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SUMMARY

Final-year Economics and Finance student at Ahmedabad University with hands-on experience across deal-making, fintech research, and student leadership. I built pitch decks and a full valuation model for live M&A deals at Deloitte, am currently contributing to a fintech ecosystem readiness index.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Summer Intern — Strategy, Risk & Transactions | Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

May 2025 – Jun 2025

- Built pitch decks for 3 high-stakes acquisition and divestiture mandates, synthesising industry research, competitive benchmarking, and financial analysis into client-ready deliverables
- Developed a full valuation model for 1 live deal, applying DCF and comparables analysis to support transaction recommendations
- Gained exposure to deal structuring, regulatory considerations, and risk assessment within live transaction environments.

Research Team Member — Fintech Readiness Index | GIFT City & GFCI

2026 – Present

- Contributing to research and data collection for a composite index benchmarking cities on fintech ecosystem readiness
- Conducting cross-country data collection and source verification across multiple international markets to support index scoring methodology

Co-founder & Head of Operations | Blithe Foundation

Sep 2020 – Aug 2023

- Identified 20+ donor segments through financial and market research; converted findings into data-driven grant proposals that expanded the donor base
- Coordinated project execution across 4 initiative verticals, improving resource allocation and delivery timelines

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS

Head of Sponsorships | Stepwell, Ahmedabad University's National Youth Festival

May 2026 – Present

- Lead sponsorship outreach and negotiation for the university's flagship national youth festival, securing partnerships to fund festival operations
- Manage sponsor relationship-building, proposal drafting, and cross-team coordination with the sponsorships department

Treasurer | Photography Club, Ahmedabad University

May 2025 – May 2026

- Manage full-cycle budgeting and vendor negotiations for a 35-member club, delivering exhibitions and workshops with zero budget overruns
- Reduced per-event operational costs through structured procurement and financial planning

Head of Operations | The Family Business Chronicles, Ahmedabad University

Feb 2024 – Present

- Curated and executed speaker sessions with 5+ founding-generation family business leaders, growing program reach and institutional profile
- Redesigned the session scheduling and speaker selection framework, cutting planning lead time and improving participant experience

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration — Economics & Finance

Aug 2023 – May 2027

Ahmedabad University

CGPA: 3.25

Summer Course in Behavioural Economics

Jul 2024

London School of Economics & Political Science, London

Fintech Foundations

Feb 2025 – Apr 2025

GIFT International Fintech Institute, GIFT City, Gandhinagar

Engaged with founders from early and growth-stage fintech startups

SKILLS

Technical: MS Excel, Basic Python, PowerPoint, Canva, Notion

Languages: English, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi (conversational) · Spanish (conversational)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Commodity markets, tiger ecology, orca ecology, financial and economic theory