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EDUCATION

The Shri Ram School Moulisari, Gurgaon, India	2019 – present
International Baccalaureate (GRADES 11-12) Predicted: 45/45	2024 – present
IGCSE (GRADES 9-10): 6 A*s and 3 A's	2022 – 2024
SAT – 1510 (Math: 760; R&W: 750)	Oct 2025

AWARDS & HONORS

Scholar of the Year , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for achieving a perfect 42/42 and topping the batch</i>	2025
Innovator Award , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for exemplifying ingenious thinking in developing solutions to create positive impact</i>	2025
Subject Excellence Award , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>in all six IBDP subjects for achieving 7/7 in Grade 11</i>	2025
International Certificate of Education (ICE) Distinction Award <i>for scoring 6A* or above in the G10 IGCSE exam</i>	2024
Subject Excellence Awards , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for achieving A* in Spanish, Economics, Business Studies, Biology, Global Perspectives, English Literature</i>	2024
Business Studies Subject Topper , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>in the Grade 10 IGCSE Examinations</i>	2024
Academic Excellence Award , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for achieving A or A* in all nine subjects</i>	2023, 2024
Form Topper , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for achieving the highest marks in a batch of 51 students</i>	2023
Subject Excellence Award , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for achieving A* in Mathematics, Biology, Spanish, Chemistry</i>	2023
Triveni Award , The Shri Ram School Moulisari, <i>for participating in maximum intra/inter-school events and securing a podium rank</i>	2022, 2023
Bronze Medal , Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition	2023

LEADERSHIP

Head Girl, Student Council , The Shri Ram School Moulisari	2024 – present
● Leading a 28-member student council; compere and coordinate school-wide events; responsible for creating weekly meeting agenda	
● Supported faculty members in organizing Council elections; interviewed and mentored 30+ candidates	
● Led middle school mentorship sessions and drafted a new school-wide discipline policy based on insights gained	
● Created the first feedback form for middle and senior school students, focused on “Together We Thrive,” the year-long theme	
● Co-designed a leadership workshop on wellbeing with Sai Shiko, an NGO promoting the science and practice of wellbeing	
Secretary of Activities, Junior Council	2024 – 2025
● Coordinated execution of 20+ inter- & intra-school events that promoted school values and broadened student interests	
Form Representative , Sagar House	2022 – 2023
● Coordinated between house members and the captains to maximize participation in inter-house events	
HundrED Youth Ambassador – Participant	Mar – Jun 2025
● Only student selected from school to engage with a global cohort on navigating systemic challenges and the importance of collective action to fulfill UNSDGs; explored leadership, innovation, and education as tools for equity and transformation	
High School Achievers Program , Young Leaders for Active Citizenship – Participant	Dec 2024
● One of thirty students selected for this pan-India leadership program, based on my advocacy for equitable and accessible quality education; engaged with social entrepreneurs to explore governance, policy, current affairs, advocacy, and actionable solutions	

EDUCATION-BASED COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

The Education Alliance , Delhi – Intern	Jun 2025
<i>a non-profit organization supporting government school reform and quality education in India</i>	
● Researched and designed the recruitment outreach and applicant FAQ; built a structured intern feedback database; curated professional-development resources to strengthen organizational learning and equity in education	
iLesson – Developer & Promoter	2024 – present
<i>an AI-powered, user-friendly web app to generate adaptive teaching resources for underserved schools</i>	
● Implemented Javascript to code and leverage LLMs to generate personalized English content for multilevel learners in under-resourced single-teacher classrooms, aligned with India's Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) framework	
● Led development of this tool for grades 2–5 to promote equitable access to quality education while reducing teacher workload	
● Defined iLesson's strategic direction, integrating technology and pedagogy to empower educators and drive scalable outcomes	
● Recognized by Next Generation Foresight Practitioners Young Voices Award in the top 100 globally; Uptake and conduction of live demo for 80+ teachers in underprivileged schools & organizations such as Zomato's Feeding India, Raksha Foundation, and The Education Alliance, among others	
Button Button Mein – Founder & Facilitator	Apr 2023 – Dec 2024
<i>a weekly, activity-based, hour-long literacy program for government school students in grades 4-5</i>	
● Conducted reading program sessions; encouraged reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and grammar by working with the academic coordinator to create customised lesson plans focusing on verbal and non-verbal expression	
● Mentored a focus group of 10 high-level Grade 5 learners, which expanded to a multilevel classroom of 40 Grade 4 students	

PSYCHOLOGY EXPLORATIONS

Healing Nest Foundation , a development therapy center – Expressive Art Workshop Facilitator / Summer Program Intern	2024, 2025
● Facilitated expressive art therapy workshops for 3–10-year-old neurotypical and neurodivergent children	
● Adapted sensory prompts and choreographed movement modules to activate unresponsive neural pathways	

Brahmaviharas Workshop, Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) – Participant

May 2025

- Explored principles of Buddhist Psychology through DMT; gained knowledge of how mindful movement can cultivate empathy, awareness, and inner balance

Art Therapy Session, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Co-Leader* Nov 2024

- Assisted an expressive art-based therapist in facilitating visual-based activities for 150 Grade 6 students to encourage self-expression and emotional literacy within a school setting

Mental Health Foundation India, All India Institute of Medical Sciences – *Participant* Oct 2024

- Understood how therapeutic practices are developed by integrating the performing arts and psychological principles

Mental Health Summer Internship, Fortis Hospital, Delhi – *Intern* Jun 2024

- Gained exposure to therapeutic frameworks like CBT, REBT, and group therapy; learned clinical applications and ethical considerations underpinning psychological care

RESEARCH & COMPETITIONS

Positive Psychology Symposium, Welhams Girls – *Researcher & Presenter* Jul 2025

- One of five students selected from school for this pan-India inter-school event; co-authored a paper titled “A Positive Psychology Analysis of The Shawshank Redemption;” delivered a 3-minute speech linking “Inclusion” to positive psychology

John Locke Psychology Essay Competition – *Participant* Jun 2025

- Authored essay critically exploring Roosevelt’s claim on inferiority, integrating psychological theories and sociocultural analysis
- Opined that self-worth is shaped by cultural narratives and systemic inequities, which often precede conscious consent

Parallels Between Psychological and Sociological Drivers of High-Risk Behaviors in Finance and Education
– *Independent Research* Oct 2024 – Jan 2025

- Applied insights from the Wharton Investment Competition to study loss aversion, conformity, and status-seeking in academic risk-taking; gathered empirical data through a self-designed survey from 100 Indian high school students
- Proposed strategies to mitigate cognitive biases through balanced decision-making frameworks and increased peer collaboration to enhance autonomy and resilience; selected for publication in the Walt Whitman Journal of Psychology <https://bit.ly/mkttclass>

TOPSS Psychology Competition, American Psychological Association – *Participant* Mar 2024

- Produced a 3-minute video on the misinformation effect to show how psychology can shed light on media-driven confabulation

Self-Referential Encoding and Memory Processing – *Guided Research* *ongoing*

- Manipulated strategies to study adolescent working memory and retention using inferential analysis, ensuring ethical compliance
- As predicted by Craik and Lockhart, mean word recall will be significantly higher in the self-referential vs structural encoding

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Python Syntax 1 Certificate Course, OMOTEC – *Participant* 2024

Understanding the Brain: The Neurobiology of Everyday Life, University of Chicago, Coursera 2024

An Introduction to Psychology, Yale University, Coursera 2023

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

DANCE

Bharatnatyam – *Classically trained for 10+ years, with experience in choreographing & stage performances* 2015 – present

Devoted to Dance Podcast – *Script Writer & Anchor* <https://bit.ly/4nkeat> (500+ streams) Mar 2024 – present

- Scripted and produced a 5-episode series highlighting the nuances of Indian classical dance; available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts

PERFORMANCES

- **Interschool Shri Utsav**, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Runner-Up* May 2025, 2024
- **Peace Day**, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Choreographer & Performer* Oct 2024
- **Founder's Day**, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Choreographer & Performer* July 2023
- **Inter House Dance competition**, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *won 1st place* 2022, 2024, 2025

CREATIVE WRITING

The Wingword Poetry Competition – *'Unheard' shortlisted at a national level and published in The Wingword Poetry Anthology* 2023, 2024

Cerebration, International Journal of Scholarly and Creative Expression – *Poem shortlisted for issue* Oct. 2025

Young Writers Awards, Bennington College – *Participant* Oct. 2024

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award – *Participant* July 2024

Ek Pehchan Trilingual Poetry Competition, Festival of Hope, Pathways School, Gurgaon – *Represented School* Sept. 2024

International Essay Contest for Young People, the GOI Peace Foundation – *Participant* June 2024

PIANO 2015 – present

Trinity College London Practical: Distinction from Grades Initial-6 (Above 90%); Theory: Distinction in Grade 1-3 (Above 97%)

SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Roundsquare: Junior Food Waste Warrior, The Shri Ram School Moulisari – *Core team Member* 2024 – present

- Led food waste awareness campaign; conducted sessions for students & school support staff to promote food-saving practices

Paryavaran Club, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Form Representative* 2023 – 2024

- Campaigned for school-based environmental initiatives, raising awareness to protect the Aravali biodiversity park

Model United Nations

- **Shri MUN**, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari – *Best Delegate / High Commendation / Special Mention* 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- **SMUN**, Sanskriti School, Delhi – *Verbal Mention* 2023
- **TAFS MUN**, The Air Force School, Delhi – *High Commendation* 2022
- **Shri Colloquium MUN** – *High Commendation* 2021