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EDUCATION

Bombay International School (BIS), *Mumbai, India* 2013 – Present

- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP), Grade 12 2025 – Present
- Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), Grade 10 2023 – 2025

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT: 1500/1600; (Reading and Writing – 750/800; Math – 750/800) 2026
- IELTS: 8.5 2026

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- **'COMMENDATION' for John Locke Essay Prize (Economics)**: Top 10% of 100,227 contestants (183 countries) 2026
- **School Topper:** Economics HL and Hindi B SL in Grade 11 2026
- **ALL ROUNDER Award, BIS**: Balancing academic excellence and non-academic achievements, displaying high level of dedication, passion, commitment towards both endeavours; inspiring younger students through all-round success 2025
- **ICE Award with Distinction, Cambridge**: Achieving **7 A*s** and **2 As** in IGCSE Board Examination (Grade 10) 2025
- **School Topper:** Hindi as a Second Language in IGCSE Board Examination (Grade 10) 2025

ECONOMICS EXPERIENCES AND RESEARCH

Internships

Summer Intern, **Belstar Microfinance Limited**, *Chennai, India* 2026

- Belstar serves unbanked rural communities, managing US$850M in assets, reaching 1.9M borrowers from 1,300+ branches.
- Conducted field research across 12 villages in India, leading focus-group interviews with current, prospective women clients.
- Synthesized insights on women entrepreneurs' business models, capital needs, forecasts, informing client-needs assessments.
- Supported client onboarding, KYC validation, field risk assessments, microloan disbursement and collection operations.

Summer Intern, **FOLO (Family of Loved Ones)**, *Mumbai, India* 2025

- FinTech net-worth platform providing 60,000+ families real-time personal financial data aggregated from 500+ institutions.
- Created introductory finance manual targeting women with negligible financial literacy, driving new client acquisition.
- Benchmarked 20 personal finance apps, presenting comprehensive features and UX analysis directly to Co-Founder.
- Produced 11 educational video scripts spanning social shorts and tutorials, scaling digital outreach.

Research

International Labour Organization (ILO), *Mumbai, India* 2026

Research Intern under Aparna Dalal, Senior Research Officer – Consultant, ILO

- Investigated heatwave impacts on rural household vulnerability using primary data, analyzing livelihood disruptions.
- Authored white-paper on grass-roots adaptation strategies, identifying microfinance product gaps and scalable institutional mechanisms for community resilience against accelerating environmental risks.

Money in the Curriculum: A Comparative Study of Personal Finance Education in India and U.S. 2026

Research Intern under George Siedel, Professor Emeritus, Business Administration and Law, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

- Analyzed evolution of personal finance education in India and U.S. via secondary research, surveys of 100+ students.
- Wrote comparative paper, designing 'model' finance course, and proposing policy for India's national educational board.

Competitions

Wharton Global High School Investment Competition, Wharton Global Youth Program, *Philadelphia, U.S.* 2025

- Invested US$ 500,000 to simulate diversified portfolio of assets, delivering 13% capital gain to client over Oct.-Dec. 2025.

Online Course

- **Successful Negotiation: Essential Strategies and Skills**, University of Michigan Ann Arbor 2026

GLOBAL POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Research

Tibetan Government-in-Exile's (TGiE) Budget Appropriation Process Reflects Democratic Accountability, BIS 2026

- Investigated democratic accountability within TGiE by evaluating 5-year budgets, interviewing senior Finance/IR officials, observing 2026 Budget Session debated live in Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, reviewing documents saved in TGiE's library.
- Authored academic paper, analyzing budget appropriation and governance frameworks of non-sovereign governing body.

Languages and Civilizations in India 2026

Research Intern under Thomas Trautmann, Professor Emeritus, History and Anthropology, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

- Analyzed language as catalyst for European global expansion across Asia, Africa, Americas while using ancient Indian languages to reconstruct civilizational histories.
- Research paper submitted to The India Forum (TIF), independent online journal-magazine, for publishing; under review.

Academic Enrichment Programs

Yale Young Global Scholars Program (YYGS), Yale University, *New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.* 2026

- Researched social media's impact on youth mental health; designed NGO blueprint for accessible, stigma-free student mental health support; selected to deliver TEDx-style presentation to YYGS cohort on women's financial literacy and microfinance.

Model United Nations (MUN)

- **BISMUN Inter-School**: Director, Joint Crisis Committee; **BISMUN Junior**: Director, UN Human Rights Council. 2026
- **BISMUN (UNIS)**: Verbal Mention (2022); Outstanding Delegate (2023 and 2024); Assistant Director (2025). 2022 – 2025
- **Cambridge University International (CUI) MUN**: Delegate of Guatemala, UN Office of Drugs, Crime 2024
- **Cathedral MUN**: Delegate, Futuristic Disarmament and International Security Committee 2040 2023

Online Course

- **International Relations and Foreign Policy**, Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations 2025

Public Speaking 2025

- **BIS Talks**: Spoke on teenager-led social change through enterprise, creativity, technology to address pressing global issues.

LEADERSHIP @ BOMBAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (BIS)

Founding Secretariat Member and Head of Delegate Affairs, BISMUN Inter-School 2026 2026

- Organized first-ever Inter-School MUN at BIS, fostering next generation of diplomatic voices within our school community.
- Co-authored official delegate handbook, establishing procedural guidelines and setting benchmarks for participant conduct.
- Built and managed registration infrastructure, processing participation data for 200+ delegates from BIS and 5 guest schools.

Founder, Debate Club 2026

- Launched BIS Debate Club to sharpen public speaking skills, refine debating strategies of middle, senior school students.

Secretary General, BISMUN Junior 2026

- Conducted 8 training programs, mentoring 110+ junior, middle school BIS delegates with foundational knowledge of role of UN, various MUN procedures, public speaking etiquette.

Vice President, BIS Student Government (SG) 2024 – 2025

- Led 400+ K-10 students, overhauled SG procedures to broaden student engagement, teacher-student collaboration for events.
- Directed execution of 6 school-wide events, launched 'Friday Canteen' initiative, institutionalized 'Movie Night Fundraiser'.

Captain, Gamma House 2023 – 2024

- Led 150 + students to win 'Best House for Co-Curriculars' Award; driving record participation, mentorship, team-spirit.

DEBATING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Speech Debate India (U.S. NSDA Affiliate, Exclusive India Partner):**
  - **National Tournament**: Octa Finalist India (2021); Quarter Finalist India (2022); Finalist India, 2nd Place (Public Speaking), 3rd Place (Speech Extempore) (2024).
  - **Global Tournament**: 1st Place, 'Turkey-NATO Tournament'; 2nd Place, 'USA Canada Winter Tournament'; 3-3 Win 'Georgetown Spring Tournament'; Judge, U.S. NSDA 'Springboard Tournament' (2022).
- Participated in 10 other international debating tournaments, including 2 Harvard Debate Tournaments (2021 – 2024).
- **BIS**: 2nd Place, Middle School Debate (2021) and Senior School Debate (2022); 1st Place, Senior School Debate (2023).

HINDUSTANI (INDIAN) CLASSICAL MUSIC (VOCALS + PLAYING HARMONIUM) 2014 – Present

- Trained for 12 years, learned 30 'Ragas', performed at 6 public shows, BIS Music Assemblies, Founders Days since Grade 1.
- Earned certifications from Akhil Bhartiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal (2019 – 2025):
  - Completed 3 levels (one with 'Distinction') out of 6-level graded music curriculum; preparing for Level 4 examination.
- Led team of 4, comprising students, parents, alumni, in 'BIS Battle of Bands' (2022).

SPORTS

- **International School Sports Organization (ISSO) National Games**: 2nd Place, Girls' U-17 Soccer (2022); Quarter Finalist, Girls' U-16 Table Tennis (2022) and U-18 Table Tennis (2023), representing BIS.
- **Maharashtra State District-Level, and Inter-School Competitions**: 3rd Place, Girls' U-17 Soccer (2022) and Girls' U-17 Table Tennis (2023); and Runner Up, Girls' U-18 Inter-School Soccer (2025), representing BIS.
- **BIS Competitions**: 43 medals across swimming (19), athletics (11), table tennis (8), soccer (3), chess (2), (2014 – Present).
- **Club-level Competitions**: 15 medals across swimming (14), table tennis (1), (2015 – 2022).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Volunteer, Bombay International School, *Mumbai, India* 2025

- Designed, taught English modules for low-income 'Right-to-Education' students at BIS, supporting their academic success.

Volunteer, Convest Jain Clinic, *Mumbai, India* 2024 – Present

- Led 8 medical-supply collection drives, donating unexpired supplements to Mumbai hospital for underprivileged patients.

LANGUAGES, SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Languages**: Proficient in English, Hindi; practical fluency in Gujarati, Marathi
- **Skills**: Leadership, strong communication, critical thinking, analytical, research, solution-oriented
- **Interests**: Travel, international affairs, reading, visiting museums and art galleries, sustainability