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EDUCATION

Pallikoodam, Kottayam, India	2009-2022
<i>School founded by Mary Roy, famed educationist and women's rights activist.</i>	
- Will appear for Indian School Certificate Examination (ISC): Grade 12 - March 2022	
- Completed the Indian Certificate of Secondary Examination (ICSE): Grade 10 - March 2020	
Birkerod Gymnasium, Copenhagen, Denmark	2019
<i>Selected and attended as exchange student to a Danish international school for 3 weeks.</i>	

STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT Reasoning Test: 1570/1600 (Reading & Writing: 780, Math: 790). In the 99th Percentile

ACADEMIC HONORS

• Class Topper in all subjects for Grade 11 final examinations	2021
• Top 3 in the class consistently for the past 6 years	2016-2022
• Second in class for ICSE examinations in Grade 10 with a 96%	2020
• Class topper in Grade 10 for Biology: 99/100 and in Geography: 99/100	2020
• International Rank - One. Perfect score (60/60) in International English Olympiad Level I in Grade 9: 99.97 percentile	2018

LEADERSHIP

Founded Economics Lecture Series in School	2021
- Started an Economic Lecture Series inviting prominent leaders from fields of economics and business to share their experiences.	
- In each session the speaker gave a presentation for 40 minutes followed by a 30-minute interactive session with the students.	
- The speakers ranged from Game Theory professor to business leaders from companies like Facebook and MRF, India's largest tyre manufacturer.	

WRITING, JOURNALISM & MEDIA

Worked as a campus reporter for OnManorama	2020-2021
<i>OnManorama is the award winning digital English website of ManoramaOnline.</i>	
- Wrote 17 articles over the course of two years for OnManorama, working as a campus reporter on topics ranging from entertainment to sports to lifestyle. This gave me an opportunity to hone my writing skills.	
- https://www.onmanorama.com/authors/nihal-mammen-matthew.html	
Data Analyst Internship at Malayala Manorama	2019
<i>Malayala Manorama, established in 1888 is the number one regional language newspaper in India with a daily circulation of 2.3 million copies</i>	
- Studied digital traffic and circulation data to understand the impact of shift in readers from print to digital.	
- Analyzed election data during the 2019 General elections	

ECONOMIC RESEARCH & EXPERIENCES

Human Development Index (HDI) - Research Paper	2021
- Worked under the guidance of Dr. K. N. Harilal, a distinguished Professor at the Center for Development Studies, the world-renowned social science research institute to research and write an economics paper on the reason for the high Human Development Index in the state of Kerala in comparison with the rest of India.	
Trend Analysis of the Indian Media Industry – Research Project	2021
- Analyzed trends in the Indian Media Industry for the past ten years, especially the impact of digital media, resilience and importance of the vernacular media and the future outlook for the industry.	
Air India Disinvestment - Research Project	2021
- Researched a paper on Air India, a public sector airline, looking into the recent disinvestment decision of the company by the government. It covers its relevance to the Indian economy as well as a ten-year trend analysis of the company.	
Online Course on Game Theory	2021
- Successfully completed a course on Game Theory, understanding key concepts and practical applications, taught by Professor Michihiro Kandori of Tokyo University.	
Poverty Alleviation and its efficacy – Research Report	2020
- Do government poverty alleviation schemes work? What are their efficacies?	
The strength and prominence of Vernacular Newspapers in shaping India's democracy – Research Project	2019
- Wrote a paper on the role of vernacular language newspapers and their impact on democracy and socio-economic development.	
Goods and services tax and changes in Indian taxation – Research Report	2018

- What is the Goods and Services Tax? What are the changes in the Indian taxation system due to its introduction?

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Western Vocal Classic Singing	2014 to present
Awarded Grade 6 of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) exams for Western Vocal Singing. Currently awaiting to take the Grade 8 exam later this year. https://youtu.be/JEsDBYZNyqo	
- Studied Western Vocal Classical singing since 2014 and have been part of the school choir.	
Music Theory	2014-2019
- Awarded Grade 5 of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).	
Classical Piano	2014-2019
- Studied Classical Piano for 5 years and Awarded Grade 4 of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)	

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Kalaripayattu https://www.keralakalaripayattu.com/	2021
- Conceived, designed, and created a website to showcase Kalaripayattu, an ancient martial art indigenous to my home state of Kerala.	
- The website traces the history and significance of Kalaripayattu as well as interviews with Kalaripayattu professionals, including national award winner.	

EXTRACURRICULARS

Theatre and Drama	2013-2019
- Played the lead role of Joseph, in the school's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, an adaptation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, which includes singing and acting. https://youtu.be/i7DRydcE928	
- Acted in various roles in school theatre productions since Grade 4	
Karate	2013-2019
- Attained a Brown Belt after 6 years of Karate. Classes were discontinued because of Covid	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Volunteer – The Tiny Seed	2018 to present
<i>The Tiny Seed is a non-profit organization dedicated to changing the lives of children by supporting government and low-cost schools in the state of Kerala</i>	
Educational Inclusiveness for the Underprivileged	2021
- Identified the need for educational inclusiveness among under privileged students and led a team of 5 to raise over Rs. 500,000 and provided 50 computer tablets to students in two government schools for Online education. These children were struggling to connect to classes because of Covid. https://youtu.be/lbz3D3bFDTY	
Flood Relief and Resilience	2018
- Coordinated the collection and distribution of essential relief material for daily wage laborer families affected during the Kerala Floods of August 2018, the worst floods in Kerala state in over a century that claimed 483 lives.	
Community outreach to Old Age Home and Orphanages	2014-2019
- Continuous engagement and communication with senior citizens and children at old age homes and orphanages for over 6 years in Kottayam, Kerala until the Covid pandemic.	

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Java, Python, MySQL (DBMS), Adobe Premier Pro, and Adobe Photoshop

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Reading

- I enjoy reading books from all genres although I do favour fiction over non-fiction. Some of my favourite books include Born a Crime by Trevor Noah, Empire of the Sun by J.G. Ballard and The Meadow by Adrian Levy and Cathy Scott-Clark.

Music

- Although I learn classical vocal music, I have wide musical interests from hip-hop, R&B to local Malayalam music. My favourite artist of all time is Kanye West due to his versatile, genre bending and innovative music, with Kid Cudi coming a close second.

Manga and Anime

- Japanese culture is of interest, especially anime and manga. I have been delving deeper into the genre. My favourite anime are A Silent Voice and Assassination Classroom.

Video Editing

- I love video editing regardless of how long it takes. Recently a short film that I edited for my school's entry to a Inter – School Cultural Competition won first place. I got the opportunity to edit projects for different people and expand my skills in this area.