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## EDUCATION

- Bombay International School, Mumbai, India, 2020 – 2022
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 12, 2020 – 2022
- Beacon High School, Mumbai, India, 2009 – 2020
- ICSE Board Examinations, Grade 10, 2019 – 2020

## STANDARDIZED TESTS AND Aps

SAT Reasoning Test: Total – 1580; Critical Reading – 780; Math – 800, October 2022

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- First totally blind student to complete the IBDP 2020-2022
- Subject Achievement Award in Global Politics HL (Grade 12) 2021-2022
- Subject Achievement Award in Maths AA SL (Grade 12) 2021-2022
- Subject Achievement Award in Hindi SL (Grade 12) 2021-2022
- CAS (Creativity, Activity, and service) Award (Grade 12) 2021-2022
- Resilience Award for persevering through challenging circumstances (Grade 12) 2021-2022
- Completed ICSE with Maths and science with 96%, Maths 99% 2019-2020
- First totally blind student to complete the ICSE with Maths and Science 2019-2020

## ADVOCACY, MOTIVATION, POLICY INITIATIVES

### **Self-Advocate:**

- Advocated with school and the ICSE board to do Maths and Science subjects in grades 9 and 10. November 2017 – March 2018.
- Advocated with school and ICSE board to write his own papers on a computer and not have a human scribe. November 2017 – March 2018.
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Developmental Paediatrics conference as a self-advocate sharing his story. December 2021.

### **Motivational Talks:**

- Helen Keller Institute for the blind and deafblind - June 2019.  
Spoke to parents of children with single and multiple disabilities, asked them to dream big for their kids, as dreams do come true.
- Victoria Memorial School for the blind/ Ummeed – 2022  
Pursuing subjects of your choice despite the challenges in the system.  
Asking for rightful help confidently.  
Making friends in an inclusive set up.  
Working doubly hard for your dreams without buckling under pressure.  
Seeing yourself through your abilities and not your disability.  
Advocating through inequitable metrics with allies.
- Youth with a vision - 2022  
A podcast where I interview successful blind youth and ask them to share their journeys and what made success possible.

### **Policy and Advocacy:**

- Student Advocate with Financial Times. 2021.
- First totally blind student to complete ICSE with Maths and Science as their electives. 2020.
- First totally blind student to complete his IBDP. 2022.YLAC – ran an Instagram campaign to create awareness around various issues such as body positivity, embracing diversity, bullying, mental well-being, countering violent extremism. May 2018.
- Project – Did a project on “The role of NGOs such as V-shesh in promoting a change in attitudes towards people with disabilities in the workplace in India.” 2022.

### **Mentoring and teaching:**

- Helped design a curriculum to train children with visual impairment assistive technology at HKIDB. 2022.
- Ran a “train the trainer” program to teach teachers assistive technology at HKIDB. 2018.

- Trained children with different abilities different apps and programs on the computer and the tab. 2022.

#### **Inclusion:**

- Spoke to teachers of Azim Premji university on how to make it easier for kids with disabilities in a regular classroom – things that have worked and those that have not in his journey. May 2022.
- Helping students transition from HKIDB to mainstream school. 2022.
- Spoke of how he made Inclusion possible at BIS and how the same model could be replicated across various institutions. 2021.

#### **TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCES**

- Completed Python course 2022.
- Beta tester for iOS apps for the visually impaired - Talking Atlas and Spell Master, 2013-2014
- Beta tests iOS releases and quite a few of his suggestions have been implemented, 2020 – 2022
- Assistive Technology – learnt and mastered every assistive technology device and software available for the blind – braille notetaker, plectalk, victor reader, Angel reader, JAWs, NVDA, etc. Tests releases for accessibility features and enhancements, 2011 – 2022

#### **ONLINE COURSES**

- Morals of politics – Yale university, 2022
- Disability inclusion in education – University of Capetown, 2022

#### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Alpha Urbane Project – Special Mention, 2019
- Diplomathon – High Commendation, 2018
- Mumbai Youth Summit – High Commendation, 2017

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Financial Times Internship, 2022
- Peer Support Group at BIS, 2020 – 2022
- Played Vivaldi's four seasons on grand piano at School Charity Show, 2021 Played Mozart's piano concerto no 12 on grand piano at School Charity Show, 2020
- YLAC – High School Achievers Program, 2018
- YLAC – Counter Speech Fellowship, 2018
- Beacathon – School marathon, 2018

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

##### **Helen Keller Institute for the blind and deafblind**

- Trained teachers on assistive technology, 2019
- Motivational speech to parents – dreams do come true, 2019
- Designed a curriculum for assistive technology to be college ready, 2022
- Teaching kids with different abilities assistive technology, 2022
- Helping kids transition from HKIDB to mainstream schools, 2022

**Terry fox foundation** - Helped raise funds for children with cancer, January 2018

**Fuel a dream Campaign** - Ran a campaign to give life to end stage kidney disease patients by supporting their dialysis needs, 2020

#### **LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in English, Hindi, and Marathi

#### **INTERESTS**

- Music
- Technology – beta tester for iOS
- Current affairs
- Comedy