WHO AM I?
A member of Christ’s College, I am finishing my PhD in Physics and have been around in Cambridge for four years. I understand the challenges our diverse graduate community faces and am motivated towards addressing them.

MY TALE SO FAR...
Hailing from the “City of Rallies” New Delhi, I have hardly been one to stand back from student politics in Cambridge when I have felt the need for standing up for a cause.

- I have been a three time CUSU-GU Executive Officer (CUSU Campaigns Officer, 2015-2016; GU International Officer, 2016-2017; GU Welfare Officer, 2017-2018)
- I have been a Student Representative on the Cavendish Laboratory Graduate Student Consultative Committee (GSCC).
- I have handled key roles in large societies such as BlueSci, Cambridge University India Society and Christ’s College MCR.

During my time at these positions, I have worked diligently and sincerely to understand, represent and address different aspects of the life of a graduate student in the University of Cambridge.

MY VISION
I want to be a President who puts our graduate students back at the heart of our University, being the important members that they are; a President who knows that #GradsMatter. This will see us going back to the basics and yet bringing changes on certain fronts. This would mean getting the simple things right that really matter to graduate students and taking us to the core of what our Union was founded on: to serve the graduate students in the University of Cambridge. My campaign is on 'Diversity, Fraternity and Welfare' and I would like to share with you the key points on how I would like to work towards that.

Connectivity, Connectivity, Connectivity
I would like to work towards increasing GU-College MCR and inter-MCR connectivity and collaborations on all fronts, with a mandatory database and forum of MCR Officers’ details handled by the respective GU Executive Officers handling the same aspect of Graduate Life. Inter-college events will be encouraged and promoted.

Academic Affairs
- I would like to establish a regular university-wide academic feedback system on college tutorial system and student-supervisor relations.
- I will lobby for the Code of Practices for university research student to be strengthened, with more protection for the student with respect to the supervisor and clear references to complaint redressal systems such as the The Office of Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals (OSCCA), which is currently absent, and for all research students to be made aware of the University Code of Practices at the beginning of their courses.
- I will lobby for all research Students to be assigned a mentor/advisor who is not close to their supervisor or in the same research team – ideally in another department altogether. This person can help to alleviate concerns and act as an intermediary between the student and supervisor when necessary.
- I would like to work with university management on the introduction of a contract-based model for all PhD students, with associated benefits such as assured leaves in the year.

Diversity, Gender and Welfare
- I would like to help in creating a GU BME Officer, who will look into the interests and concerns of graduate BME students.
- I will lobby for at least 33% female representation and 1 LGBT+/Transgender member on university council and committees.
- I will lobby for more welfare support provisions in departments, and increased investment in university counselling services and mental health support.
- I will commit the Graduate Union to monitor the implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy in the university and to evaluate its effectiveness among graduates.
- I would like to lobby for introduction of maternity, paternity and sick leaves for graduates in the university.
- I would like to facilitate interaction of international students with residents of Cambridge in a flagship programme that will help the former understand cultural differences that they may have to cope with after coming to the UK.
- I will lobby with the university management for a university-wide cultural difference sensitization programme.

Groups, Environment and Energy
- I will represent the interests and needs of specific groups such as differently-abled students, mature undergraduates and students with families in committees and consultations with the university. Specific points like more ramps in public places for wheelchairs, and access of partners of students to various university buildings will be worked on.
- I would like to represent environmental concerns of graduate students by encouraging MCRs and graduate research groups to take part in Green Impact - the University’s environmental accreditation scheme.
- I would like to actively support and lobby for divestment of university funds from fossil fuels and move towards a fossil-fuel-free future with promotion of renewable energy installations in university buildings.

Sports and General Development Projects
- I would like to create a GU Sports Cell that will work with college sports clubs and university sports societies to organize regular sports events.
- I would like to push for more streetlamps on roads where lighting is poor, with university management and Cambridge Council.
- I would like to push for more cycle stands around Cambridge, with consultations and collaborations with university management and Cambridge Council.
- I would like to promote more meditation and mindfulness sessions, especially around exam-time
- I would like to look into safety training for graduate students, besides increasing the stock of personal alarms available for purchase from the Graduate Union.