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EDUCATION

Hill Spring International School , Mumbai, India	2024-Present
- <i>International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 12</i>	2024-Present
Bombay Scottish School , Mumbai, India	2013-2024
- <i>ICSE Board Examination, Grade 10</i>	2022-2024

STANDARDIZED TESTS

• SAT: Total - 1560; Reading and Writing - 780; Math - 780	2025
• IELTS: Total 8.5	2025

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

School

• Stood first in Economics, Spanish, Computer Science in Grade 11	2025
• Stood first in school with 100/100 in Biology, History in Grade 10 Board Examination	2024
• Stood first in the country and school obtaining 99/100 in English in Grade 10 Board Examination	2024

National and International

• Commendation, RA Butler Prize for essays on Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge	2025
• High Commendation, LSE Economics Society Essay Competition	2025
• High Commendation, Philosophy Category, John Locke International Essay Competition	2025
• Finalist, Northeastern University London Essay Competition	2025
• Commendation, Politics Category, John Locke International Essay Competition	2024
• Gold Award, Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition	2024
• Silver Medal, Tata Building India Essay Competition	2023

RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI) INITIATIVE

2025-Present

- The RTI Act allows citizens of India to ask for information from government bodies and departments, becoming a form of redressal and government accountability.
- Interned with leading RTI Activist Anil Galgali to learn about RTI filing and its role in government accountability.
- Drafted and supported the filing of 20 RTIs for underprivileged families.
- Established an awareness campaign, teaching 60+ students and their parents in government-run schools on how to file RTIs.
- Developed a website rtijano.in containing RTI resources for Hindi speakers.

DEBATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

Team India for Debating, Indian Schools Debating Society 2022-2024

- Selected to be part of the Indian Debating Team (0.4% acceptance rate) for two consecutive years.
- Led debate preps, represented India at various international competitions.

Mumbai Debate Ambassador, Indian Debating League 2024-Present

- Spearheaded and delivered debate workshops to 800 students across local schools, orienting them on debate.
- Identified and mentored 10 promising students for an interschool debate competition; 4 emerged as winners, demonstrating the impact of sustained guidance and outreach.

Captain and Mentor, Scottish Debate Team 2022-2024

- Mentored and led a team of 5 first-time debaters, leading them to victory in an inter-school debate with other prestigious schools.
- Coached a team of 3 debaters for the Indian Schools Debate Championships for two consecutive years, placed among Top 20 teams during both years, with over 75 teams participating in the competition each year.

Achievements in Debate (See Detailed Debate Resume)

• Winner - Gold Finals, 2nd Best Open Speaker, Finals Best Speaker , Asian WGMO	2025
• Semifinalist - Christ University Parliamentary Debate	2025
• Runners Up, 2nd Best Novice Speaker, 9th Best Speaker Overall - Government Law College Debate	2024
• Semifinalist, 9th Best Speaker Overall - IIT Bombay Debate	2024
• Winner - Grand Finals , Transpacific World Schools Debating Championship	2024

Awards: 2nd Best U14 and U16 Speaker, 3rd Best ESL Speaker, 6th Best Speaker Overall

• Winner - Silver Finals, 6th Best Speaker Overall - Imperial Juniors, Imperial College Debating Society	2024
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TEDx Speaker, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (TedxVNIT), Nagpur 2025

- Youngest TEDx Speaker at a reputed national institute for engineering, speaking on the topic - how debate can help you have constructive conversations in today's world.
- [Link to speech.](#)

Director, International Press Corps, SpringMUN, HSIS 2025, 2026

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCES AND RESEARCH

Research

Tibetan Government in Exile, Dharamshala, India 2025

- Visited the Tibetan Government in Exile (TGIE) in Dharamshala, conversing with key officials and understanding the functioning of various ministries.

- Authored research paper titled “The Future of Tibet: Between Erasure and Resilience”, analysing the future of the Tibetan Freedom Movement considering foreign policy exploring geopolitical challenges, identity preservation, and exile governance.
- Published in Exploresearch Journal, Vol. 02 No. 03, July- September 2025, ISSN: 3048-815X (Online) Impact factor: 6.262

Indian Railways, Mumbai Division | Won Best Paper Award 2024

- Authored an independent research paper evaluating GeM’s effectiveness, current limitations, and potential integration with existing procurement frameworks.
- Presented the research paper at an International Conference, and Won Best Paper Presentation award, while competing with professors and research scholars and
- Published in INSPIRA Journal, International Journal of Innovations & Research Analysis (IJIRA).Volume 05, No.01(I) JANUARY-MARCH, 2025, ISSN(Online): 2583-0295 Impact Factor: 7.662

Internships

Varsha Gaikwad, Member of Parliament 2025

- Analysed the MP’s voter mobilisation techniques, including grassroots engagement such as *Janta Darbars*.
- Understood the challenges faced by female politicians in a male dominated field.

UNICEF, Maharashtra Chapter 2024

- Created instagram posts for the UNICEF Maharashtra Instagram Page for 6 months, raising awareness about global issues such as climate change, gender equality.

Independent Research

Plight of the Rohingya ethnic minority 2024-26

- Extended Essay on whether the military crackdown on the Rohingyas was justified in the name of state security, analysing the human rights violations against the Rohingyas during the 2017 military crackdown and the state’s justification for it.

Online Courses and Publications

International Relations Articles, the Hindu 2025

- Analysed international relations issues in various articles sent for publication to The Hindu, including the reliance of Western economics on intellectual property laws.

Foreign Language

- French - DELF A2 (81%) 2024

WRITING AND LITERARY PURSUITS

Editor, School Newsletter 2025

- Introduced a new newsletter layout and article ideas, encouraging collaboration between different writers.

Book Reviewer and Content Creator, @bookomaniacal, Instagram 2021-Present

- Manage an Instagram account with 1500+ followers with posts consisting of book reviews, book recommendations and discussions regarding literary topics
- Famous authors and publishing houses such as Penguin Books, Xiran Jay Zhao and Chloe Gong have commented on my posts.
- Due to popularity, book reviews have received Advanced Reader Copies (ARCs) before publishing dates of books to review them before they are released.

Published author of Labyrinth 2021

- Wrote an anthology of 42 poems, published by Rupa Publications, a premier publishing house in India.
- Its forward was written by the acclaimed Indian author, Ruskin Bond.
- Examples of its reception by the media :
 - Featured as a young author from Mumbai in the [Free Press Journal](#)
 - Reviewed by the [Hindustan Times](#)
 - Highlighted as a prodigy poet in a feature in [First India](#)

Chief Content Writer, Bombay Scottish School Official Social Media 2021-2024

- Wrote captions and researched posts for all social media posts for Bombay Scottish School, head of a team of 12 students.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Building Community Libraries, Mumbai, India 2022-Present

- Established 3 community libraries - one of them in Asha Sadan, a home for destitute and abandoned girls in Mumbai, another one in a municipal corporation run school in Mumbai, and one in an old-age home.
- Working towards spreading the joy of reading to everyone regardless of socioeconomic class.
- Collaborated with Gabula foundation to achieve the goal of establishing 200 libraries under the initiative ‘Library4All’
- Article covering my contributions in the [Times of India](#)

COURSES

- “Classical Sociology Theory” by the University of Amsterdam, *Coursera* 2024
- “Microeconomics: The Power of Markets” by University of Pennsylvania, *Coursera* 2024
- Computer Languages courses on Logic Building, C++, HTML and Python, *DVOC Institute* 2022
- “Excel Skills for Business : Essentials” by Macquarie University, *Coursera* 2022

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Skills:** Proficient at using Adobe Lightroom, Canva, Public Speaking
- **Achieved Merit** in the Grade 8 Communication Skills exam by the Trinity College London
- **Achieved Distinction** in the Grade 7 Communication Skills exam by the Trinity College London
- **Achieved Distinction** in the Grade 6 Speech and Drama exam by the Trinity College London
- **Interests:** Reading, Economic Affairs, Research on Global Political Issues