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EDUCATION

FLAME University, Pune, India

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Batch of 2019

Major: International Studies, **Minor:** Open (dual focus on Journalism and Global Public Policy)

CGPA: 7.52, First Class Distinction

- College Valedictorian
- Started China Studies Centre on campus
- Winner of flagship research Discover India Program
- Secretary and Founder, Model United Nations Club
- Secretary General, FLAME Model United Nations 2019
- Highest Scholarship Student from 2016-2019
- Member: Debate Club, AIESEC, LGBTQ+ Rights Club
- Peer mentor- 2019

La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow, India

CISCE, Batch of 2016

Humanities specialization: Political Science, History, Elective English, English and Psychology

National Level Results: Grade XII = 98.4%, Grade X= 94%

- School Prefect and Office Bearer
- Head, English Club
- Head, Model United Nations Club
- Head Organiser, Annual School Fest 'Entente'
- Secretary General, LMGMUN'16
- Under Secretary General, LMGMUN'15
- Director, Vox Populi National Debating Event

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Editorial & Research Assistant to Series Editor

Routledge Studies on Think Asia

(11/ 2019 - Present)

- Co-ordinating for book series on Think Asia
- Research, critical analysis, proof-reading, copy-editing, writing
- Main area of focus: China, East Asia, regional organizations, Chinese domestic politics and the Indo-Pacific
- Networking with major IR scholars and policy-makers globally, organizing geopolitical discussions

Research Associate

Synergia Foundation

(7/2019-10/2019)

- Co-ordinating for biennial conclave
- Writing daily briefs on global issues, main focus on East Asia, China and regional organisations
- Organizing weekly round-table discussions and panels
- Building new video series called "Future of Security" and furthering institutional outreach

ADJUNCT ROLES

Member/ Young Leader

Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program

(December 2020 - Present)

- Youngest addition ever to the YLP
- Network and participate in YLP forums

Commissioning Editor, Political Economy

E-International Relations

(January 2021-Present)

- Coordinate with authors across the world
- Edit pieces and oversee publication

RESEARCH PROJECTS LED BY ME

Bandhavgarh National Park

Under: Discover India Program (8/2017-1/2019)

- Conducted socio-political and economic based research in Bandhavgarh National Park; elected project leader of team
- Research won overall award and scholarship; also in process of being published as monograph

Study on Budhwar Peth

Under: FLAME University (9/2018-5/2019)

- Studied the socio-economic condition of communities in Budhwar Peth, India's third largest red-light district
- Research was an ethnographic study, led a group of 5

Assistanceship

Under: Prof. T. Paul, McGill University (12/2019-1/2020)

- Organized high-level meetings for Prof. Paul's visit to India for his book research including meeting for him with former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh
- Also compiled research from Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

Research on 'India's Tibet Policy and China' + 'CCP and its India Outlook'

INTIATIVES LED

1. Founder President of Eunoia Foundation (since 2017), an educational charitable trust focused on skill development for students in public schools. Recently, Led my foundation's work into COVID political sensitization, migrant labor aid, virtual education and participation in Pride month
2. President at Speakworld (2014-2016), an NGO focused on youth driven environment sensitization and climate protection
3. Head of peer mentor program at college and ideator/ student leader of Outreach Programme at college in association with placement cell
4. Secretary General and organizer of over 11 national and international level Model UN'

MAJOR INTERNSHIPS

Research Intern

Delhi Policy Group (5/2018- 7/2018)

- Assisted Senior Fellows in researching and data-analysis
- Helped organise: webinars between DPG and Washington's CSIS and DPG's week-long BIMSTEC conference in Myanmar
- Established the circulation of weekly news podcast weekly amongst DPG subscribers

Teacher Volunteer

Aarambh Welfare Foundation (6/2017- 7/2017)

- Organised 2 major campaigns on women's legal rights
- Taught Kathak to children in village districts as a way to engage them in activities
- Wrote researched statistical papers pertaining to issues the NGO covered.

CERTIFICATIONS

Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF)

(1/2016)

Level: A1, Score: 76/100

Disaster Management Course

(4/2019)

India Institute of Disaster Management

International Humanitarian Law

(8/ 2020 - ongoing)

IGNOU and Red Cross

SKILLS

Ability to work under pressure	Strategic Planning
Leadership	Research- Quantitative &
Conflict resolution	Qualitative
Adaptability	Dataset Operation like COW,
Communication	GIS, etc.
Decision Making	Project Management
Time Management	Advanced Microsoft Office
Teamwork	Graphic Designing
Creativity	Documentation
Public Speaking	Voice Over-Artist

MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- "Xi Jinping, the US-China Rivalry and Beijing's Post- COVID Manoeuvres": Co-authored book chapter in upcoming Routledge edited volume titled "*Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy under Xi Jinping: The Future Political Trajectory*"
- "Xi Jinping and Constitutional Revisions in China": Focus Asia Paper at *Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP)* in Sweden
- "France in India's Changing China Policy": Commentary at *The Geopolitics*, based out of Bangladesh
- "India's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Ties Post-COVID": Commentary at *New World Order*, based out of India
- "China's e-Renminbi as a Fiscal Silk Road?": Opinion Piece at *E-International Relations*, based out of United Kingdom
- "Modi, Trump need to walk the talk": Opinion Piece in *The Sunday Pioneer*, based out of India
- "Economic nationalism takes a lead in post-COVID-19 Asia": Analysis in *WION*, based out of India
- "India and the International Solar Alliance: Looking beyond Energy into Security": *Journal of Indian Ocean Studies (JIOS)*, based out of India, January print edition
- "Australia's Pacific Step-Up and Quad": The Interpreter, *Lowy Institute*, Australia.
- "What Biden's Win Means for India": Commentary at *The Geopolitics*, based out of Bangladesh
- "The Quad Comes of Age?": Situation Report at *The Geopolitical Monitor*, based out of Canada
- "Review – US Strategy in the Asian Century: Empowering Allies and Partners": Book Review at *E-International Relations*, based out of the United Kingdom
- "Ideating an India-France-UK Trilateral for the Indo-Pacific": PacNet Commentary (#29) at *Pacific Forum*, based out of Hawaii, United States of America
- "From Abe to Kishida: Japan's Changing Line on China": Opinion Piece at *Modern Diplomacy*, based out of Europe
- "The Haqqani Network – China nexus in India's Kabul Calculus": Opinion Piece at Organisation for Research on China and Asia (ORCA) based out of New Delhi, India