of INR15,000-20,000 (85%) in their monthly incomes since millets have shorter harvest cycles, are better-suited for acidic soil & require less water for cultivation

SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCES

Research:

2021-Present

- **Exploring Methods to Reduce Gender Based Economic Inequality** (2023) ([Link](#))
- Used primary data from Learnclusive to study how skill upliftment initiatives can help mitigate gender inequality
- **Determining Effectiveness of Tangrams as Tools For Cognitive Development of Preschoolers** (2021) ([Link](#))
- Used primary data from Learnclusive to examine how tangrams can aid memory & attention span of preschoolers

Summer Programs:

2023

Introduction to Sociology-Perspectives on Society & the Individual, Harvard University Summer School Program

- Conducted by Professor Danilo Mandić, Associate Senior Lecturer in Department of Sociology at Harvard
- Completed college-level sociological readings & received final grade 'A' in this 7-week, 4 credit-bearing course

ECONOMICS PURSUITS

Research:

2023

A Critical Analysis of the US-China Trade War & Evaluation of its Impacts on Various Stakeholders ([Link](#))

- Used secondary data and applied economic theories to understand global implications of US-China trade war

Summer Programs:

2022

Behavioral Economics; 2-month course; Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth

- Studied choice analysis, quantitative reasoning & economic judgement; prepared a report using primary data

Competitions:

2021-2022

- Wharton Global Investment Competition: School Team Leader responsible for strategy building
- Bajaj Capital Finance Competition: Won 1st Place for designing investment portfolio worth \$12000

Internships:

- **Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas**, Top Law Firm (*Summer Intern under Mrs. Shweta Shroff, Partner*) 2023
- Shadowed insolvency & bankruptcy cases under Shweta Shroff and helped formula strategies & arguments
- **Client Associates**, Top Wealth Advisory Firm (*Summer Intern under Mr. Himanshu Kohli, Founder*) 2022
- Assisted my mentor with advisory presentations to clients on equity financing & structured debt
- **OJ Financial**, Reputed Stock Brokerage Firm (*Winter Intern under Mr. Arun Gupta, Founder*) 2021
- Used statistical tools for risk analysis of investment products & suggested clients best-suited investment options

DRAMA AND DANCE

Drama

- **Received full diploma for Trinity Speech & Drama**; achieved Distinction in highest level 2017-Present
- **Head, Drama Club**, The British School
- Attended weekly sessions in the school club to prepare younger students for performances 2022-Present
- Organised and participated in 3 annual school productions 2021-Present

Dance

- Training for Indian classical dance - Kathak - twice a week since the age of 8 2012-Present
- **Received 6th Yr Diploma** from Prayaag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad; equivalent to Bachelor's Degree

Each performance mentioned below was a unique composition designed to suit the event and setting.

- Performed live at Taj Mahotsav in Agra under the choreography of Ms. Sakshi Sharma 2023
- Performed live at Delhi Kathak Mahotsav held at Kathak Kendra, Delhi 2022
- Performed twice at Gurukul Foundation Day for the organisation Gurukul in New Delhi 2021, 2022
- Performed live twice at Nrityarath Annual Day held in New Delhi 2020, 2019

MODEL UNITED NATIONS AND DEBATES

2019-Present

- **Head, MUN Club**, The British School
- Chaired 1 Interschool & 2 Intraschool MUNs; headed the Organising Committee for all three
- Represented school in 6 MUN & Debate conferences and won prizes in 4 of them
- **Attended 21 MUN & Debate conferences** in total
- Awarded Best Delegate & Best Debater thrice and 8 other accolades in conferences like HMUN & DIMUN
- Led a 4 week long online MUN workshop for 30+ students on forming arguments & researching agendas
- **Head, Ted-Ed Club**, The British School
- Weekly mentored students from Grades 6 to 9 for leadership roles & how to write & present speeches

EXTRACURRICULARS

- **Founder, Beyond the Page**, social-issue writing platform 2020-Present
- Wrote articles on issues like educational inequity; organised 12 webinars on UNSDG's & gender inequality
- **Captain, School Basketball Team**, The British School 2022-Present
- Led weekly practice sessions; represented TBS at 4 inter school competitions

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent); Hindi (fluent); Spanish (intermediate); Sanskrit (intermediate)