

# Samridhi Sharma

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## EDUCATION

**- University of California, Berkeley** Class of 2029  
Incoming Freshman; Intended Major: Economics

**- Dikshant International School, Panchkula, India** Class of 2025  
*Class XII (CBSE)* — Expected May 2025  
Grade XI (92.4%), Class X CBSE (89.2%), Class IX (91.2%)

## Selected Academic Distinctions:

- Merit Awards in Information Technology (99%), Economics (95%), Political Science (95%)
- Bronze Award, Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023
- 2nd Place, UNESCO Art for Inner Peace International Competition
- Ashoka Young Changemaker 2024 (2.4% acceptance)
- Young Changemaker Award, *The Hindu Business Line* 2024 (Top 5 Nationally)

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- **Right-to-Die Law in India**  
*Indian Journal of Law & Legal Research (IJLR)*  
Published under mentorship of Dr. Kajori Bhatnagar. Conducted comparative legal research on euthanasia frameworks globally and their potential alignment with Indian law, with proposed policy safeguards ensuring ethical balance.
- **Legally Binding Election Manifestos**  
*Journal of High School Science*  
Researched accountability in electoral promises under guidance of Dr. Passi. Proposed institutional mechanisms and authored a framework for a "Manifesto Review Commission".
- **Author of 'UnMuted: Finding Your Voice Against Bullying'**  
Launched nationally distributed guide tackling legal, emotional, and social bullying responses. Mentored youth 1:1, created a legal literacy chapter, and conducted 30+ workshops across 32 schools. Sold over 250 copies.

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Youth Intern, SDM Office — Punjab State Elections**  
Derabassi, India | 2022–23

- Supported implementation of 'Vote from Home' for elderly & PWDs; personally guided 44+ voters
- Conducted door-to-door surveys and awareness campaigns contributing to a 2.25% increase in turnout

**Innovation & Youth Advisor, CoreTegra Technologies**  
Chandigarh, India | 2021–22

- As part of the team, we digitized polling info & candidate credentials by developing a user-friendly digital interface for 10K+ voters and 12 candidates. We developed a digital platform for voters making election information digitally accessible. This eliminated paper-based polling info slips, reducing paper waste by 50%

## Youth Fellowships

- *Civics Unplugged (2024)*: Analyzed influence of corporate actors on national security; authored 6-page case brief "When Corporates Shape Security"
- *Institute for Youth in Policy*: Focused on U.S. policy, environmentalism, and fiscal reform; capstone on India's "freebie" culture and its electoral consequences
- *The Purpose Academy by 1M1B*: Received \$4,600 scholarship (1/30+ member cohort); scaled digital literacy initiative in collaboration with local governments

## LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL IMPACT

### Founder & Director, Guzaarish Foundation

Govt-Registered NGO | 2021–Present

- Led 90+ volunteers in 12 cities across India & Nepal
- Executed 60+ digital rights and menstrual health workshops
- Raised relief for Indian floods & Nepal earthquake; delivered 2000+ lbs aid
- Partnered with 8 CSR-funded companies; recognized by Govt. of India

### President, Student Council

- Digitized school elections, supervised 12-member council, founded Journalism Club & monthly newsletter
- Organized 9 major events including the Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival

## MODEL UN & ACADEMIC CLUBS

- Executive Board Member at 7+ national MUNs, including Secretary-General, DIS MUN 2024
- 30+ MUNs as delegate; 19 delegate awards including Best Delegate & High Commendation
- Mentored junior students in legal research & diplomacy as senior member of Chandigarh Debating Society

### Founder, SynthiSphere Club

- Created a student-led platform within school to explore international relations through debates, philosophy-based simulations, and illustrated commentary published in the school magazine

## HONORS & MEDIA FEATURES

- Ashoka Young Changemaker (Presented work to Bill Drayton & international jury)
- Commendation Letter by MP Kartikeya Sharma; State Honor by Governor of Chandigarh (2024)
- Featured in *Dainik Bhaskar*, *The Youth Talk Show*, and national campaign articles
- Recognized by former MLA on X (formerly Twitter) for social impact initiatives

## SKILLS

**Technical Skills:** Canva, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides), Wordpress

**Language Skills:** English, Hindi, Punjabi