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EDUCATION

Bombay International School	Mumbai, India
<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 11 & 12Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 10	2024-Present 2024

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ranked first in Global Politics Grade 11Ranked first in Math AA SL Grade 11Merit Award – 8A* in IGCSEAcademic Achievement Award, Bombay International School	2024 2024 2024 2023–2025
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INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">John Locke Global Essay Competition, High Commendation (top 3%)Global Youth Award Winner, Winner - Empowerment / Innovation (participants from 96 countries)LSESU Economics Essay Competition, High CommendationNortheastern University London Essay Competition, High CommendationQueens Commonwealth Essay Competition, BronzeImmerse Essay Competition – Law, 30% Scholarship	2025 2025 2025 2025 2022, 2023 2023
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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – DESIGN REGISTERED / NATIONAL LEVEL AWARD 2021-2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed SWAPS (eyewear accessory) - interchangeable sleeves on the spectacle temples that slide onto an inbuilt groove and allow for personalization and customization of spectaclesReceived a Design Registration by the Patent Office, Government of IndiaSecured 2nd Place in National Entrepreneurs Competition and awarded seed fundingRecognized as Distinguished Alumnus and chosen as Ambassador by Thapar Entrepreneur Academy, India	
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BUSINESS COLLABORATION – \$1MILLION+ VENTURE CREATED 2023-Present

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partnered with Lenskart, Asia's largest spectacles manufacturer (valued at \$5B)Launched product SWAPS with Lenskart across 2,000+ stores internationally (India, Singapore, UAE)Currently booking 1,500 units daily with total revenue \$1,000,000+ since launch in March 2025.Collaborated with product team on design philosophy, material selection, and ergonomicsAnalyzed market trends, designed social media content to promote SWAPS, helped devise marketing strategies including customized sleeves for the World Cup, and Marvel movie launchesConducted market visits to optimize product placement in-store advertising; engaged in online concept learningFeatured in Yourstory (India's leading media platform on entrepreneurship with 10M+ readers)	
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: EXPERIENCE, RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC PURSUITS

International Court of Justice	The Hague, Netherlands
<i>In person observation</i>	Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Observed public hearings, procedural briefings, internal meetings to understand ICJ's structure, mandate and workingsShadowed sitting Judge, gaining insight into judicial reasoning, deliberative practices and opinion drafting processesEngaged in discourses with legal officers and jurists, including Judge Abdulqawi Yusuf and Legal Officer Mr Vahid, on legitimacy, enforcement, and the role of international courts in global governance	
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Research

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Examined landmark ICJ cases including Southwest Africa cases, Chagos Archipelago, and advisory opinions (Climate Change) tracing their impact on international law and state practice.Produced analytical summaries and research memoranda, and compiled a comprehensive report synthesizing historical context, institutional structure, legitimacy debates, and case law, to be used by Judges in precedent analysesConducted interviews with Legal Officers exploring themes of compliance, legal pluralism, and evolving jurisprudenceAuthored report “Evolving International Jurisprudence” to synthesize findings and submitted to the ICJ	
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International Journal Publication May 2025 – Aug 2025

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted an in-depth study on the effectiveness of the UN framework in addressing global gender-based issues.The research identified institutional barriers, weak reporting mechanisms, political and governmental failures, and socio-cultural obstacles as the key drivers for the effectiveness gap.Published in the International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research in August 2025	
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Academic courses

<i>Yale Young Global Scholars, Solving Global Challenges</i>	<i>New Haven, CT</i> Jun 2024 – Jul 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chosen for highly selective YYGS program - engaged with peers from 120+ countries in seminars, workshops, and projects on global issues, designing policy proposals & actionable solutions; gained research, policy, and leadership skillsDeveloped and presented a capstone project modelling an NGO to rehabilitate and support trafficked women	
<i>Georgetown University, Online Collegiate Program, International Relations</i>	<i>Online</i> Jul 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed a 3-credit course exploring foundations of international relations and global politics;Awarded a final grade of A : 99.2% score	

- *Global Diplomacy: United Nations in the World* | Studied key principles of global governance and international negotiation under Dr. Dar Plesch; analyzed case studies in UN decision-making and multilateral cooperation
- *UNITAR Training Program* | Month long program on international diplomacy, multilateral engagement, and policy

POLITICAL SCIENCE PURSUITS

Mumbai Voter and Civic Engagement, Mumbai MLA

Research and Advocacy

May 2025 – Present

- Shared findings with Aditya Thackeray, local MLA (Congressperson equivalent) for youth engagement and participation
- Conducted primary research on local governance and policy issues, via voter survey
- Developed regression model to analyze results; designed and developed awareness campaigns based on results

Museum of Solutions (India's 1st interactive museum, received prestigious Hands-On Award)

Mumbai, India

Youth Contributor

Jul 2020 – Present

- Selected as one of 20 youth across the city to serve on youth panel, ideating & advising on museum exhibits & programs
- Led workshops to educate youth on civic participation, incl. practical sessions on filing Right to Information requests.
- Designed and presented the exhibit "Everyone is an Entrepreneur", promoting entrepreneurial thinking
- Conducted several interviews with accomplished citizens to develop content for the museum's social media.

Quantum Hub (Leading public policy think tank)

Mumbai, India

Researcher

Feb 2024 – Present

- Worked directly with founder Rohit Kumar and researched gender rights, electoral participation & affirmative action
- Authored policy report "Women's Participation in Indian Electoral Democracy. The Case of General Elections 2024"

LEADERSHIP

Bombay International School

Mumbai, India

Vice President, Student Council

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024

- Elected to lead core team - organized events including school fete, alumni outreach, etc
- Launched a Movie Night fundraiser (\$3000) in collaboration with NGO Welfare for Stray Dogs to vaccinate 100+ dogs
- Developed a web portal to enable access to IGCSE notes and learning resources for underclassmen

Founder and President, The Newsroom

Jul 2024 – Present

- Established school's first-ever Politics Club to foster political awareness /civic engagement among students (grades 7-12)
- Organized bi-weekly sessions to encourage debate, discussion, and critical analysis of current political issues
- Created and presented briefings, presentations, summaries on national and global events to facilitate informed discourse

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Citizen Newspaper

Dec 2024 – Present

- Planned, edited, and curated monthly editions, ensuring accurate, insightful, and engaging content
- Coordinated with contributors across grades 7-12 to develop articles & analyses on local and global political issues
- Introduced editorial workflows and standards, mentoring student writers in research, writing, and fact-checking

COMMUNITY SERVICE – IMPACTING ~50,000 VISUALLY IMPAIRED

SWAPS Foundation

Mumbai, India

Founder

Jan 2023 – Present

- Converted India's most popular children's newspaper into Braille in collaboration with the National Association for the Blind, impacting 1,500 children across 35 schools in Maharashtra
- Partnered with *Saugamya Pustakalaya* (Accessible Library), a Government of India initiative, to create a specialized digital format of RobinAge (Children Newspaper), providing access to 44,000 visually impaired individuals
- Collaborated with 8 NGOs to conduct eye camps for 1,300+ students and distribute free spectacles
- Initiated a SWAPS fundraiser raising for 5,00,000 INR to support eye camp costs.
- Featured in national newspapers: Midday, Dainik Bhaskar, Womenshine; invited as speaker for World Braille Day

Project Shield Up

Mumbai, India

Founder

Jan 2024 - Present

- Launched transformative drive to enhance Mumbai ragpickers working conditions by corporate partnerships with Bata for distributing kits incl gloves, masks, and shoes

WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Crafting the Essay, Graded A

May 2023 – Sep 2023

- Explored the works of essayists using critical analysis to develop individual style

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Writing Analysis and Persuasion, Graded A

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

- Studied the use of rhetorical devices in literary texts to create effective arguments

RobinAge Children's Newspaper

Mumbai, India

Writer

Jul 2023 – Present

- Authored the cover story for the March 2024 issue of RobinAge Newspaper
- Edited 5+ issues, assisting with ideation, content selection, and presentation of the Braille edition

Addressing Archives Blog

Mumbai, India

Author

Jun 2023 - Present

- Published 32 articles on history, politics & literature to examine epoch breaking speeches by revolutionary statesmen

Exchange programs and languages

Explored identity and culture through 2 Spanish cultural programs in Salamanca and Seville in 2023 and 2025

English (Native), Hindi (Native), Spanish (Intermediate /Advanced), Marathi (Read/Write). Learning Mandarin (Level 3)