1. How has your sense of who you are been shaped by your environment (social institutions) and various ideological beliefs?

My family has played a central role in shaping who I am. They have instilled strong values in me, especially the importance of gender equality, which is deeply embedded in our household. In my family, both men and women are treated with equal respect, and this belief has influenced how I view and interact with others. One personal experience that stands out is when my father and mother, despite having different roles—my father being a physiotherapist and my mother a senior sales manager—shared household responsibilities equally. This taught me that gender doesn’t define one's abilities or responsibilities, reinforcing the value of gender equality. Alongside my family, my school and friends have provided essential support, guiding me through my personal and academic journey. Being a Hindu and a firm believer in God, my religious values also shape my worldview, giving me a sense of purpose and grounding. Growing up in India, with its cultural norms around public behavior, has influenced how I carry myself in social settings, fostering a sense of respect and mindfulness in my interactions with others.

2. How is your identity connected to characteristics of global citizenship by discussing a social issue that personally concerns you?

My identity is formally connected to the advocacy for women's right to work, as I champion gender equality and equitable employment opportunities. Raised in a family that prioritizes gender equality, I have witnessed firsthand the significance of equal rights for both men and women in professional environments. Despite progress, many women continue to encounter discrimination in hiring, differences in pay, and obstacles to career advancement, which can prevent their economic autonomy and overall societal advancement. This imbalance not only affects individual lives but also continues cycles of poverty and constrains community development. As a global citizen, I feel a responsibility to challenge these injustices and support policies that promote women's employment rights, emphasizing that everyone, regardless of gender, should have the opportunity to contribute positively to society. By advocating for women's rights in the workplace, I aim to foster a more equitable society where all individuals can realize their full potential.