Shiven Deveshwar

IB Diploma Programme, Grade 12 · The Shri Ram School Moulsari, Gurgaon, India
Gurgaon, Haryana, India · Contact via the form on the portfolio website

SELECTED DISTINCTIONS

SAT 1560 (Math 780 · Reading & Writing 770) · AP Scholar (5 in all three AP examinations) · International Rank 1 (International English Olympiad, 2024) · John Locke Institute (Commendations, Law & Philosophy) · Polyphony Lit (Winter Contest runner-up, 2026) · IGCSE School Topper (9 A*s, 2025)

EDUCATION

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Grade 12

The Shri Ram School Moulsari, Gurgaon, India · 2025–27

Student at The Shri Ram School Moulsari since 2020.

Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 10

The Shri Ram School Moulsari, Gurgaon, India · 2023–25

STANDARDISED TESTS AND APS

SAT

2025

Total 1560 — Math 780, Reading and Writing 770

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

2024–26

Art History – 5; Comparative Government & Politics – 5; Psychology – 5

Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE B2)

Instituto Cervantes · 2026

Professional working proficiency

HONOURS AND AWARDS — SCHOOL

Subject Excellence Awards, Grade 11

2026

For scoring 7/7 in History, Economics, English Literature and Spanish

School Topper, Grade 10 IGCSE

2025

Highest overall score in the Grade 10 IGCSE examinations, with 9 A*s

CI (Cambridge International) Star of the Year

2025

For achieving at least 7 A*s in Grade 10 IGCSE and school examinations

Subject Topper Awards, Grade 10 IGCSE

2025

English Language, History, Economics, Physics, Chemistry and Spanish

Academic Excellence Award

2025

For securing above A in all 9 subjects in Grade 10 IGCSE and school examinations

Subject Excellence Awards, Grade 10 IGCSE

2025

For A*s in all 9 subjects taken

CI Star of the Year, Grade 9
2024
For achieving at least 7 A*s in Grade 9 school examinations

Subject Excellence Awards, Grade 9
2024
For A*s in English Literature, English Language, International Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Spanish and Global Perspectives

HONOURS AND AWARDS — INTERNATIONAL

John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize — Commendations
John Locke Institute · 2024, 2026
Commendations in the Law and Philosophy categories

Winter Contest — Runner-up
Polyphony Lit · 2026

AP Scholar Award
College Board · 2026
For scoring 5 in all three AP examinations taken

International Certificate of Education — Distinction
Cambridge International · 2025
For scoring at least 6 A*s in the Grade 10 IGCSE examinations

Award for creative prose
Paper Lanterns (Irish literary journal) · 2025
Received an award of €110 for a creative prose entry

International Rank 1, International English Olympiad
2024
Higher Level 2 examination; cash prize of Rs 50,000

International Chemistry Quiz — Certificate of High Distinction
Royal Australian Chemical Institute · 2023

HISTORY CONSERVATION AND OUTREACH

Volunteer
Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Hisar, India · 2025–present
Led tourist training and information programmes for India's largest heritage-conservation non-profit at the live Indus Valley Civilisation excavation site of Rakhigarhi, under the mentorship of Sumita Tayal, Convenor of the Haryana State Chapter.
• Developed and implemented a training programme to skill local women as tourist guides at the site, enabling 20 trainees with low literacy levels and traditional homemaker roles to earn supplemental incomes
• Created 4 simple, easy-to-understand videos in Hindi on the site's history and archaeological work for trainees to use as reference
• Prepared Hindi and English information pamphlets for visitors to Rakhigarhi, where tourist infrastructure is still basic but expanding
• Photographed ruins, museum objects and ancient homes in the surrounding village for publication on a website developed by Urban-Suburban Perspectives, a non-profit collaborating with INTACH on Rakhigarhi tourism
• Designed an interactive trail map for schoolchildren to explore Rakhigarhi's history through imagination and discovery
• Conceptualised a low-cost, hands-on educational discovery box for primary schools in Haryana, using locally sourced, biodegradable materials to teach the importance of heritage conservation and handicraft traditions
Related project: Rakhigarhi
https://www.intach.org

Intern
India Lost & Found (ILF), New Delhi, India · 2023–26
Three-year unpaid internship at ILF, a 'crowd-creative' non-profit founded by photographer Amit Pasricha to raise historical awareness and support the conservation of lesser-known monuments across India.
• Narration Editor: converted research on 20+ monuments into easy-to-read stories; awarded Storyteller of the Month (February 2026); fact-checked information collated by other volunteers
• Data Management Intern: organised, catalogued and maintained files on 1,489 Indian monuments in ILF's research database
• Cultural Researcher: authored 9 research papers for publication on ILF's virtual Heritage Map of India, covering the history, patronage, current physical state and conservation of sites from the 8th to the 19th centuries, using primary on-the-ground or secondary research — including Chennakeshava Temple (Karnataka), Jantar Mantar (Rajasthan), Ganj Masjid and Rajvada of Lakhuji Jadhav (Maharashtra), Stakna Monastery (Ladakh), Bhavnath Mahadev Temple (Gujarat), Malinithan Temple (Arunachal Pradesh), Mamleshwar Mahadev Temple (Himachal Pradesh) and Maitri Bagh Zoo (Chhattisgarh)
• Recruited and trained 2 peers as successors to ensure uninterrupted research and data-management support
https://indialostandfound.com

Independent podcast feature series
2025–present
A feature series on efforts by non-state actors to address challenges to historical preservation. Interviews include:
• Author Swapna Liddle, on why citizens must not rely solely on the government to protect historical monuments
• Journalist Sunil Prabhu, on the citizen-led restoration of the last remaining of 1,500 gardens laid by the 14th-century ruler Firoz Shah Tughlaq
• Artist Vishal K Dar, on attracting people to historical sites through art installations
• Educator Sheila Chhabra, on inculcating a love of history among children through experiential learning and walks around monuments
Related project: Podcasts & Articles

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Managing Editor, School Editorial Board
The Shri Ram School Moulsari · 2025–present
Oversee, mentor and work collaboratively with 100 students across Grades 6–12 in the English, Hindi, Photography and Art departments.
• Publish the annual school magazine Uncensored and periodic newsletters covering major school events (including Model UN and Debate)
• Interview visiting guest speakers, including technology commentator Rajiv Makhni and military veteran Wing Commander Amarjit Singh
• Led the organising team for the school's annual Lit Fest: public debates on literary topics with the Debate Society, literary trivia competitions, a book-exchange drive for students and staff, and author visits
• Editorial team member for the biannual IB and Cambridge International Education newsletters; member of the English Editorial Board every year from Grades 6–10

Student Representative, NEASC Design Team
The Shri Ram School Moulsari · 2026–present
One of 10 students selected to work with school management and teachers towards accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).
• Assigned to the team working on Learning Principle 1, focused on applying knowledge and skills to complex real-world issues
• Observe classes and interact with Grade 6–8 students to recommend fresh perspectives on learning
• Provided an implementation-ready plan to restructure student-led societies (such as Dance, Drama and Music) through a centralised review board that identifies opportunities for improvement, ensures weekly meetings take place, advises society heads and provides space for the exchange of ideas
• Designing and conducting constructivist learning modules for ~75 students to introduce out-of-syllabus concepts such as literary theory

Core Member, Heritage Society
The Shri Ram School Moulsari · 2025–present
• Organised a special Independence Day assembly celebrating Indian heritage through different art forms, with the History, Dance, Music, Art and Theatre departments
• Engage Junior School students with India's cultural and historical heritage through quizzes, storytelling and exhibitions

Project Lead, Vertical Gardens
The Shri Ram School Moulsari · 2025
Worked with a group of 10 students to propose, plan and install vertical gardens on the school campus to improve student well-being and counter the effects of air pollution.

Outreach programme, Bagiya School, Gurgaon
2025–26
Supported underprivileged children at Bagiya School: held a bake sale to raise funds, helped organise Sports Day for Grades 2–3 and repainted walls with traditional Warli art designs.

FURTHER RESEARCH PURSUITS

Shri Shodh research programme — economics research paper
The Shri Ram School (faculty-run research mentorship programme) · 2025–26
• One of 3 students selected for economics research-paper writing under the mentorship of Dr. Priyanka Raheja
• Authored “The Rise of Digital Payments: Has UPI Reduced India's Dependence on Cash?”, analysing changing financial behaviour among lower-income groups, with policy suggestions to increase financial inclusion and economic formalisation
• Formulated a hypothesis, reviewed related literature, prepared a research design, conducted primary in-depth surveys of 90+ low-income respondents (monthly salary below Rs 40,000), applied statistical methods to interpret data and find correlations, and formulated conclusions and policy recommendations
Related project: Research Papers

SUMMER PROGRAMMES AND FURTHER LEARNING

Yale Young Global Scholars — Politics, Law & Economics (2 weeks)
Yale University · 2026
Capstone project compared the effectiveness of wealth redistribution in authoritarian and democratic states (1990–2025).

Moral Foundations of Politics (online course)
Yale University, via Coursera — Professor Ian Shapiro · 2026

Creative Writing Workshop (3 weeks)
Columbia University · 2024
Crafted an advanced portfolio of poetry and fiction; the final submission explored the ramifications of violent political conflict on a young boy's family.

MUSIC

RSL Awards Grade 6 Vocals (Rockschool) — Merit
2026

Public performances
2023–present
Performed at public venues including Piano Man Jazz Bar and Quorum Club, Gurgaon.

Workshop in music production
One World School of Music, Gurgaon · 2025

Trinity College London Grade 2 Piano — Distinction
2023

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Photography
2024–present
Photographs of heritage monuments selected for publication on the International Association for College Admission Counseling website; regular contributor to the school magazine, Uncensored.

Compering
2025
Grade 11 annual form morning

Film-making — 1st prize
Film Making Competition, Pathways School, Gurgaon · 2024

Quizzing — 1st place
Inter-house Climate and Environment Quiz, The Shri Ram School · 2024

Debating
The Shri Ram School core debate team · 2024–25
Participated in inter-school events in Delhi and nationally.

Running
Sagar House team · 2023–25
Represented the house at intra-school sports events.

Basketball
Junior Boys Team, The Shri Ram School · 2023–24
3rd position at the Annual Sports Meet.

Tennis, padel and pickleball
Current
Club-level tennis player; swimming and yoga for leisure.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent) · Hindi (mother tongue) · Spanish (proficient)