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EDUCATION

St. John's Matric Higher Secondary School

High School Specialization in Computer Science

10th grade: 98%, 12th grade: 96%

- Young scientist awardee, Proficiency prize winner 2009-2020
- School first in both 10th and 12th grade.
- Captain- MC and Newscasting Club

Madurai, TN

June 2005-March 2020

Lady Doak College

B.A in English

Grade: 3.7 /4.00

- Katie Wilcox Student Leadership Award
- Active member- International Study Center (ISC)
- President- Janus Club

Madurai, TN

Aug 2020- till date

Alabama State University

Major: Business Administration

- Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD)
- Grade: 3.8

Alabama, USA

July 2022- Dec 2022

Language: Tamil, English, Malayalam, Kannada

LEADERSHIP

Study of the U.S Institutes (SUSI)

University of Kansas- Summer Exchange Program

- Only teenager to represent India in the SUSI for Young Student Leaders on Public Policy, among a cohort of 89 Student Leaders from 22 different countries.
- A fully funded by the U.S. State Department. Learned about Women's Leadership in terms of Economic, Political, and Environmental aspects while applying learned knowledge on Indian and International Contexts.

Kansas, USA

June 2022 -Aug 2022

Solstice Rising

Founder

- Empowering marginalized and stigmatized communities through climate action and education advocacy.
- Selected for The Best Leadership for Change Project (LCP) and awarded with a grant of \$2500, by the U.S.State Department through Women's Global Leadership Consortium (WGLC)
- Over 34 GenZ volunteers and have impacted 300+ people from marginalized community members across Asia.

Tamil Nadu, India

Aug 2022- till date

Loujia International Summer Program

Wuhan University- Summer Program

- Explored China's involvement in Sustainability and Climate Action in terms of Social and Environmental Development in a context shaped by Innovation and Globalization.
- Learned about Chinese Policies in terms of Climate Change and Pollution and how they translate into concrete Climate Action efforts at the National and International levels.

Online

July 2022 - July 2022

Best Diplomats Conference

International Leadership Conference

- Represented India and inculcated the skills of diplomacy, leadership, and public policy drafting among Aspiring future diplomats.

Malaysia

Jan 2023

EXPERIENCE

Communication Intern- Outreach & Messaging

GreenpeaceUSA

Washington, D.C

May 2023- July 2023

- Assisting in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of messaging and activation strategies, providing feedback and recommendations regarding youth mobilization and empowerment.
- Engaging with Greenpeace leads to expand the reach of Greenpeace's climate change initiatives among the Gen Z.

Youth Delegate

G20 India

New Delhi, India

March 2023

- Represented the voices and concerns of Young People on Climate Change and Sustainability, advocated for ambitious Climate Action and called on World Leaders to address the global Climate Crisis.
- Engaged with government officials, stakeholders, and fellow delegates to promote youth-led initiatives, especially in terms of Youth Empowerment, Sustainable Development, and inclusive policies.

Communication Consultant

COP27, Part-time

South Sinai, Egypt

Sep 2022- Jan 2023

- Supported COP27 Communication Team during, before, and post-COP27 to shed the light on Youth demands from COP as well as their involvement in Global Climate Action.
- Contributed to implementing COP27 Communication Strategies by conducting Interviews with Youth Climate Activists.

Global Citizen Year Academy (GCYA)

Intensive International Leadership Program

Online

Sep 2021- Dec 2021

- The Academy is a first-of-its-kind leadership experience, equipping students worldwide to find their purpose, and their power to make an impact.

Aspire Leaders Program

Founded at Harvard University

Online

Jan 2023- till date

- Learned about leadership through a global and intellectual community, interacted with a global community and grappled with questions of identity, technology, ethnics, and structural change.

Lady Doak College

Final year individual academic project

Tamil Nadu, India

Aug 2022- Feb2023

- Project title: A long-term study of seasonal variation of the meteor decay time and meteor echo detection heights at polar latitudes.
- Skills: Data analysis, Latex, MATLAB, notepad++

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Raised \$1873 covid fund to provide food and health care products to transgender people in my community.
- Founded/lead two major local and statewide climate activist orgs. Received national and international recognitions.
- Cofounder of global peer to peer education platform providing interdisciplinary, project-based courses.
- Founder- "BEAUTIFUL MINDS" to stop marginalized children in my neighborhood from child labor, and to provide their right to education