

AVANTIKA KAMPANI

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EDUCATION

Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS), Mumbai, India;

- *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 11 and 12* 2011-Present
- *Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 8, 9 and 10* 2023-Present
- *Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 8, 9 and 10* 2021-2023

STANDARDISED TESTS

- SAT: Composite – 1510, Verbal (Reading and Writing)– 740, Mathematics – 770
- TOEFL: 116/120

ACADEMIC AND HONOURS

Academic Awards

- Outstanding Learner Award (Top 8 students in the IB Cohort) 2024
- Academic Excellence award for consistently achieving 42/42 IB points 2024
- Honour Roll 2020-2023
- Individual Subject Prizes Awarded 2020-2023

Literary Awards

- Awarded a Commendation for the John Locke Essay Competition in Psychology 2024
- Global Leaders Essay Competition 2nd place 2023
- Published CQF Writers Book January 2024 (1000 out of 58162 writers) 2023
- Published and received a High Distinction in the Elaine Hobson Memorial Literary Festival 2023
- Recognised and Published as one of the TOP 100 Young Indian Writers supported by UNESCO 2020
- Published in the magazine “Teenager Today” Volume XIV, Issue 08 2024

Entrepreneurship Awards

- 1st place in the Investor pitch receiving funding of 40,000 rupees in the YEA! entrepreneurship program 2021
- 2nd place in the Investor pitch receiving funding of 2,500 dollars in the YEA! USA Entrepreneurship competition 2021
- Amongst the top 8 teams (out of 7000) and best pitch (prize of 200 dollars) in the Young Tycoons Business Challenge 2021

Artistic Awards

- Published Art Competition First Prize Robin Age Magazine 2023
- Awarded as both ‘Fellow of the fortnight’ and ‘Best fellow’ of the YLAC Counterspeech fellowship 2020-2021
- Art published in the ChampQuest artbook 2023

LEADERSHIP

- **Head Girl of Dhirubhai Ambani International School** 2023-2024

Led a 50-member student government, driving major events and competitions for a 1,100-strong student body, while spearheading the Value of the Month initiative to instil core values and leadership qualities. Acted as a bridge between students, faculty and administration.

- **Tiger House Council** 2019-2022

Positions Held – Tiger House Middle School Coordinator (2019-2020), Tiger House Vice House Captain (2021-2022)

- **Co-Head and Core team member of the CAS fete at DAIS** 2024

Co-headed the school’s CAS Fete, a major fundraiser supporting 20+ NGOs in Mumbai, overseeing entertainment, stalls, raffles, art installations, and more for the entire school community from LKG to Grade 12.

- **Co-Head of the Leadership Series at DAIS** 2023-Present

The Leadership Series empowers students by exploring diverse leadership principles through insights from established leaders across STEM, sports, social progress, arts, and more, offering a holistic view of leadership and success pathways.

- **Head of the Illustration committee at DAIMUN 2024, Deputy Head of Press at DAIMUN 2023** 2023-2024

Led the Illustration team for the Daily MUNtra newsletter publication.

- **Co-Editor of the Insignia (School magazine)** 2023-2024

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL GAME DEVELOPMENT

Founder, CEO of my own company, DayOne Learning Solutions

2021-2024

- DayOne Learning’s innovative tools offer a unique and comprehensive approach to children’s intellectual, social, and emotional development. Intellectual Property of Seekh and CHECK IN acquired by Binca Games (2024)
- Seekh: Used in over 6,000 early learning centres, NGOs, and Balwadis; acknowledged as a valuable teaching tool by JM Financial Foundation, benefiting 1,640 children in Jamui, Bihar. It is available on major platforms like Amazon, Hamleys, and First Cry.
- CHECK IN: Implemented in diverse educational settings and extensively used by over 10,000 students, including in Digital Saksharta programs, Teach for India classrooms, and over 150 Zila Parishad Schools. CHECK IN Marathi endorsed and distributed across Zila Parishad Schools, ensuring wide reach and impact in rural education.

Intern at Skillmatics

2023

- Full stack DtoC brand that develops innovative educational products and games for children that build core skills through play
- Developed and released the [Sidewalk Chalk](#) activity set, including ideation, creative content, and video recording. Contributed to marketing and logistics discussions for Arts and Craft products.

EXPERIENCES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Research

- A Psychological and Anthropological Exploration of Female Participation in Economic Activity and Rising Divorce Rates In India under Professor Douglas Raybeck, Hamilton College. 2022

Through primary data collection, I explored the relationship between financial independence in women and their ability to separate themselves from difficult marriages and relationships. This was integral in my understanding of the importance of Financial literacy for women in India.

- A social-psychological exploration of the direct proportionality between Fragile Male identities and Domestic Violence/ IPV during the pandemic under Adam Stanaland PhD. 2021

Through a literature review, I examined the theory of fragile masculinity and its role in the increase of IPV and DV seen during Covid-19.

- Conducted research on the Adverse Effects of Antidepressant Medications: A Comparative Analysis of Different Classes, published in the International Journal of Research in Psychiatry P-ISSN: 2789-1623, E-ISSN: 2789-1631 2024

Conducting analyses allowed me to understand the neurobiological, physical and psychological implications of medication used for clinical treatments (including SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs and MAOIs)

- One -Pot Synthesis of Fluorescent Ag-Fe₃O₄ Nanoparticles Using Aegle marmelos leaf extract. Characterization and Potential applications under Roshan P Rane, Biochemistry Mumbai University 2023

Allowed me to explore my interest in biochemistry in a practical laboratory approach, taught me skills for effective data collection in the natural sciences.

- Research proposal on the Game Idea of "Mini Yogi" for benefiting children with ADHD and other neurodivergent disorders under Dr. Sujata Kelkar Shetty and endorsed by Skillmatics and Dr. Preksha Gada. 2024
- A psychological exploration of the extent to which Parasocial Relationships with Media Personae alleviate Loneliness and the Need to Belong in Adolescents

Job Shadowing

Intern and Job Shadowing at the SDLCL clinic (Speech Dysphagia Language Clinic, Speech and Occupational Therapy) 2023

Under the guidance of Preksha Gada- Senior Pediatric Occupational Therapist, worked in speech language, behaviour, occupational and counselling therapy services. Assisted in conducting sessions, suggesting home programs, observing assessments of children with neurodivergent disorders and special needs.

Online Courses

- Human Rights & Human wrongs: Challenging Poverty, Vulnerability and Social Exclusion offered by Edex SDG Academy 2023
- Gender and Sexuality offered by Edex and the American Psychological Association 2024
- Positive Psychology offered by Edex and the American Psychological Association 2024
- Psychological Influences on Decision Making offered by Edex and the American Psychological Association 2024
- Social Psychology offered by Wesleyan University in association with Coursera, Passed with Distinction and Honours 2024

WOMEN AND CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

Project Swayam (Core Team) 2022-Present

- Helped in the organisation and execution of Project Swayam, an initiative to create self employment and entrepreneurial opportunities promoting financial independence amongst widows who lost their husbands during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Worked with them to break social stigma surrounding widowhood by organising counselling sessions conducting social interactions including the Haldi-Kumkum event.
- Wrote, filmed and edited 2 films based on my interactions with these women in order to create awareness regarding their circumstances.

HelpOut (Co-Founder) 2018-Present

- Dedicated 6 years to educational and holistic initiatives in Ladiwali and Lakhraan villages impacting over 200 children from ages 6-14. Provided resources for students and improved access to sanitation in the school area. Personally conducted regular music and art sessions in fully engaged classrooms.
- Collaborated with Smile Foundation, a prominent NGO focused on children's education to organise a health camp.

Muktangan (Volunteer) 2023-2024

- Taught students from grades 3-4, each session we covered different topics in different subjects including discussions around global issues such as climate change and pollution and our own Indian history.

MUSICAL THEATRE

- Trinity Speech and Drama Communication Skills examinations Grades 1-8 completed with awarded distinctions. 2017-2023
- Rockschoool London vocal examinations till Grade 8 awarded merits and distinctions and West India High achiever (6&7) 2018-2023
- **Professional Adult's Theatre** 2019-2022

Those Were The Days- performed two original songs for the show; ABBA tribute show; A Night on Broadway; Legends and Divas; Art Direction for Art and The Good Doctor by Anton Chekov and Neil Simon.

- **Professional Children's Theatre** 2018-2024

Participated in multiple theatre productions as an ensemble cast member as well as lead roles, inclusive of: Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, Alice in Alice in Wonderland, Melody the elf in Magic of Christmas, Snow White in Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Gloria in Madagascar, Asst. production manager for Jungle Book and the Little Mermaid.

ARTISTIC PURSUITS

- Created and designed annual Calendars; 500 copies sold and profits put towards providing physical textbooks and photocopying machines smart televisions for students in the village of Ladiwali 2021-2024
- Creating my own Art Portfolio based on the themes of womanhood and vanity 2023-2024
- Art Behind Bars: Supporting artists in prison by making an online curation and exhibition of their work 2021

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Digital Art and Design platforms including Procreate, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Languages spoken include English, Hindi and Spanish.