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Education

Heritage International Xperiential School, Gururgam

2019 – Present

- **Grade 12**, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP); **Coursework**: HLs— Economics, History, Language (A) English Literature; SL — Chemistry, Language (B) French, Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (AA).

- **Official Predicted Final Score**: 41/42

- **Grade 11 Result**: 38/42

- **Grade 10, IGCSE Result**: 5 A*s and 4 As.

- **Grade 9 Result**: 7 A*s, 1 A and 1 B.

Test Scores

SAT: 1550 (EBRW: 760, Mathematics: 790)

TOEFL: 114 (Reading: 26, Writing: 28, Speaking: 30, Listening: 30)

APs: 4 (AP Comparative Government and Politics)

Internships

1. **Research Intern @ Department of Humanities and Social Sciences: Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi** (August 2024): As a research intern with Prof. Sourabh Paul, analyzed healthcare and women's empowerment data from NFHS-5; gained skills in data compilation, NCSS/Excel, drafting readable research, and statistical citations
 2. **Advocacy, Research and Writing Intern @ Joint Women's Programme (JWP)** (November 2022 — present): Engaged with JWP's Mera Sahara Centre, conducting interviews on domestic violence and publishing *Ankahi*. Secured Rs 50,000 and \$150 in CSR funding for self-defense classes, skill workshops, and winter aid for 50+ families
 3. **Social Media Intern @ Editorji** (July 2023): Interned with the social media team, learning news structure, digital adaptation, and journalistic brevity. Wrote articles on topics like terrorism and Delhi's water shortage, and reviewed digital portals for improvements.
 4. **Writing Intern @ SEEMA** (September 2nd 2022 to October 2nd 2022): Wrote for SEEMA magazine's Teen section on topics like diverse books and teenage fitness; published in weekly and monthly editions following editorial review
 5. **Co-editor of Social Sciences at Questioz Publications** (January 2023 to October 2023): Critically read and edited over 30 research papers in the fields of economics, environmental science, history, cyber security and literature.
 6. **Social Media Intern @ Sayodhya** (17th August 2022 to 7th November 2022): Ideated and created social media content for Saathi Re's LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram; researched competitors for a marketing strategy on handmade bags; initiated interviews at a Hyderabad women's shelter on domestic violence
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Leadership

1. **Head of Media and Publications, Student Congress** (September 15th 2023 to October 1st 2024)

- Editor-in-Chief for newsletters; managed school social media; designed event content (TEDx, Farewell); led “Kindness Is The New Cool” campaign, performing a launch assembly for 200+ students and 40 parents.
 - 2. Co-founder and Co-leader, The Penguin Scribble Society** (October 10th 2023 to October 10th 2024)
 - As the ambassador of the first Penguin Literary Society in India, led the collaboration between HIXS and Penguin to establish The Penguin Scribble Society.
 - Published two newsletters for 200+ students; hosted journalism sessions, a masterclass on interviewing, and a literary café event with 200+ attendees
 - 3. Committee Head: Screening & Editing, TEDx Youth HIXS 2023** (5th October 2023 to 3rd December 2023)
 - Edited TEDx speeches; assigned tasks based on strengths; coordinated logistics and guided speakers Huzefa Kapadia and Govind Krishna Das on TEDx regulations and social media
 - 4. Committee Head: Social Media & Design, HIXSMUN 2023** (October 2023 to February 2023)
 - Led social media for HIXSMUN, creating 30+ Instagram posts, reels, and delegate interactions; designed all promotional materials, including placards, banners, and brochures for the conference
 - 5. Core Team, Humanities Fest 2023** (October 2023)
 - Led coordination for the school humanities festival, working with department heads and students on scheduling, invites, guides, scripts, and served as the main POC.
 - 6. Head, Yearbook Committee 2023** (October 2023 to April 2023)
 - Led the design of the 2024 Yearbook, from theme ideation to editing, collecting responses from 50+ students, and coordinating with faculty for notes and photos.
 - 7. Co-admin, Paper Poets** (2022)
 - Organized poetry circles impacting 20+ people; managed social media growth through ideation, editing, and content design to increase followers and engagement.
 - 8. Leader and Executer, Poetry Day Celebrations** (March 2022)
 - Organized World Poetry Day at school with poetry recitations, presentations, and live performances, engaging over 100 students in poetry appreciation
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Community Engagement

- 1. Collaboration with the State Government of Jabalpur** (July 2023 to Present)
 - Directed *Door Nahi Sahil* under Madhya Pradesh government-DAY SRLM, highlighting SHG women in rural Jabalpur through a documentary filmed in villages like Baghrai and Panagar. Raised ₹2.5 lakhs, supporting workshed and equipment improvements. Featured on MP SRLM’s YouTube, garnering 1K+ views and extensive social media traction
 - Won 5 Awards: Best Student Film and Best Young Filmmaker at the Caravan International Film Festival, with my interview featured online. Also won Best Student Short Film at Birsamunda International Film Awards and Best Student Film and Best Filmmaker (Under 18) at Crown Wood International Film Festival.
- 2. Co-founder and Head of Social Media, Project Raqt** (March 2022 to Present)
 - *Phase 1:* Interviewed key stakeholders in menstrual health, created a social media page with 350+ followers, crowdfunded ₹15,000 to provide 150 care packages, and led workshops impacting 200+ students. Documented public perspectives through a video, promoting menstrual health awareness.
 - *Phase 2:* Volunteered at Udayan, engaging orphaned girls in menstrual health education over four months with interactive sessions in art, yoga, and bio-mechanisms. Finalizing an extensive menstrual health guide, planning to pass the project to juniors for sustainability.
- 3. Co-founder, Project Aqueous** (August 2022 to April 2023)

- Engaged underprivileged children in Arunachal Pradesh and experts in Gurgaon to address clean water scarcity; created a social media page, designed impactful posters, and plan to crowdfund for essential resources
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Summer Programs/Coursework

1. **Yale Young Global Scholars, Yale University, 2022**
 - Gained acceptance to highly selective YYGS's second session on Literature, Philosophy and Culture, to be held in the Yale University's campus in Connecticut
 2. **'Introduction to Fiction Writing', Brown University, Pre-college Program (2022)**
 - Studied under author Jordan Rosenfeld Pedersen, mastering scene-building, plot, voice, and character development; wrote full-length scenes and achieved 100% attendance and grade
 3. **'Poetry in America' by Arizona State University, HUL194 (2022)**
 - Studied poetry under ASU's Ross Weismann and Harvard's Elisa New, mastering imagery, form, and rhythm. Explored themes of injustice, rights, and resilience. Completed with 97.5% grade, earning one transferable college credit from ASU
 4. **Wonder Girls Fellowship (2022)**
 - Attended a 10-week Wonder Girls Fellowship with 75 girls nationwide, developed leadership, communication, and entrepreneurship skills. Capstone project included interviews with role models like Shaili Chopra and Aditi Gupta
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Honors and Awards

1. **Women's Conference 2024:** Session's Best Presentation on Women, Violence and Vulnerabilities
 2. **Birsa Munda International Film Awards 2024:** Best Student Short Film (Official Selection) on Door Nahi Sahil
 3. **Caravan International Film Festival 2024:** Monthly Winner Best Student Film (Official Selection) on Door Nahi Sahil; Monthly Winner Best Young Filmmaker on Door Nahi Sahil
 4. **Crown Wood International Film Festival 2024:** Best Student Film on Door Nahi Sahil; Best Filmmaker (Under 18 years) on Door Nahi Sahil
 5. **The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022 & 2023:** Silver Award in Writing (2022) on Nelson Mandela; Gold Award in Writing (2023) on generational division topics
 6. **John Locke Essay Writing Competition 2023:** High Commendation (2023) for a history essay on power and mistakes
 7. **CREST Gold Certification 2023:** Awarded by the British Science Council for research on domestic violence in India
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Extracurriculars

Writing

1. **HerStory** (2021 to Present): Founded an online repository for original literature on feminism, racism, and class issues; collaborated with Irshaad on a poetry competition Mushaira, featuring an open mic and printed merchandise for winners. Shared writings on societal disparities in gender, race, and class with 250+ followers on Instagram, receiving strong engagement.
2. **Harper's Bazaar India** (August 2023 to December 2023): Published 10 articles on topics like food, body care, and environmentalism.
3. **The Teen Magazine** (April 2023 to Present): Writer with over 1,000 readers; articles on books and feminism consistently rank in the top 100 in a competitive field of 200+ global writers.

Debate

1. **Harvard Model United Nations 2021:** Represented South Africa in the CSW, advocating for women-owned businesses, anti-violence measures, and economic opportunities for vulnerable women.
 2. **Harvard Model United Nations 2022:** Represented Cuba in the UN Human Rights Council, leading the Latin American bloc on gun control and youth advocacy.
 3. **MUN Society, HIXS:** Participated in two practice MUNs, honing communication, research, and persuasion skills.
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Skills

1. Languages

- Proficient in reading, writing and speaking English and Hindi
- B2 proficiency in French.
- Proficient in spoken Punjabi

2. Technical and Digital Literacy

- **Proficient in Productivity Suites:** Experienced in utilizing Google Workspace and Microsoft Office for document creation, data management, and collaborative projects.
- **Skilled in Design and Editing Software:** Adept at using Canva, Adobe Creative Suite, and Photoshop for digital design, photo editing, and content creation.
- **Research and Information Retrieval Expertise:** Competent in academic and news databases such as JSTOR, Google Scholar, and Google News, with a strong understanding of SEO for research optimization.
- **Analytical and Statistical Software Proficiency:** Experienced with Vernier, Desmos, Prism 10, and NCSS for data analysis, statistical modeling, and quantitative research.

3. Creativity

- Well-versed in both literary and non-literary writing, with a broad range of experience in poetry, prose, essays, features, editorials, opinion editorials, research-based pieces and fillers.
 - An experience of 9 years with racket sports like lawn tennis (part of the All India Tennis Association), badminton and table tennis.
 - A decade of experience in western dance forms, and a primary certification in *Kathak*.
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