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Academic / School -

12th grade student at Genesis Global School (Noida, U.P. India) with interests in Latin American studies, Public Policy, Law & Spanish language.

✓ **School Mid Term Scores** – 94.2% | AP - Comparative Govt. & Politics ✓ **Founder & President, Public Policy Club** @ Genesis

The Public Policy Society is the first student-led platform at our school dedicated to exploring how policies shape communities and global affairs. The Society brings together students to analyze pressing issues, from climate change and technology ethics to international law and social equity.

Hold weekly meetings where members discuss the policies of different countries and engage in comparative analysis, sharpening critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding. Beyond discussions, the Society organizes debates, simulation exercises, and workshops that merge disciplines such as politics, economics, environmental studies, and philosophy.

The inaugural policy contest challenged students to propose solutions for using AI to monitor endangered species in the Andes while protecting indigenous rights and data privacy—an example of our focus on balancing innovation with ethics.

The **flagship event** organized:

Conceptualized and executed Public Policy Club Event on “Building Sustainable Cities – The Role of Architecture in Public Policy” between 3 Universities (Amity University, Symbiosis Law School, IP University) and 4 schools (Genesis, Ardee School, Wembley Academy, Step by Step) at **Amity University** campus in hybrid mode with over 85+ selected Panelists and Participants.

✓ **Head, History Talks** @ Genesis

Founded History Talks as a student-led initiative to bring school academics and professors together, giving students broad exposure to diverse historical perspectives beyond the classroom. From ideation to conception, designed the program's structure, curated speakers, and oversaw the organization of events.

Also moderated discussions and panels, ensuring that complex ideas were accessible while encouraging dialogue and critical thinking.

✓ **President, Spanish Society** @ Genesis

Founded the Spanish Society as a student-led initiative to bring students under a student based mentorship network. The society explores Latin American language, history, culture, and languages. It offers a collaborative space for members to engage with Spanish-language activities, while learning about Latin America's diverse histories, cinema, literature, and sports. Have had multiple workshops on Latin American poetry and novel like Cien Años De Solidad, discussions, Latino food fests, cross-cultural understanding. Our flagship event was based on a comparative analysis of Telenovelas

in Latin America and Bollywood in India. Students engaged in thought on Telenovelas after watching it and sharing their understanding. It has created appreciation for the richness of Latin American societies, connecting language learning with deeper historical and cultural contexts.

Spanish society has also led to a Spanish language and culture legacy in our school.

✓ **Other Activities –**

- **Annual School Sports Award (Highest Sports Honor - Red Blazer):** Received Annual Sports Award which, only one or two students receive each year out of 1500+ students. It is the school's highest athletic honor presented in the form of a red blazer. Received this award for 13 years of dedication to golf. It marks excellence in at state and national levels, along with consistency and perseverance.
- **Debate Club Secretary (Class 6-10):** Led and organized multiple debate competitions, events, and represented school in various debates.
 - ISDS Regional Debate - School Team Lead
 - Inter house School Debate 2022 – Winner
 - Worlds Scholar Cup – Best Speaker Award
 - Worlds Scholar Cup – Medal for Individual Debate
 - Genesis Debate – Special Mention Award

Latin American Embassy Initiatives

- **Initiator & Curator –Embassy of Argentina and Germanic Romanic Studies (GRS), Delhi University (DU) Event collaboration at DU campus on literature, culture exchange and language (Nov 2024- April 25):**

Initiated and curated a cross-cultural event between Germanic and Romance Studies (GRS) Department at Delhi University and The Embassy of Argentina in India. Managed planning of the event, meetings with GRS and Embassy, on site management and planned its end-to-end execution. The event featured 200+ students, participants and guest speakers. Through poetry recitals, literature and cultural exchange the project created space for Indian students from Delhi University to discover shared roots and new ideas from the Embassy of Argentina. Helped start continued collaboration between GRS and Embassy of Argentina in different events.

- **Working with Chilean Embassy and Amity University** to host an event for the embassy on Culture, Music, Poetry and Education in December 2025.
 - Preparation at Amity & embassy including venue, event designing, flow of activities and finalizing participants & student list.
 - Offsite and Onsite management of planned event, bridging communication between embassy of Chile and Amity University, Noida.
 - Coordinating with Ambassador of Chile to India (concurrent to Nepal, Srilanka, Bangladesh and Maldives) Mr. Juan Angulo.
- **National Day of Peru** – Help Embassy of Peru with its national day coordination in

2025.

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Spanish Language

- Dele **B1, B2 Certified** (Instituto Cervantes New Delhi) - 2025
- Dele **A1, A2 Certified** (Instituto Cervantes New Delhi) – 2021, 2022-23
- **Gold Medalist - Spanish Olympiad** 2024-25
- Winner - Spanish Olympiad 2023
- School Topper Award in Spanish language (CBSE Board Exam Class 10) 2023 • School Topper in Spanish language (Class 11, Class 12 Midterm)

Internship - Delhi School of Economics (DSE) June 2025 – Ongoing • Internship on “Decolonizing the Law – Legal Pluralism in Post Colonial India & Latin America” with **Dr Ram Singh**, Director & Professor, **Delhi School of Economics (DSE)** and Director, **Delhi School of Public Policy & Governance (University of Delhi)** (<http://econdse.org/ramsingh/>)
May -July 2025

- o In continuation of above, currently working on draft for Research paper with Dr Ram Singh on above-mentioned topic. July 2025 Onwards

Research Paper

- **Published** Research Paper on “Comparative Policy Analysis on Women’s empowerment and its impact on GDP in India and Latin America” in “**Curieux Academic Journal**”. ([Link](#)) Oct 2024 - Aug 2025
- Working on Research Paper on “Decolonizing the Law – Legal Pluralism in Post Colonial India & Latin America” with **Dr. Ram Singh (at DSE)**. July 2025-Ongoing

Authored Book - “Pearl and Flame: The Abyssal Crown”

Started writing the debut fiction book at age 14 and published it in 2025. The book is available on **Amazon, Flipkart, Notion Press** and multiple bookstores in India. ([Amazon Link](#)). Currently working on the sequel of Pearl and Flame.

Book Launch & Writing Workshop:

Conducted Writing Workshop and book launch at Wembley Academy, Khatauli. Workshop marked the official launch of my book 'Pearl and Flame: The Abyssal Crown' with students from grades 8-12.

- With an intention to bridge the gap between the power of literacy in metropolitan and rural areas, **workshop** began with a fun game of “What If?” and a lively introduction. Guided them through the elements of writing, including an activity focused on using the five senses to enrich their work. Also shared the inspiration behind Pearl and Flame— Plato’s theory of Atlantis—and my journey as an author.
- Goal for the workshop was to provide guidance and encouragement to **future authors**, helping them navigate their creative journeys and accomplish in a shorter time what took

me four years. I was thrilled to witness the spark of potential in each student. The session culminated with reading of an excerpt from Pearl and Flame, after which

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Pearl and Flame: The Abyssal Crown is now available on:

Amazon - [Click to Order Pearl and Flame](#)

Flipkart - [Click to Order Pearl and Flame on FlipKart](#)

Other Interests – Blogging & Reading:

=> **Writing blogs** on my website www.norabeniwal.com on diverse topics -
<https://www.norabeniwal.com/blog>

=> Avid Autobiography **Reader** – Read over 100 autobiographies on diverse topics.

Community Service – Project “Udaan” 2024-Ongoing • Designed & Implemented, **Udaan - Mentorship and Career Incubator** Project for underprivileged girls (Economic weaker section, EWS) in Maa Saraswati Balika Mahavidyalaya, a EWS women college in Village Sikandarpur, (District Shamli) U.P.

- Introduced, connected & enrolled 120+ girls to skill development program of Government of India for skilling underprivileged girls.
- Created a Self Help Group (SHG), **Udaan** for about 15 girls in the village for employment and economic self-reliance. Now the SHG enrollment has reached to 48+ girls during the second phase of the SHG operations. Completed logistics of SHG and Secured sponsorship, after successful execution of Phase I, from state government.
- Launched a career cell, connecting 800+ young women in the college to work and gain financial opportunities, which has been a vital step in their financial and social empowerment. Many received jobs within their district and community in multiple domains. Worked on creating awareness by conducting mentorship sessions and imbibing value on environment protection via Tree Plantation drive, training on usage of biodegradable material in order to reduce impact on climate change.
- **“Vidya”, Library for EWS Girls** – From Ideation, **fundraising** in August 2025 at my home golf course in Noida (Noida Golf Course) to launch of Library (“Vidya” means Knowledge in sanskrit) at Maa Saraswati Balika Mahavidyalay, Sikandarpur (District Shamli). The college has been running without any library from over a decade. This initiative is changing life of over 800+ girls giving them access to library during their UG and PG programs, which will help them complete their education and reduce college drop out due to non availability of books & study material.

- o Conducted a fundraiser campaign at Noida Golf Course (NGC) in Aug 2025 and **raised 1,05,111/- for building the library 'Vidya'** at Maa Saraswati Balika Mahavidyalaya, a women's college. This college does not have a library since its inception. Completed Library setup by during month of Sep 2025 and launched

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"Vidya" with girls on 3rd October 2025. Elected Student Council for library management, held training and orientation session of student council. Plan to digitalize the library as next step. During this process, a need for mandatory access of digital libraries in rural colleges was identified, which is currently missing in University Grant Commission guidelines for colleges and hence a **need for Policy update.**

Policy Change Initiative for Digital Libraries -In Progress

- Vidya Library initiative helped identify the gap between rural and metropolitan education systems due to lack of access to digital content and e-books. Reached out to **University Grant Commission (UGC)** and **Ministry of Education**, Govt. of India, requesting policy update by UGC for making digital library setup mandatory in undergraduate and postgraduate colleges.
- Filed Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in Delhi High Court for the same. Presented and heard before the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. The Hon'ble Court heard the matter and issued directions to the University Grants Commission (UGC), AICTE, and other statutory bodies such as the NCTE, NMC, PCI, DCI, along with the Higher Education Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi.
- The Hon'ble Bench expressed its expectation that these authorities "shall address the concerns raised in the petition and take appropriate steps to provide for better digital access... and further minimize the digital divide." This marks the important first step toward ensuring that India's education reforms remain inclusive, equitable, and technologically accessible for every learner - regardless of geography.

Summer Program

- Brown Pre-college STEM Program on campus in Brown University, Providence, USA (June, 2023) – Project Details: A Data Science Comparison: Macintosh vs. Android in Innovation, Sales, Security, and Customer Loyalty. Created and presented the data charts using Excel and Python language.

Golf (Avid Golfer since age 5)

Golf introduced me to Focus, Fitness, patience and persistent perseverance.

- Amateur North Zone Feeder Tour, IGU 2024 (Event 7) – Runner Up •
Amateur North Zone Feeder Tour, IGU 2024 (Event 6)
- Winner Amateur North Zone Feeder Tour, IGU 2024 (Event 4); JTP Winner 2024 •
Hyundai Inter-school Golf Trophy Winner (2022)

- Indian Golf Union North Zone Junior Feeder Tour (2019) – Top 3
- 2nd Position in AEPTA Golf Course New Delhi, 2019
- Junior Girls Championship Winner 2019
- 1st position in NCR cup 2019

Media

- Times of India: Featuring Project **Udaan** & **Vidya** Initiative and ([Link](#)) • Hindustan Times: Featuring Journey and launch of **Vidya** Library ([Link](#)) • Dainik Jagran: featuring **fund raiser** for Vidya Library held at **Noida Golf Course** ([Link](#)) • Live Hindustan: [Link](#)
- Good News Today: [Link](#)
- Local News Chanel Interview: [Link](#)

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