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EDUCATION

Jayshree Periwal International School (JPIS)

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

- Coursework: HL: Math AA, Economics, Business Management; SL: Environmental Systems and Societies, English, Hindi B
- Predicted 45/45

SAT: English: 740 ; Math: 800

Jaipur, India

July 2024 - May 2026

Mayo College Girls' (MCGS)

Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)

- Coursework: Math (98/100), English Language (96/100), English Literature (98/100), Environmental Science (97/100), Commercial Applications (98/100), History, Civics (100/100) & Geography (95/100), Hindi (98/100)
- Topped the school with 98%
- Mayo College Girls' School Scholarship for Academics

Ajmer, India

April 2022 - June 2024

Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS)

Politics, Law, and Economics

- Awarded 70% aid
- Authored in-depth capstone research paper analyzing fast fashion and its impacts on the global economy and local inequalities.
- Brought Calligraphy to 150+ countries through the Student Speaker Series.

New Haven, Connecticut

July - August 2025

Downe House

- One of the two students from India selected for this cultural exchange program.
- Studied the GCSE curriculum for a month, and hosted the exchange students in India in July 2024.
- Taught Calligraphy to 8 nationalities; coordinated a Bollywood Dance; performed traditional Indian dance, Ghoomar during Festival of Culture.

Berkshire, UK

April - May 2023

AWARDS & HONORS

Prime Minister National Child Award (Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar), Government of India, (2022)

- Highest civilian award in India for individuals under 18 years, conferred by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and Former President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind.
- First and only girl in Rajasthan to receive it till date.
- One of the 29 children recognised nationwide.

Rajasthan Youth Icon, Government of Rajasthan (2025)

- Highest civilian award for youth in Rajasthan below the age 29, presented by the state's Chief Minister Mr. Bhajanlal Sharma.
- Youngest of the 11 awardees.

Crest Gold Award, British Science Association (2025)

- The assessor commended its "original approach," noting it was his first time seeing "the welfare and economic aspects alongside the technology."
- Received for developing Aqua Trace technology detecting illegal water extraction in Sambhar lake, India's largest inland salt lake, and research on the implications on common people.

Best Leader from the Student Council (2025)

- For demonstrating responsibility, integrity, leadership, and coordination within the Student Council, Jayshree Periwal International School.

Versatile Genius Award (2025)

- The most prestigious recognition for exemplary academic performance and versatility across fields at Jayshree Periwal International School.

Excellence in Liberal Arts Award (2025)

- Recognition for interdisciplinary academic achievement at Jayshree Periwal International School.

Youth Icon of The Month (2025)

- Awarded by First India, a leading media group in India, for my contribution to the rural schools in tackling societal inequalities.

The International Conference on Mechanics, Mechatronics, and Materials; The International Conference on Business and Technology (2025)

- AquaTrace research paper accepted in these two international conferences.

Inner Wheel Club Certificate of Appreciation (2025)

- E-Waste collection and recycling initiatives.

Maheshwari Samaj Ratna Award (2026)

- Recognising few individuals from the global Maheshwari community of 700,000+ people for meaningful local impact.

Republic Day Honor by the District Collector of Ajmer (2024)

- Awarded for empowering people through calligraphy, making them self-dependent, and for commitment to service.

Mayo College Girls' School Scholarship for Academics (2022, 2023, 2024)

- Demonstrating outstanding academic performance with first rank in the class.

Stree Shakti Award by Mayor (2024)

- Recognition for Clean India initiatives, environmental conservation efforts, and social activities advancing women empowerment.

Rotary Club Ajmer Midtown Certificate of Excellence (2024)

- Blood donation camps, CPR training, and for teaching calligraphy in rural schools associated with Rotary.

Principal's Commendation (2023)

- Annual Distinction for one exceptional student at MCGS.

Doing Good, Rising Hero by DELL Technologies (2023)

- One of the 5 people chosen across India for improving the lives of individuals worldwide.

Indian Public School Conference (IPSC) Service Projects Award (2022)

- Dedicated work with old age homes and orphanages.

Patrika 40 under 40 (2022)

- Prestigious award recognizing dynamic young talent driving change and excellence in India by a national newspaper Patrika.

India, Asia, and International Book of Records (2020, 2020, 2021)

- Proficiency in calligraphy, mastering many styles and becoming the youngest person worldwide to teach them.

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder, Calligraphy for Self Reliance

- Scaled calligraphy education to 15,000+ students across Indian Army, government schools, colleges, and corporates; taught at 100+ schools across Rajasthan through partnerships with Rotary and Inner Wheel.
- Built self-sustaining funding model: taught private institutions to generate revenue for distributing free calligraphy materials to rural students, ensuring equitable access regardless of economic background.
- Developed "Teach 5" multiplier framework and trained educators in pedagogy, creating continuity beyond direct involvement and embedding calligraphy and creative education into the institution's core curricula.
- Signed MoU with Government of Rajasthan formalizing vocational training for women; connected 14 trained individuals to industry employers.

Rajasthan, India
2020 - present

Brand Ambassador Municipal Corporation, Jaipur (MCJ)

- Mobilized 10,000+ citizens toward sustainable waste practices through engagement in underserved neighbourhoods.
- Representing Jaipur's youth perspective in civic governance.
- Pioneered EcoBlooms initiative partnering with women's self-help groups to upcycle 500+ kg floral waste monthly, creating sustainable income streams for 50 women.
- Led heritage site restoration advocacy and youth engagement campaigns, connecting cultural preservation efforts with community ownership
- Distributed 1000+ cotton bags and kites with slogans in calligraphy during Jaipur's most popular festival, Makar Sankranti.
- Fundraised for reusable sanitary napkins, and distributed them in Madhorajpura, a rural village on the outskirts of Jaipur, educating the girls on menstrual hygiene and breaking taboos.

Jaipur, India
March 2022 - present

Youngest Delegate, Rajasthan Pre-Budget meeting and Green Budget.

- Lobbied 27 state politicians and successfully secured \$30 million allocation in Rajasthan's 2025 budget for ICT labs and infrastructure improvements in government schools.
- Presenting recommendations on environmental sustainability and youth civic engagement informed by grassroots research from Sambhar Lake and urban waste management projects.

Rajasthan, India
January 2025

Deputy Cultural Head Girl, Chess Captain, JPIS

- Led 5+ large-scale events including JPIS MUN, Flagship Council Events, charity, and school cultural programs.
- Mentored 80+ students on summer school planning, from choosing the right courses to polishing their essays.
- Organised Summer with Council for Finance and Entrepreneurship for students form grade 6 to 10.
- Developed chess match strategies yielding 70% win rate; led practices and tournament preparation.

Jaipur, India

PROJECTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Youngest Intern at Tribe by Amrapali

- Analyzed 186 jewelry designs through competitive pricing framework; evaluated celebrity endorsement efficacy on consumer behavior in the finance and marketing department.
- Developed market strategy recommendations on consumer preferences and youth fashion trends.

Jaipur, India

May - June 2024

AquaTrace

- Lead Researcher, developing low-cost hydrophone achieving 98% accuracy after 8 prototype iterations.
- Conducted primary research on economic and psychological impacts of illegal water extraction at Sambhar Lake Ramsar site, informing ethical regulatory recommendations.

Rajasthan, India
May 2024 - August 2025

Banana to Bling

- Co-researcher Engineering biodegradable bling sequins from banana peel cellulose through 6 trial iterations, optimizing film ratios for strength and sheen.
- Pioneered scalable, microplastic-free material applicable to eco-fashion and decorative crafts.

Jaipur, India

May - October 2025

Shilp-Srajan NGO

- Participated in several activities for students in orphanage, upscaling them through education and training programs, and celebrating festivals like Christmas and Holi with them, developing a sense of community.

Jaipur, India

July 2023 - May 2024

Blood Donation Camps

- In partnership with Rotary, organized annual camps collecting 150+ units yearly for 3 years.
- Helped with hospital partnerships and community outreach.

Ajmer, India

March 2023 - present

Mission Vision Eye Camp

- Organized free cataract detection and treatment camp serving 60 underprivileged individuals in Sanod village, coordinating medical professionals and community mobilization.

Ajmer, India

May 2024

School Golf Team Member, Mayo College Girls' School

- Runners-up at Mayo Golf Tournament; organized golf camps inviting professional golfers for student training

Ajmer, India

May 2022-January 2024

Pauranik Stories

- Produced 50+ episodes making Hindu mythology accessible to youth audiences through narrative storytelling integrated with contemporary relevance.

Jaipur, India

Family Enterprise Manager

- Managed sales, marketing, and operations for grandmother's crochet business; scaled to 50+ monthly orders

Jaipur, India

May 2024-present

E-Waste Collection Drives

- Mobilized 200+ community members across households and schools to collect 150 kg of electronic waste, diverting hazardous materials from landfills with Inner Wheel Club, Ajmer.
- Coordinated end-to-end waste management, advancing circular economy practices at the grassroots level.

Ajmer, India

November 2025

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Language

Fluent in English, Hindi | Limited proficiency in French and Marwari

Creative & Design

Calligraphy, Graphic Design, Logo Creation, Digital Art

Technical & Academic

Research Writing, Data Analysis, Environmental Science, Economics Analysis, Business Strategy, Sociological Structures

Leadership & Organization

Event Planning & Coordination, Community Mobilization, Public Speaking, Teamwork

Personal Interests

Volunteering, Calligraphy, Travel, Music, Dance, Public Speaking, Golf