

DPS Bopal, Ahmedabad

## National, global humanities class XII CBSE topper makes history with perfect 500/500 score



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**D**elhi Public School (Bopal, Ahmedabad), a Kalorex Group Institution, is abuzz as two of its brightest stars have demonstrated academic excellence with their exemplary performance in the recent CBSE board examinations in 2025. **Ishani Debnath**, a class XII student, has clinched the top spot across India and emerged

as the CBSE Class XII Humanities Topper globally by scoring a perfect score of 100 %, which means 100 out of 100 in every subject. Adding to this outstanding performance is **Priyesh Jha**, who has emerged as Class X City Topper by scoring 99.4%. In this exclusive interview with Education World, these two top performers share their study routines, ways to deal with exam anxiety, dreams, and success mantras. Let us know what propelled Ishani and Priyesh to the pinnacle of their respective academic journeys...

### Some excerpts:

**Were you expecting this result, or did your accomplishment come as a startling surprise to you?**

**Ishani:** When I checked the result, I was surprised and shocked and could not believe it. I was sure I would score full marks in a few subjects, but a hundred out of a hundred in every subject was another level of joy. It indeed is an achievement that has come from self-trust, hard work, and the guidance of my educators.

**Priyesh:** I was confident about getting a good score, but becoming the city topper was beyond my imagination. It is a pleasant feeling along with the realisation that honest and consistent efforts bring success beyond expectations.

**Apart from your hard work, who are the key individuals or influences that enabled you to emerge as a topper?**

**Ishani:** My preparation started in class XI itself. My parents have left no stone unturned for the past two years to ensure that I was comfortable in all aspects. They monitored that I took frequent breaks between studies and maintained healthy eating habits. My grandparents kept my morale high through their motivational words, while my educators encouraged and supported me every step of the way.

**Priyesh:** My parents were my greatest source of support. They inspired me, gave me the appropriate study materials, and made my study space ideal. In addition, my educators were always available to help me with any doubt I had, no matter how insignificant. I stayed focused on my objectives because of the supportive surroundings.

**Could you elaborate on how your teachers impacted your preparation and, eventually, excellent exam performance?**

**Ishani:** I am grateful to all my educators at DPS (Bopal), Irum Ahmed (English core), Aanchal Chopra (Economics), Pushpa Nair (Political Science), Vibhuti Singh (Psychology), and Preetha Nambiar (History). I never gave tuition classes a second thought because my teachers were

always there to help me. They were crucial in helping to clarify concepts and determine how to approach a subject. Above all, I adhered to the DHI (Delete, Heal, and Install) principles for my physical, mental, and spiritual development. The concepts designed by Dr Manjula Pooja Shroff, the founder, MD and CEO of Kalorex Group, bring a 360-degree balance in life and promote holistic living.

**Priyesh:** My educators and Principal helped me stay on the right track by sharing study techniques, preparing quality notes, and encouraging me to go deeper into concepts instead of rote learning. Their writing tips came useful while writing my exam. Their feedback after every exam helped me strive harder, transform my weaknesses into strengths, and sharpen my answer-writing skills.

**Share about your routine and habits that contributed to outstanding results.**

**Ishani:** I embraced consistency by frequently revising the material covered in class. I sought clarification by connecting with educators when I had questions. I thoroughly studied the textbooks and completed assignments and additional questions on time. I even worked on past year and sample papers. I found comfort in viewing films and reading short stories during my study break.

**Priyesh:** I maintained a steady routine with fixed study slots and breaks to rejuvenate. I cautiously selected my revision materials during the months before the exams. I made handwritten notes, practised sample papers regularly, and relaxed when needed. I never gave up on my other activities, but I managed my time well.

**Share your success mantra, and what advice would you give board aspirants who want to achieve similar excellence?**

**Ishani:** My success mantra is: "Let passion guide your quest for true understanding, and excellence will be inescapable." My message to all board aspirants is that there are no miracles; success comes only through consistent hard work and planning under the guidance of able educators.

**Priyesh:** "Plan, Prepare, and Practice" is my success mantra. My sole focus was on learning, and so the marks followed. My advice to fellow students is to set their routines right. Stay consistent, avoid comparison, and trust the process. Finally, avoid last-minute cramming and stay calm during the exams.

**What is your immediate next step, and how do you see yourselves continuing this trajectory of excellence?**

**Ishani:** I scored good marks in class X but opted for Humanities because I find all humanities subjects interesting and enjoy reading beyond textbooks for extensive knowledge. My immediate next step is to graduate with honours in psychology from a renowned University and serve my country.

**Priyesh:** I will pursue a career in Science and have already begun preparing for competitive exams. I know the journey ahead is challenging, but I am ready to face it head-on by putting my best foot forward. With directions from teachers and support from my parents, all my ambitions will be fulfilled.