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EDUCATION

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| Dhirubhai Ambani International School; Mumbai, Maharashtra | 2010 – Present |
| International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grade 11 and 12) | Aug 2022 – May 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 11 First Term Score of 41/42 with 7/7 in all Higher Level Subjects.Grade 11 Second Term Score of 42/42IB Predicted Score of 44/45 | |
| International General Certificate for Secondary Education (IGCSE) – Grade 10 | Aug 2020 – May 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade A* in 10 subjects and Grade A in 1 subject in the Board examinations | |

STANDARDISED TESTING

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| American College Testing (ACT) | Oct 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Composite score of 35/36. STEM score of 36/36 | |
| International English Language Testing System (IELTS) | Sep 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall score of 8.5 / 9 | |

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

School:

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| Academic Excellence award in grade 11 | May 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded for a consistent score of 40/42 or higher in both terms | |
| Subject Achievement Awards for all 6 IBDP subjects | May 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded to the top 5 performers in each subject | |
| IGCSE Co-School Topper in International Mathematics | Jan 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Received the school's joint highest percentage uniform mark of 99 | |
| Accoladed with the Academic Honour Roll Award in grades 8 – 10 | Aug 2019 – May 2022 |
| Subject awards for 10/11 subjects in IGCSE | May 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded to the Top 5 performers in each subject | |

National and International:

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| Gold medal in the World Economics Cup (Asian Pacific Region) | Apr 2023 – Oct 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Out qualified over 123 participating teams from 23 countriesIndividually placed in the top 10 highest scorers in the Asia - Pacific region | |
| Ranked 1st in India in the Shri Ram College of Commerce Economics Equilibria Quiz | Mar 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Out ranked over 1500 participants, including college students and placed in the top 10 of the case study round | |
| Top 100 in the Young Tycoons Business Challenge (YTBC) | Apr 2021 – Jun 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Qualified for the final round, out ranking over 6000 teams from across the world | |
| Received a distinction in the Cayley competition held by University of Waterloo | Feb 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ranked in the top 25% of all participants globally | |
| Received a commendation in the John Locke Essay Writing competition in the Economics category | Jul 2023 |

ENTREPRENEURIAL AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

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| Co-Founder and Chief Financial Officer at Laccio Laces (<i>innovative lace company enhancing the shoe-wearing experience by providing over 66 unique designs and colours at affordable price points to increase inclusivity in the footwear industry</i>) | 2019 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Secured funding by successfully winning a startup launch competition held by Young Entrepreneurs AcademyAnalysed industry trends and created customer surveys to launch digital marketing campaigns; created partnership proposals and collaborated with Olympic athlete and silver medalist Yohan Blake to increase brand awareness for Laccio LacesManaged client accounts and assessed revenue and cost data to identify optimal profit maximisation strategiesNominated for multiple sneaker trade shows to increase brand awareness and created promotional material to acquire clients. | |
| Founder of Irada (<i>An initiative to provide students from low-income groups the resources and opportunities to bootstrap their own company and inculcate within them the spirit of entrepreneurship</i>) | June 2022 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted multiple informative sessions with various schools and NGOs to provide key information and guidelines on the process of starting a businessHosted several workshops to help students with the ideation process from a grassroots level by interacting with them directly and solving any doubtsConducted entrepreneurship competitions for the students to apply their learnings to a real-world context and pitch their ideas in front of a panel of current entrepreneurs from various fields. | |

ECONOMICS AND POLICY RESEARCH

“Formulating policy frameworks to make the Mumbai Coastal Road project more economically and environmentally sustainable by drawing insights from the current pricing and regulatory mechanisms of the Bandra-Worli Sea Link”

- Conducted research under the guidance of officers from the greater municipal corporation in Mumbai (BMC) and provided a policy report outlining optimal toll-pricing mechanisms, key environmental metrics and public transport regulations for the upcoming Coastal Road Project.

“Analysing and evaluating the economic implications of the E-Choupal agricultural initiative by ITC”

- Drafted an extensive research paper to evaluate the efficacy of the e-choupal initiative on Indian agriculture and suggested several policy frameworks to increase the effectiveness of the scheme, working under the mentorship of the Chief economist and Secretariat Member of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

“Measures to attain long term debt sustainability in developing countries”

- Authored an analytical research paper, evaluating the level of debt burden through the case of several developing countries and provided policy suggestions to alleviate their debt distress; awaiting publishing for the same

INTERNSHIPS

Intern at the Yooshin Engineering Corporation JV (Project manager of the Mumbai Coastal Road) in association with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) May 2023 – Jun 2023

- Worked with the regional government officials to understand the policy frameworks behind the coastal road project
- Drafted and completed a research paper under the mentorship and guidance of the Project Manager to make the coastal road more economically and environmentally sustainable

Intern at the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Member base of over 130,000 companies in 6 countries) Jul 2023 – Sep 2023

- Collaborated with the chief economist of the institution to complete a comprehensive research project
- Formulated key ideas for economic policy advocacy

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Secretary-General of Dhirubhai Ambani International Model United Nations (Largest THIMUN conference in India) 2023

- Spearheaded a team of over 60 committee heads and sub heads, including administration, press and executive board members and created detailed frameworks and material to ensure adequate preparation for the conference.
- Coordinated and oversaw logistics (accommodation, budget allocation, scheduling of the conference) for over 500 attendees

Student Ambassador of the Serbian Delegation at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) Jan 2023

- Engaged in debate and policy discussion in a committee of over 200 delegates

House Captain of the Tiger House at the Dhirubhai Ambani International School Nov 2022 – Oct 2023

- Led a house of over 200 students in different events, sports over one year as a member of the student council

Member of the core leadership team of the IB Festival of Hope @DAIS 2023. March 2023 – May 2023

- Coordinated and planned a national educational event attended by over 250 school administrators and students from across the country, including the Director General of the IB programme and his core team.

Captain of the School Football team for multiple tournaments across middle school and high school

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dignity of Labour Project Aug 2021 – Jan 2022

- Spearheaded a social initiative across Mumbai to raise awareness about treating the domestic workforce with dignity and respect through channels such as instagram posts, informative posters and our own website.
- Conducted multiple interactive powerpoint sessions with students across age groups to inculcate a culture of mutual respect

Volunteer at the Aseema Charitable Trust (an organisation that empowers children from low income marginalised groups by providing them with quality education in the fields of maths and science)

- Taught different elementary and middle school children fundamental concepts through powerpoint presentations and worksheets on a weekly basis

English Vinglish Project (an initiative to teach my school's bus, security and house-keeping staff English from scratch, so that they can use it in their daily lives and jobs)

- Devised an extensive curriculum to teach over 60 members of the school's bus, housekeeping and security staff how to communicate in English (which is their 3rd language).
- Conducted interactive sessions and games to boost their confidence and increase motivation.

OTHER INTERESTS

I have a wide range of interdisciplinary interests, skills and hobbies that I enjoy pursuing. These include playing football with my friends, writing diverse poetry (from haikus to limericks and everything in between), engaging in debates about socio-political issues with my class-mates or even baking elaborate desserts in my free time.

Academically, I am strongly inclined towards learning about economic and political issues, and take keen interest in detailing elaborate policies to help mitigate their impact on society.