#### AAHAN GOPALAKRISHNAN

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#### **EDUCATION**

Hill Spring International, Mumbai, India; 2024 – Present – International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 12

Arya Vidya Mandir Bandra West, Mumbai, India; 2014-2024

– ICSE Board Examinations, Grade 10

# STANDARDIZED TESTS AND APs

• IELTS – 8.5 Overall Band Score

### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

Standard 10<sup>th</sup> Exam, ICSE Board – Distinction, 93 %
 Highest marks in Hindi in the Class
 2022, 2023

### ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCES

Research: 2025

#### Research paper on Redevelopment in Mumbai - A Boon or a Bane

Published research paper on the history of redevelopment in Mumbai, its impact on the city's socio – economic fabric, the impact on the skyline of Mumbai. Analyzed the redevelopment process from an urban planning and architectural point of view. Cited examples of projects which were successes and failures. Explained the pressures on the infrastructure of the city due to redevelopment. Explained the social sensitivity of redevelopment and examined sustainability aspects of the same. Concluded on the advantages of redevelopment and solutions to mitigate the drawbacks of redevelopment.

Internships: 2025

## UHA London - 3 Murphy St, London SE1 7FP, UK

Internship Guide – Ricardo Mateu

### Internship Coverage

Sustainability and Social relevance in Architecture

### Internship Deliverable

- Assignment report highlighting the approach, methodology, research, findings and interventions suggested.
- Presentation highlighting the architectural aspect of sustainability and the suggested interventions.

#### Internship Status

• Internship Certificate Obtained from UHA London

#### Studio Pod, Mumbai - Bandra West, Mumbai

2025

<u>Internship Guide</u> – Sarfaraz Momin

#### Internship Coverage

- Connect with the school of blind in Worli to understand how differently abled citizens use public spaces in urban areas.
- The study highlighted how accessibility and usage could improve for this vulnerable section of society.
- Research required both field work and desk work to understand the social aspect of any intervention in our built environment. Internship Deliverable
- Assignment report highlighting the approach, methodology, research, findings and interventions suggested.
- Internship Status
- Internship Certificate obtained from Studio Pod.

STONE MILL content, design and publishing studio-Lower, Parel Mumbai

2023

Internship Guide - Samira Pillai

#### Internship Coverage:

Mass Media and design

#### Internship Deliverable

- Exploration with respect to Print Media design and forms of Mass Media.
- Visiting Printing Press set ups to study and understand the process.
- Working on our own unique designs in the form of posters and presenting them on print.

## Internship Status

• Internship Certificate Obtained from Stone Mill.

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Enrichment Programs:  Virginia Tech – Online Program  Participated in Virginia Tech College of architecture online summer program.	2024
<ul> <li>Virgina Tech 'Inside design' workshop 2024.</li> </ul>	
Obtained certificate of completion from the College of Architecture.	
Adobe Illustrator –Program  • Interior design course done via Adobe Illustrator at Compufield, Mumbai.	2022
Learnings and Observations: Interviews with 4 leading Mumbai Architects  Understood their contributions to the Mumbai Skyline.	2025
Analyzed their vision of Mumbai City.	
<ul> <li>Articulated their vision to make Mumbai city more livable.</li> </ul>	
WRITING AND PUBLICATIONS Astro Poetry writing competition  Nominated by the English Teacher to represent the school at the Prestigious Astro Poetry writing competition held at Nehru Planetarium, Mumbai.	2023
Contributed articles for the School Magazine at Hill Spring International  • Wrote Poems and Articles in Hindi (the national language) on Women Empowerment in the Hill Spring School Newsletter "Spring Scoop".	2024
<ul> <li>Intra-AVM Essay Writing Competition</li> <li>Won 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in the Intra-AVM Essay writing competition and received a cash prize of Rs 1000.</li> </ul>	2023
LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES	
<ul> <li>PBL Innovator</li> <li>Awarded the PBL (Project Based Learning) Innovator award for promoting project-based learning model under the ICSE curriculum.</li> </ul>	2023
• Coordinated and mentored club members, strengthening teamwork and leadership with student-led initiatives.	
<ul> <li>Head of Environment Club at Arya Vidya Mandir school</li> <li>Ideated various projects for the environment club such as bird feeders and terrarium planters.</li> <li>Encouraged peer collaboration and creative problem-solving, enhancing student participation and learning outcomes.</li> </ul>	2023
<ul> <li>Chair of COPUOS Committee at AVM MUN</li> <li>Chaired the Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space at Arya Vidya Mandir School.</li> <li>Guided delegates in drafting resolutions, building consensus, and maintaining procedural order in a high-pressure MUN environment.</li> </ul>	2023
SPORTS and CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS  Cricket  Chosen as a Member of the Arya Vidya Mandir Cricket Team.  Participated in Inter School Cricket Competitions.  Participated in DSO Cricket tournament (Highest Wicket taker in the game).  Participated in Harris Shield Cricket Competition.	2021-25
<ul> <li>Table Tennis</li> <li>Participated in ISSO (Inter School) Table Tennis Championship at Noida, Uttar Pradesh</li> <li>Participated in MSSA tournaments representing the school</li> <li>Participated in Inter House Table Tennis tournaments</li> </ul>	2021-25
<ul> <li>Tabla (Indian Percussion Instrument)</li> <li>Performed on Cultural day at Hill Spring International School</li> <li>Professionally Trained By Guru Shri Lakshmikant</li> <li>Participated in Infusion Inter school Music competition</li> <li>Played Tabla for school Band on Annual Day performances and other events</li> </ul>	2018-25

Debating & Plays

■ Chair of the AVM Model United Nations

Delegate in annual World Summit at Jamnabai Narsee School	2019
Participated in Hindi play and dance performances at Hill Spring International	2024
Head of Tech for Expressions Programme at Hill Spring International	2024
• Conducted Hindi Day(National language day) Information session for Grade 9 in the form of a skit	2025

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

# Hill Spring School - CAS Programme

2024

- Volunteering at Welfare for Dogs Shelter, Sewri
- Donor Cards for Cuddle Foundation
- Actively participated in school Nature Club initiatives, promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility through hands-on activities, discussions, and awareness drives.
- CAS Clubs every Monday Social service, planting, posters, ecofriendly bookmarks etc.

## Fund Raiser for Welfare Activities

2024-25

- Devised a fund-raising framework to be channelized for welfare activities Rs. 1.3 lakh already done.
- Further Fund raise concepts and plans ongoing
- 2024-25

## **SKILLS**

Adobe IllustratorPhotoshop20222019

## **INTERESTS**

- Sports
- Music
- Art
- Writing
- Exploring Cuisines

## **LANGUAGES**

• Fluent in English and Hindi