Akshat Bhaskar

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(Experiences start from <u>here</u>)

Education

Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram

- Student Council Member, Class 11th, 2024-25
- Recipient of the Principal's Scholar Badge for Academic Excellence in the academic year 2022-23 and 2023-24 and 2024-25
- Recipient of the Principal's Gold Medal for Excellence in Academics (MVPP) in 2022-23
- Recipient of the Principal's Red Tie for Extra Curricular Excellence in 2023-24
- Recipient of the 2 x Principal's Red Pin for Extra Curricular Excellence in 2024-25
- Subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Economics, English
- Grade 09th: 92.7%
- Grade 10th: 94.4%
- Grade 11th: 87%
- Member of Matsoc (the Mathematics Society); Expressions Theatre Club (ETC); Social Service League (SSL); DM Geoquest (the Geography and Disaster Management Club)
- Quizzing Club of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, winner of national-level quiz competitions, managed sponsorship for Infinitus Reus 2024, finalized sponsorship deals with companies like PlayStation, Masters' Union, Crossword, Taskade, gen xyz, Rosenfeld, AoPS, Interview Cake, and Balsamiq
- Volunteer at the Interact Club of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram; attended the <u>District Interact Leadership Assembly</u> 2024
- Football Team of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram; District Champions for 2 consecutive years in 2023 and 2024

<u>Lodha Genius Programme 2025 (100% Merit Scholarship), Ashoka</u> <u>University</u>

- Admitted into Lodha Genius Programme 2025 (Acceptance Rate: 3.2%) Cohort for a specialization in Pure Mathematics
- I had the honor of being selected as one of the 280 students from all over India to attend the fully funded Lodha Genius Program at Ashoka University after a rigorous application round, aptitude test, and interview. It is a certified programme, designed to give motivated and gifted students in classes 9, 10, 11 & 12 an exposure to ensure that they experience what it is like to be a scientist or a mathematician in the best institutes, universities, laboratories, and departments in India and abroad.
- Specialized in Pure Mathematics, along with which I also had Great Ideas Seminars by notable experts like Nobel Laureate Brian Schmidt, Nobel Laureate Paul Nurse, Fields Medalist Manjul Bhargava, Educator Arvind Gupta, and many more.
- Courses Taken:
 - Number Theory: Taught by Prof. Shanta Laishram
 - Linear Algebra: Taught by Prof. Sagar Shrivastava
 - Geometry from Plane to Spherical: Taught by Dr. Mohit Upmanyu
 - Algebra and Group Theory: Taught by Prof. Niladri Sekhar Patra

Eureka! Juniors: E-Cell IIT Bombay

• Completed a 3-Month Skill Development Programme <u>Eureka! Juniors</u> by IIT Bombay with a highly selective application process; worked on my entrepreneurship project "FinKid", which I later pitched to industry leaders.

<u>Research</u>

- Conducted AI Policy Research under the mentorship of Professor Surbhi Goel from the University of Pennsylvania; Research Paper "Securing our Future: The Imperative Role of Agencies in Mitigating AI Existential Risks", accepted for publication by the International Journal of Applied Engineering Research.
- Published paper "How Economics runs the World" in the Finance and Investment Journal, "Arbitrage" of the Indian Institute of Management,

Rohtak (only high school students to be published in the journal); analyzed global economic structures, proposing regulatory improvements

- Published piece on Behavioral Economics, "The Market of Minds" in the annual Economics journal "Ecocentric 2024-25" by The Economics Department of Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi
- Currently researching black swan events under Prof. Kritika Soni from the Indian School of Business and Finance.
- Currently conducting research on the impact of NEP in creating more employable youth in India

TaxCity - Chief Financial Officer

- <u>https://taxcity.org/</u>
- Managing finance and grants (heading the finance interns) at TaxCity, an experimental game that takes players through the tax filing journey.
- Impacted 9250+ students from 30+ schools across 14 states, and 7 curriculums; generated over 550K INR in revenue; recognized by Ministry of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Social Justice & Welfare
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- Secured an international NGO partnership to expand financial literacy programs globally.

<u>Edunomix Institute - India Chapter Director and Economic</u> <u>Researcher</u>

- <u>https://www.edunomixinstitute.com/</u> NGO, working to ease access to financial education across various fields.
- Conducted research and wrote articles on prevalent economic events like the Budget 2024, ONDC Launching, Bangladesh Crisis, and general market trends like increased Private Jet emissions, the Rise of Sustainable Finance, etc.
- Conducted an Essay Competition for high school students in India, witnessing participation from students from over 19 states of India (edunomixinstitute.com/india-econ-essay-competition)

Decoded Podcast - Host

- https://open.spotify.com/show/35iC8pkOthYJmbufeb78Xs
- "Decoded" is a podcast dedicated to simplifying complex theories in economics and technology for a broad audience. As the host and producer, I engage with experts to discuss topics ranging from behavioral economics to global market trends, aiming to make economics and technology accessible and engaging for all listeners.
- In the first episode of Decoded, we explore international marketing, financial planning, and global trade with Professor Soumitra Mookherjee, a professor at the Indian School of Business and Finance, who is an industry veteran with an MPhil in Economics from Cambridge and years of experience in the finance sector, and deep expertise in strategy and economics.

Co-Founder, COO, CMO of UnShush

• Co-founder, CMO (Chief Marketing Officer), and COO (Chief Operating Officer) at Start-up "UnShush" (a networking app for high schoolers); heading and managing a team of over 10 international interns for the US, Canada, Bangladesh, India, etc. (still in production phase)

Awards and Honors

- Finalist in the Northeastern Essay Competition 2025 (International)
- Top 1% in Pivotal Essay Contest 2023 (International)
- 44th Rank (top 0.06%) in Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha (MVPP) 2022–23 (5000 INR Scholarship); Out of 65,000+ participants, only the top 1,000 are selected for scholarship
- Recipient of Principal's Gold Medal for clearing MVPP
- Master's Union Startup Weekend 2023 1st Position (National)
- Winner of the Baobabooks Summer Writing Challenge 2023 (National)
- Times of India Save the Stripes Young Rangers Challenge 2023 Top 250 (1000 INR Scholarship) (National)
- Winner of Quizzonomics, ComAstitva 2024, the national-level Economics Quiz of the annual Commerce Fest of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram

- Runner-Up of Volatus, CelesteCon 2024, the national level Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Design Challenge (UADC), of the annual Aerospace Fest of Delhi Public School R.K. Puram
- Winner of Delhi Football Zonal Championship twice in a row (2023+2024)
- Selected for Delhi Football School State Championship 2023 (representing the school)
- Early Steps Academy Jeff Bezos Speech Competition 2023 Winner (International Level)
- Merit Certificate in International English Olympiad (IEO) Level 2 conducted by SOF
- Gold Medal of Excellence at the International English Olympiad (IEO) Level 1 2023, conducted by SOF
- Principal's Scholar Badge for Academic Excellence

Entrepreneurship Competitions

- Master's Union Startup Weekend 2023 1st Position (National Level)
- Eureka! IIT Bombay Round 2 Selection (National Level)
- Action Plan IIT Bombay '23 Round 2 Selection (National Level)

<u>Certifications</u>

- Google Analytics
- Google Ads_Measurement
- Stock Market by Great Learning
- Real Estate by Kelley School of Business IU Indianapolis
- Skill Development Programme by IIT Bombay
- Cash Flow by HP
- Circular Economy by HP
- SEBI Investor Certification by the Securities and Exchanges Board of India