

## AMAIRHA POKALA

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### EDUCATION

**Sishya Adyar, Chennai, India 2011 - Present**

2011-Present

- *Indian School Certificate, Grade 12*
- *ICSE, Grade 10*

### STANDARDISED TESTS

SAT – 1520 (Math 750, Reading & Writing 770)

2024

### ACADEMIC HONOURS & AWARDS

- Green Cards awarded for academic excellence in classes 10, 11, and 12 2022-24
- Lakshmi Muthuswami Prize for best performance in ICSE English (98%) 2023
- Consistent Gold Medals in International English Olympiad Level 1 2022-23
- Top 2 prizes in Sishya's General Knowledge Quiz 2020-Present

### ENGLISH PURSUITS

**Editor-in-chief of Equinox, a literary, art, and current affairs magazine** 2024-Present

Equinox was founded in January 2024. We have published two issues till date, alongside a collection of over 200 poems. We have a team of staff writers and artists, and also feature external submissions. I've been interviewed by The New Indian Express regarding the magazine.

**Member of the Editorial Team at Narratable Org**

2023-Present

Narratable Org is a blog for teens and students. Its content is directed towards adolescents about mental health, peer pressure, education, and more.

My most popular article on the death of Aditya Prabhu garnered over a thousand views on social media.

**Writer and formatter for Newsish, Sishya's magazine**

2018-Present

**Author of *Ceramic Heart: An Anthology and Four Decades Deep***

2024

Published two books– one is a collection of poetry and essays and the other is a murder mystery novella.

**Head of World Press at Sishya's Model UN; Editor-in-chief of the newsletter *Munifesto***

2024

Supervised a team of reporters and editors and compiled the Sishya MUN Newsletter.

**Teaching basic English to rural women (members of self-help groups) with the organisation iMahila**

2024

Women from self-help groups use this knowledge to market their products to a wider audience.

### MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Co-Founder of LiftNow, an organisation that provides free mental health resources to children and teenagers via a mobile app and the game Minecraft. The app has amassed hundreds of downloads and was covered by NDTV.

2023-Present

### DIGITAL MARKETING ENDEAVOURS

**Teaching women from rural self-help groups digital marketing with the organisation iMahila**  
2024

The women used these skills to advertise their handmade products on social media.

**Took a course in Digital Marketing on Coursera** 2023

**Interned with Sony Music India under the digital marketing segment** 2024  
Created content for the label's social media.

**Create content for and supervise the social media marketing segment of Equinox Magazine**  
2024

We have reached over ten thousand users via our content.

### **SOCIAL OUTREACH**

**Assisted with research at IIT Madras** 2024  
Conducted interviews and compiled data for a research project on women representation in the police force

**Active member of Sishya's Interact Club** 2023-Present  
Participated in bake sales and newspaper drives.

**Fundraisers** 2023-Present  
Raised over Rs. 3 lakh for underprivileged children with heart diseases and over Rs. 10,000 to provide menstrual hygiene products to women in slums

### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

Involved in theatrical productions at Sishya, including:

**Mann Ka Corona, 2022**  
Played one of the main characters

**The Rhythm of Friendship, 2023**  
Played one of the main characters

**Railway Reverie, 2024**  
Played a supporting character

### **INTERESTS**

Recreational swimmer. 2013-Present

Trained in Kuchipudi, an Indian classical dance form. 2016-2020