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EDUCATION	
<ul> <li>Aditya Birla World Academy (ABWA), Mumbai</li> <li>IBDP Grade 11: Physics HL (7), Mathematics Analysis &amp; Approaches HL (7), Chemistry HL (7), Economics HL (7), English Language and Literature SL (7), Hindi B SL (7)</li> <li>IGCSE: First Language English (A*), Hindi (A*), Physics (A*), Chemistry (A*), Additional Mathematics (A*), International Mathematics (A*), Business Studies (A*), Economics (A*), Computer Science (A*)</li> </ul>	2020- Present
<ul> <li>College Board</li> <li>Advanced Placement: Environmental Science (5/5)</li> <li>SAT: 1560 (760 English, 800 Mathematics)</li> </ul>	2025 2024
ACADEMIC HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS	
CREST Gold Award, British Science Association  • Awarded the CREST Gold Award for Odissi For All app	2025
<ul> <li>Odissi Dance</li> <li>Pracheen Kala Kendra (University): Achieved Sangeet Visharad Part 1 i.e., B.A. first year equivalency (2025)</li> <li>Akhil Bhartiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Mumbai (University): Achieved Madhyama Poorna i.e., 12th grade equivalency (2023)</li> <li>Vaishnovi Kala Kshetra (Dance School): Awarded first prize in both Visharad (2025) and Madhyama Poorna (2023) examinations</li> </ul>	2023-2025
Distinction, Avogadro Waterloo Examination, University of Waterloo	2025
<ul> <li>Merit Scholarship, IBDP, Aditya Birla World Academy</li> <li>Only student to receive a full tuition scholarship for the IBDP curriculum 2024-25.</li> <li>School nomination followed by a 4 step selection process involving a Statement of Purpose, critical thinking test, group discussion, and personal interview.</li> </ul>	2024-2025
<ul> <li>Stellar Award, Aditya Birla World Academy</li> <li>Awarded the Stellar Achiever Award for my international accomplishments in Odissi Dance</li> </ul>	2025, 2024
Academic Excellence for IGCSE Results in 9 subjects, IGCSE  Received All 9 A*s in IGCSE Boards	2024
<ul> <li>IGCSE Economics Topper, Aditya Birla World Academy</li> <li>Highest percentile in Economics among 75 students</li> </ul>	2024
<ul> <li>General Proficiency, Aditya Birla World Academy</li> <li>A minimum of all As, 2Bs, and no Cs in IGCSE results</li> </ul>	2024
<ul> <li>ICE Award Distinction, IGCSE</li> <li>Awarded distinction in the Cambridge International Certificate of Education by CIE</li> </ul>	2024

#### LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

#### Senior Odissi Dancer, Vaishnovi Kala Kshetra, Mumbai

2014 - Present

- Assisted my Guru in planning and mentoring 100+ new dancers for our institution's annual shows and dance workshops
- Pursued my first year of Bachelor of Arts in Odissi dance from the Pracheen Kala Kendra, and am currently pursuing my final year.
- Received SPICMACAY UNC Charlotte teacher's course certification in the 6th grade held by Kaustavi Sarkar
- Devi Immersion scholarship

#### Co-Captain, Head of CAD, Construction, Outreach at Binary Bolts, First Robotics Competition, Mumbai 2021-2025

- Nomination by members and mentors of the team
- Led a team of 30+ students for 4 years in CAD, Construction and Power tools, and Social Service for the First Robotics Competition
- Winners of Smoky Mountain, 10,000 Lakes and Turkey regionals, won autonomous, sustainability and safety awards

# Newsletter Co-Editor and Senior Writer, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2021-2025

- Selected after an application process by my seniors for this position
- Writer of the school newsletter for 4 years, publishing 15+ articles about cultural diversity, digital literacy, body positivity, induction of robotics lab, etc
- Invited to be Co-Editor in my 4th year

#### Student Government, School Captain, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2023-2024

- Nominated by teachers, then elected by approximately 500 senior school students
- Directed and hosted 11 events at ABWA, including Awards Day, Annual Day, Independence Day, etc.
- Introduced National Safety Day at ABWA to increase awareness about self-defense

#### Student GovernmentVice Captain of Kalidasa House, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2021-2022

- Nominated by teachers and then elected by approximately 600 senior school students
- Managed approximately 250 students of the Kalidasa house for inter-house competitions
- Led house to winning house trophy

#### Paradigm Shifter, Seeds of Peace, Maine, USA

2024

- Selected with a 50% merit scholarship (\$3000) after a four-step process involving essay questions, group simulation, group discussion, and personal interview
- Returned to attend the PS Leadership Program and mentor first-year campers

#### Mentor, TEDxABWA Club, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2022-2024

- Selected after an application process by my seniors for this position
- Mentored 10+ students writing their speeches for TEDxABWA showcase

#### Core Team Member @ The Happy Place, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2024

- Happy Place is a mental health awareness raising competition hosted by ABWA to beat the stigma around mental well-being
- Selected by Happy Place coordinators to host and lead various teams like dance, singing, photography, and short film

# Logistics Head, Aditya Birla World Academy Model United Nations, Mumbai

2023-2024

- Selected after an application process by the MUN Secretariat for this position
- Managed 8 committees with over 350 delegates, including registrations, filing motions and assigning allocations.

#### RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### RSI-India IISC, Center for Excellence in Education, Bangalore

2025

- Selected as 1 out of 32 students in the country with full scholarship.
- Attend courses with specialised IISC and CEE mentors, complete an individual hands-on research project under the guidance of Dr Chinmoy Ranjan heading the electrochemistry lab where I worked on gold electrocatalyst for Oxygen Evolution Reactions.
- Presented a paper and a talk on my research at the RSI-India Student Symposium during the final week.

#### Researcher, Young Researchers for Social Impact, Young Leaders for Active Citizenship, Mumbai

2024-2025

- Selected with 100% scholarship for 6 week online course
- Developed a research paper about sustainable cities and pedestrian infrastructure with 4 team members exploring the walkability of Bangalore, a metropolitan city in India
- Currently extending this research to explore walkability and sustainable road development in 4 other metropolitan Indian cities

#### The sound of water being boiled: A smartphone-based spectral acoustic investigation, TIFR

2024-2025

- Writing a research paper analyzing the audio spectrum created upon boiling water using Phyphox app
- Publishing with mentor professor Arnab Bhattacharya from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

#### Member, The Junior Academy, New York Academy of Sciences

2024-2025

- Selected through an intensive 2-step application process
- Selected for 2 projects- Upcycling and Reducing Waste in the Context of Water Pollution; Flood Resilient Infrastructure and Design in Coastal Regions.

# **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

# Co-captain of Binary Bolts, ABWA's FRC Team, Mumbai, New York, Turkey

2021 - Present

- Co-captain of the team for 4 years; Head of outreach, CAD and Construction
- Mentored 90 members in Solidworks and AutoCAD programs
- Led outreach programs involving pitching to companies, interviewing renowned women in STEM, and mentoring girls from underprivileged communities in Computer Science
- Helped curate fundraising pitches to find investors

# Creator of Odissi App, Mumbai

2024-2025

- Proposed and executed building an app to teach Odissi online
- Allows learners to practice without their guru, combatting the declining number of Odissi gurus in India
- Boasts a collection of over 100 poses, along with information on the origin of Odissi, history, music, and footwork.
- Equipped with a Machine Learning model to detect a user's hand gesture, identify it and display the accuracy of the user's movement.
- In collaboration with a student from IIT.

#### Participant, Seeds Of Peace International Camp, Seeds Of Peace, Maine, USA

2023

- Awarded a 20% scholarship to attend the Seeds of Peace program after a 4-step selection process involving essays, group discussions, debates and interviews.
- Participated in intercultural and identity based dialogue with teenagers from 8+ conflict zones across the world.
- Attended the Young Leaders Program where I was selected with a 2 step interview process and 50% scholarship to attend a negotiation and mediation workshop for Indian and Pakistani campers

#### Writer for Online Newsletters, Online

2019 - Present

- Guest writer for 3 blogs- 2 minute times, TheWeeklyTimes, Sunrise Magazine
- Published 15+ articles
- Received best writer for exceptional and consistent contribution to each edition.

# School Basketball Team Captain and Player, Aditya Birla World Academy • Led my team to winning interhouse, interschool, interstate and district competitions

2015 - Present

• Participated in SFA, MSSA, and inter house competitions for 3 years.

# Speaker at TED Club, Aditya Birla World Academy,

June 2020 - Present

- Formulated 3 speeches about First Impressions, Time, and academic pressure
- Shortlisted for presenting my speech every year 1 out of 10 participants were selected

# Participation, Distinction and State Rank in Global Finance/Economics/Aptitude Olympiad

2022-2024

- Selected for state and district rounds of GFO, GEO and GAO after attempting school rounds and achieving over the 90th percentile.
- Selected to represent India globally and compete in this competition.

#### Keyboard Player, Trinity College London, Mumbai

2020 - 2022

- Completed Initial and Grade 2 certification to play the keyboard with the Trinity college London
- Awarded Distinction in year 1 and merit in year 2 for my performance in the examinations

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### **Volunteer**, UJAAS Foundation, *Mumbai*

2024 - 2025

• Documenting impact created by our regional teams in 28 regions by interacting with children from indigenous, marginalised and low-income backgrounds.

#### Volunteer, TOYBANK, Mumbai

2024-2025

- Teaching 1st to 5th grade students about the importance of play along with academics
- Weekly visits to mentor 10-15 students for 1.5 hours

#### Leader, Rocket Didi, Mumbai

2021-2025

- Led interviews of renowned women in STEM to encourage girls pursuing STEM careers
- Published 20+ interviews of women about their impact in their field.

#### Member of Green Cell, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2025

• Active member of the Green Cell at school working towards sustainability and no waste through electricity bans, 3 beach cleanups and 5 recycling drives.

#### Mentor, The Avasara Academy, Mumbai, Pune

2021-2024

- Mentoring 90+ girls over 3 years on computer science and coding concepts
- Weekly sessions with lesson plans including flowcharts, Python, Structure Query Language and hardware.

#### Initiated and Implemented Pad Dispensers, Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai

2023

• Proposed a plan to install Pad Dispensers at ABWA in the women's washrooms to reduce the stigma around pads and prepare for menstrual emergencies at school.

#### SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: English, Hindi

**Interests**: Chemistry, Waste Management, Physics, Mathematics, Microeconomics; Dance, Cycling, Tennis, Music, Art **Skills**: SolidWorks and AutoCAD, Python, 3D Printing, Leadership, Public Speaking, Peace building, Time Management