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EDUCATION

The Doon School, Dehradun, India; 2020 – Present – International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 12; IGCSE, Grade 10 Groton School, Massachusetts, USA; May-June 2024 - The Groton Curriculum, 4th/5th Form

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT: Total 1510; English 730; Math 780
- IELTS: Total 8.5; Listening 9.0; Reading 9.0; Writing 7.5; Speaking 8.0

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

National and International

Winner of the Asian Space Settlement Design Competition	(2023)
Runners-up at the International Space Settlement Design Competition	(2023)
 2nd Rank in Uttarakhand in the International Finance Olympiad with Distinction (A+) 	(2023)
• Distinction (A+) in the Global Finance Olympiad	(2023)
School Awards	
 Topped the School in History and Mathematics in the IGCSE Board Examinations 	(2024)
 Top 5 in the School in the IGCSE Board Examinations with 6A*s 	(2024)

• Distinction (>85%) in all examinations in School

(2020-Present) • Headmaster's Cups for scoring the highest in History in 10th and 11th Grade (2024-25)

• Gold Reading Award for reading 12000+ pages (2025)• First Scholar's Blazer Recipient (Highest Academic and Co-Curricular Honour in School) (2025)

• Gombhar Speech Contest Winner (Biggest Public Speaking Competition in School)

Salutatorian in the IB 11th Grade Finals with a 40/42, consistently receiving 40/42 on all school tests

"Chai Par Charcha" (Talks over Tea)

(2024-Present)

(2025)

(2023)

The Rural Community Empowerment Initiative educates rural Uttarakhand residents on using government schemes and the RTI. It simplifies access to welfare entitlements through clear micro-modules and checklists, while trained students assist elders with applications, bank accounts, and RTIs. By turning information into action, the program builds legal and administrative literacy, empowering the community.

- Identifying Problems: Surveys and interviews showed low awareness of rights, difficulty with digital/KYC processes, and fear of authority. Common issues: ration disputes, pensions, and opening bank accounts.
- Designing Solutions: Made short 20–30 min lessons on RTI basics, filing steps, timelines, and follow-ups. Created toolkits with flowcharts, eligibility checklists, and ready-to-use templates.
- Training & Implementation: Ran village workshops where students worked with parents to file requests. Trained about 25 student volunteers over 5 months, moving from shadowing to independent sessions. Example: helped a villager complete KYC, open a bank account, and receive benefits.
- · Impact: Within 2 weeks, residents began filing independently. Logged resolved bank and ration cases, and RTI responses from officials. Monthly student-led clinics now continue the work, with modules refined for clarity using simpler language and visuals.

LEADERSHIP

SEDS Secretary (Senior English Debating Captain)

(2025)

- Codified practice architecture (swap-sides drills, research sprints)
- Increased participation from 20 to 100 plus, along with hosting the largest Chuckerbutty Debates (200+ students)
- The Debating Teams in School reached the knockout stage of every tournament we participated in, winning 3 major trophies, finishing runners up in 2 and had multiple people qualify to the Indian Team National Camp after the training here at School.

School Prefect & Prefects' Representative to the School Council

(2025)

· Coordinated student feedback into actionable proposals, better cross-house communications, and set clear conduct and academic expectations during peak terms. Helped design a new school curriculum based on our School's history and geography, community-building activities, more formal staff-student engagement and other proposals.

School Tennis Captain (2025)

- Led training drills and logistics, coordinating every single team event.
- Mentored younger players and guided the team to multiple awards, like the IPSC Bronze.
- Created the first-ever Founders' Tennis Exhibition Tournament.

Executive Director, Young Entrepreneurs' Conference (YEC)

(2025)

YEC is the biggest student-led Business/Entrepreneurship competition in India.

- Managed logistics and ₹10L budget. Secured funding and introduced PR and social media campaigns (reaching 2K+ views)
- Delivered the first-ever edition where we got profits and reached over 400 participants.

Games Committee Secretary

(2025)

The Games Committee Secretary is the top-most position in terms of sports in our School.

• Standardised fixtures, ensured equipment readiness, and implemented format changes to ensure quality in inter-house events.

Editor-in-Chief, DsTech; Chief of Production, the Circle; Senior Editor, the Echo, the Infinity and the Econocrat

(2023-25)

They are the School's Premier Technology, History, Science, Maths and Economics Publications respectively.

Created one of the largest and most read issues of the DsTech (30+ pages and 200+ viewers respectively)

Chairperson, Black Vault Council, DsMUN 2025

Created a unique committee on the CIA MKUltra, making it a scientific and historic committee based around a hypothetical scenario.

• Created the largest Crisis Committee in the biggest student-run MUN in Asia (60 delegates)

HISTORY — EXPERIENCES & RESEARCH

(2023-Present)

• Research under Dr Aditya Pratap Deo

Research on **Kanker/Chhattisgarh**: building public-facing web pages & Wikipedia entries (regional history, dynasties, sites). Still in progress, one-year internship with Dr Aditya since June 2025.

• Extended Essay (IB History)

On the Topic: To what extent were Gandhi's non-violent resistance and Bose's military nationalism effective in challenging British colonial rule in India (1937–1947)? Worked on it for a year and a half. Compared and contrasted multiple primary and secondary sources, including Gandhi's writings, INA trial records, books by Bipin Chandra, Sumit Sarkar, Sugatha Bose, etc.

• Online Courses from Coursera

O.P. Jindal: Indian History, American History, and Indo-U.S. relations. Got 3 certificates after 6-7 months with graded assignments.

Publication

Wikipedia/Web portal updates: Curated sources; Wrote summaries; Added citations; Indexed heritage sites.

CoP for The Circle, the school's premier History magazine. Managed logistics and printing, and authored articles such as "Similarities between Stalin and Putin" and "One India, One Election." Contributed to increasing readership from 50+ to over 250 per issue.

DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

(2021-Present)

Competitions - National & International

- Indian National Team Selections, Qualified to Round 2 twice (top 250/1000+)
- Runners-up at the all-India Western Zonal Final Debate (top 5/500+)
- · Captained the Winning team at Smarika Debates, JEDI (Junior English Debating Invitationals) and Jr. Shri Debates
- Best Speaker of multiple rounds at the following debates

Chuckerbutty Debates (2024, 2025); India Today Debates; Gibson Debates; Shri Debates; St. George's Debates; JEDl; Smarika Debates.

- Winner of the Gombhar Speech Contest
- Best Delegate at MISMUN and SAIMUN and Special Mention at DSMUN and EHMUN

Leadership

- SEDS and JEDS Secretary (Senior and Junior English Debating Captain, respectively)
- Chairperson of BVC and Deputy Chairperson of the UNSC
- Debate outreach: taught debate in 10+ government schools, including an orphanage, and taught them basic communication skills

ECONOMICS & FINANCE PURSUITS

(2021-Present)

• Internships

Interned at Grant Thornton Advisory Private Limited, Gurugram. Did research and fieldwork for them, created research and presentation decks for clients for financial advisory, and also created lists of potential clients.

Competitions

3rd in Mock Stock at YEC

Top-25 out of 100+ in the Genesis Global Business

Achieved Distinction (A+) and the 2nd rank in the International Finance Olympiad

Achieved Distinction (A+) in the Global Economics Olympiad

- Leadership: Executive Director, YEC; Vice President, YEC
- Journalism: Senior Editor, The Econocrat
- Research on "Effect of Tourism on HDI in Uttarakhand"

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS

(2021-Present)

- School Tennis Captain
- Full and Half Colours (Highest and Second-highest athletic distinction award for sustained excellence in the Sport, respectively)
- Competition highlights:

SR Vohra (Runners Up); IPSC (Bronze); AITA, Shri Kunwar Open (QF); SJA Open (U-18 Doubles SF), U-16 & U-18 Singles (QF).

JV Tennis at Groton School USA

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(2024-2025)

• Exchange Programme

A month-long programme at **Groton School, USA.** Engaged in multiple activities there, including JV Tennis, Debate, Public Speaking and Academics. Gave a Speech of Conviction and played for the Groton JV team.

• Exchange Web Portal

Built a resource to aid outbound and inbound Doon exchanges (travel, academics, housing and more)

• International Students Science Conference

Master of Ceremonies and Event Manager for the conference, scripted and hosted plenaries; coordinated speaker handoffs and AV; kept a complex program running to time. Helped create fun Science activities to keep the participants engaged, too.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

- · Actively engage in both playing and following tennis, football, athletics, hockey, and basketball.
- Avid reader, currently exploring How the World Works by Noam Chomsky.
- A strong interest in writing, debating, and Model United Nations (MUN), cultivated through extensive reading.
- Regularly contribute to school publications, writing on subjects such as Economics and History, and have participated in numerous debates and MUN conferences.