

## RHEA BHASIN

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### EDUCATION

**The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai, India** **2009-2022**

- International Baccalaureate Program
- Indian Council for Secondary Education Examination (ICSE): **Grade 10**
- Scored 98.20% in the ICSE Board Examinations

### STANDARDISED TESTS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- **SAT Score: 1540/1600; Essay Score: 21/24** **2020**
- **Advanced Placement Exams:** English Language and Composition – 5/5 **2020**  
English Literature and Composition – 5/5
- **TOEFL iBT: 116/120 (R-29; L-30; S-28; W-29)** **2021**

### ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONOURS

- Highest Score in the English Language and Literature HL Mid-Year Examinations - year 11 and 12 **2021**
- Stood first across India in History and Commercial Applications with a perfect score of 100/100 in ICSE **2020**
- Honours prize in school comprehensive examinations for grades 9 and 10. **2018-2020**
- Received a High Commendation for the work presented at the Cathedral and John Connon School Science Fair 'In Quest' **2019**
- Finalist at the '100 Thousand Poets for Change' Poetry Competition **2020**

### LEADERSHIP

- Editor of *the Cathedral News*, the Cathedral and John Connon School's quarterly newsletter **2021**
- Assistant-coach of an Optimist sailing team from Mumbai **2021**
- Part of 17 out of 150 students chosen to constitute the prefect body at the Cathedral and John Connon School **2021**
- Co-founder of the Global Events Society at the Cathedral and John Connon School **2021**
- Editor of the Encore Magazine in 2020 **2020**

### SAILING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Sailed the Optimist class of boat** **2014-2019**
- **Sailed the Laser 4.7 class of boat** **2021**
- **Indian National Squad** **2019**  
Secured position on the Indian National Team comprising of the top 10 Indian female sailors in India for the Optimist Class of boat.
- **Assistant Coach for the Mumbai Sailing Team** **2021**  
Have been the Assistant Coach of an Optimist Sailing team from Mumbai since 2021, training the team for State and National level events.
- **Reserve Team – Oman** **2019**  
Part of the National Team representing India at the Optimist Asian and Oceanic Championship 2019.
- **National and State-Level wins**  
Acquired ranking positions in several national and state-level championships.
- **Detailed sailing resume separately provided**

### WRITING AND JOURNALISTIC PURSUITS

- **Internship with Fair Observer** **2020-2021**  
Have been interning at US-based non-profit media organization 'Fair Observer'.

Role has included the following:

- *Editing Articles*

Have been entrusted with editing duties at the organization. Currently working closely with the CEO, Atul Singh, to understand editing.

- *Writing Articles*

- Published two articles – ‘America’s War on Abortion’ and ‘It’s Time to Make India’s Education Good Enough for All’ with the independent, nonprofit media organization ‘Fair Observer’.
- Article on education in India was included in the ‘editor’s picks’ section of the website, and in the 360° feature containing articles written by Atul Singh (CEO of Fair Observer), Gary Grappo (former US ambassador, professor at the University of Denver), Kourosh Ziabari (award-winning journalist) and several other notable writers.

- *Handling the Personal Twitter of the CEO, Atul Singh*

Have been working closely with the CEO of Fair Observer, Atul Singh (Oxford and Wharton graduate), especially regarding management his personal twitter account.

• *Handling the Official Fair Observer Twitter Account*

Have been handling the official twitter account of the organization.

• **Editor of the Cathedral News** **2021**

- Appointed editor of the school newsletter, the Cathedral News. Role entailed editing articles, overseeing all written work for the newsletter, and personally interviewing eminent personalities such as the Dean of Harvard Business School.

- Introduced a literary section in the Cathedral News to give students a new platform for creative expression.

• **Editor of the Encore Magazine** **2020**

Appointed editor of the annual school music festival magazine - Encore. Role entailed planning the magazine, getting writers to submit pieces, editing, layout, pictures, etc.

• **Director of the International Press Corps at the Cathedral Model United Nations** **2021**

Chosen to be the Director of the International Press Corps at the 2021 Cathedral Model United Nations. Role entails overseeing and heading committee proceedings, as well as having the final say in discussions on agenda, awards, etc.

• **Assistant Director for Press at the Cathedral Model United Nations** **2020**

Chosen to be the First Assistant Director for the International Press Corps at the 2020 Cathedral Model UN.

Tasks involve writing the Press corps study guide – which analyses issues plaguing the journalistic world and considers various solutions – synthesizing crises and overlooking committee proceedings.

• **Doggie Vogue – The Welfare of Stray Dogs** **2021**

Co-created a website and magazine that promotes the adoption of dogs. The magazine delves into the adoption process as well as the behavior of dogs at the shelter and dogs that have been adopted. Part of a team that is creating an Instagram page to promote dog adoption.

• **Cathedral News and Cathedralite** **2018-2021**

Wrote several articles for the school newspaper and magazine on multiple occasions.

• **English Language and Literature HL Essay** **2021**

Wrote essay on the use of realism in Jhumpa Lahiri’s *Interpreter of Maladies* to portray the identity struggles of women.

## **SOCIO-POLITICAL WRITING AND INITIATIVES**

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• **Blog – A Pen. A Paper** **2011-2021**

- Started writing a blog at age 7. Refurbished it as a socio-political blog called ‘A Pen. A Paper’.

- Recent issues covered – police brutality, analysis of the Indian stimulus package, the Chinese demographic crisis ([www.rheadavinci.com](http://www.rheadavinci.com))

- **Global Events Society - Cathedral and John Connon School** **2021**  
Founded the Global Events Society in school with the objective of encouraging students to be more aware of socio-political happenings, as well as more accepting of varying perspectives on different issues of importance.
- **Petition for Justice for Hathras Rape Victim** **2020**  
Started a petition with my classmate to expedite the trial of a rape victim from the village of Hathras. The petition gained over 17,000 supporters and a trial was held for the victim.
- **Extended Essay on the Indian Farm Bills 2020** **2021**  
- In the process of writing a 4000-word paper on the impact of the 2020 Farm Bills on paddy farmers in the state of Haryana  
- Interviewed award-winning journalist, Parth MN, to understand his work with farmers and gauge the perspectives of farmers on the legislation

### **GLOBAL MIGRATION – RESEARCH AND OUTREACH**

- **Research Paper on Migration with Cambridge Professor** **2021**  
- Wrote a research paper on international development and global migration, more specifically the feminization of migration and the extent to which different definitions of it have been achieved.  
- Wrote paper under the guidance of Dr Saradamoyee Chatterjee, the director of Land Economy at Lucy Cavendish College in the University of Cambridge.
- **Research Paper on Organ Trafficking with Cambridge Professor** **2021**  
- Currently writing a second paper on organ trafficking in India with Dr Chatterjee.
- **Interviews with Pregnant Migrant Women through SNEHA** **2021(ongoing)**  
- Working with the non-profit organization SNEHA to interview pregnant migrant women in the informal settlements of Mumbai with the objective of understanding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on prenatal care for migrant women.  
- SNEHA is an organization that focusses on reducing maternal and infant mortality, child malnutrition and gender-based violence.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **The Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD)** **2018-2021**  
- Have volunteered with the Welfare of Stray Dogs in Mumbai for over three years. Have written articles to promote their cause alongside volunteering at the dog shelter to walk and feed the dogs.  
- Originated and carried through solution to the issue of feeding strays amidst the Covid-19 lockdown through the medium of the Mumbai police (approval was granted).
- **Yasham Foundation** **2020**  
Volunteered with the Yasham Foundation to teach students mathematics and English in an online medium. Devised lesson plans, documented student progress, and regularly created questions to check fluency.
- **Fundraising for Habitat for Humanity** **2021**  
Raised over 50,000 rupees for the Habitat for Humanity foundation for providing hygiene kits to those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULARS**

- **Piano** **2011-2019**  
Completed Grade 4 in Trinity Piano examinations.
- **Music Theory** **2011-2019**  
Completed Grade 3 in Trinity Music Theory examinations.

- **Elocution** **2018-2021**  
Participated in inter-house elocution competitions since the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Won second best speaker in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Debates** **2019**  
Participated in inter-house debate competitions since the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

### INTERESTS

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- Travelling, playing piano, attending protests, debating, reading