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EDUCATION

MSc in Environmental Policy and Management, University of Bristol (ThinkBig Scholar) 2024-2025

Corporate Sustainability, Policy Consultancy, Climate Risk Analysis, Net-Zero Strategy, Remote Sensing and GIS

Oxford School of Climate Change, Oxford Climate Society, University of Oxford Michaelmas, 2024

B.A. L.L.B. [Bachelor of Law], ILS Law College, University of Pune: First Class with Distinction 2019- 2024

Company Law, Environmental law, International Economic Law, Legal Compliances, Economics

Standard 12 Board Examinations [Natural Sciences]: 89.54% (top 1 percentile)

Professional Summary

Preparing to enter the domain of Corporate Sustainability, I am an Environmental Lawyer with hands-on experience in **climate risk analysis, Net-zero transition, ESG compliances, and sustainability reporting.**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Project Manager, Student Policy Consultant, Ricardo** Jan- April 202
 - Addressed policy and **management challenges** at Ricardo Consultancy, as a part of my course.
 - Conducted research on leveraging Copernicus services for global **climate risk assessments** and **adaptation strategies**, focusing on vulnerable regions lacking consistent climate data.
 - Prepared and presented **consultancy** and **sustainability reports**.
- Sustainability Ambassador, University of Bristol** Sep 2024- Present
 - Working with the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) team to include Sustainability in the curriculum of all disciplines.
 - Sustainability **data-analysis using Python**, and creating reports from datasets.
- Climate Policy Research Assistant (Consultant), Pune International Centre** Jan 2023-April 2024
 - Authored policy papers on Urban Climate Governance presented to Niti Aayog, Government of India.
 - Prepared **ESG reports** and **Climate Risk reports**
 - Launched India's first Climate Neutrality Facilitation Cell within our City Municipal Corporation.
 - Project Manager for Solar Microgrid Project and YouCAN Environmental Campaign
- Climate Finance and Economic Policy Research intern, Climate Collective** Jan 2023- June 2023
 - Analysed and monitored Climate and Renewable Energy Policies, and wrote reports

5. **Climate Risk and Advisory Intern, Clifford Chance London** *April 2021-May 2021*
 - Reviewed and commented on **Heads of Terms** for an **Emission Reductions Purchase Agreement**.
 - Management induction on **climate-related disclosure duties**, and **Environmental Performance Reporting**
 - Client counselling on pending Carbon-taxation US legislation.

6. **Legal Research Intern, Adv. Sreeja Chakraborty** *May 2020-June 2022*
 - Assisted on pending cases in NGT Pune and the Supreme Court of India.
 - Prepared a comprehensive report on the working of NGT and its critical cases analyses

7. **Legal Research Intern, Centre for Environmental Law, Nirma University** *Dec 2020- Jan 2021*
 - Researched and prepared an analysis report on:
 - i. EIA Notification 2004-05 and the consequent amendments.
 - ii. Public Participation in the process of granting environmental clearances in India.
 - iii. Current status and management of scientific information related to the Indian environment.
 - Prepared case briefs for the Supreme Court cases on Environmental Impact Assessment.

8. **Head, Environmental Law Cell, ILS Law College** *Jan 2021- June 2024*
 - Launched the ILS Green Club in partnership with the Government of Maharashtra and **UNICEF India**.
 - Conducted seminars on **Corporate Sustainability and ESG compliances**.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS:

1. **Book**
 - Chapter on “Building Institutional and Governance Resilience” in the book “Sustainable and Climate Resilient Development Challenges for India”.

2. **Research Articles:**
 - “Assessing Environmental Jurisprudence in India: An analysis of the National Green Tribunal’s judicial structure and institutional effectiveness”, International Journal of Environmental Protection and Policy
 - “Animal Experimentation- Origin, Challenges, and Developments”, Abhivyakti Law Journal
 - “National Adaptation Plans: an Indian perspective”, International journal for legal research and analysis

3. **Policy Papers:**
 - “Redesigning Urban Local Bodies for Climate Action”, Pune International Center
 - “Urban Carbon Sequestration of Pune Municipal Region”, Pune International Center

4. **Paper presentations:**
 - “CBDR- from the TWAIL Perspective”, paper presented at S.P. Sathe 16th International Conference 2022 on ‘Politico-Legal Dimensions of Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future’.
 - “ Designing sustainable waterholes for wildlife at Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary”, statistical advisory project report presented at Homi Bhabha Young Scientist examination

5. **Op-eds** (In newspapers)
 - “Harnessing youth potential to steer conversations on climate crisis”, The Times of India

ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE:

1. Selected to represent India as a **Climate Leader** at the International Climate Justice camp organised by **Greenpeace International**.
 - Participated in and conducted workshops for Climate leaders representing over 110 countries.
 - Selected as a 'Living Book' to narrate my Climate Action story and my work in this field.
2. Selected as a **Climate Action Champion** by the **US Department of State** and ORF
 - Took part, along with over 50 South Asian Youth Delegates from 5 different countries, in shaping public debate and policy on climate change.
 - Presented the position of Least Developed Countries in the Climate Crisis.
 - Recommended solutions to build climate resilience within systems and communities in the region.
3. Selected as one of the 50 **Youth Representatives** by **UNICEF** to formulate a Youth Policy statement for the **Government of India**.
 - Collaborated with the Government of India to give recommendations for the implementation of NAPCC (National Action Plan on Climate Change) and SAPCC (State Action Plan on Climate Change) of Maharashtra.
4. Selected as a **Global Changemaker** in an international initiative called MOVHERS
 - One among the 75 women changemakers chosen from 140 countries, to participate in the first female-led global transformational leadership movement: MOVHERS.
 - Designated as an '**Ocean Conservation and Policy**' Fellow.
 - Collaborated with experts to increase Ocean literacy and set up a Climate Action and Equity focused Advisory Board for impacted coastline communities.
5. Selected to give recommendations to the 'Energy Conservation Sustainability Building Code' of India.

CERTIFICATIONS:

1. Climate Fresk Facilitator (Yellow-belt)
 2. Global Youth Climate Training Program, Oxford University (**Net Zero**)
 3. **Climate Vulnerability Assessment** & Resilience Building for Urban and Semi-urban Communities, INECC
 4. Constitution of India and Environmental Governance, Government of India (IIT Madras and IISC Bangalore)- **All India Rank 1**
 5. **Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency** workshop, IIT Bombay, Indian Youth Climate Network
 6. Climate Change Litigation Course, We the Humans
 7. Understanding the nuances of Climate Change in the Indian subcontinent, IMPRI
 8. International Climate change: Law and Policy, Newcastle University
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