



VAHANI SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

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INTERVIEWS: ACCESSING FRESH TALENT

January began remarkably at Vahani; it marked the selection of a new batch of scholars. The days of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th were brimming with enthusiasm from both the prospective Vahani scholars and the Vahani interviewers. The panel included Reeva Misra, Rashmani Puri, Jaishree Misra, Mike Knowles, Shalini Misra, Mandakini Puri and Bhavna Bharmi.



We were grateful to have the support of some of the current Vahani scholars, whose presence helped ease the nerves of the prospective students. The scholars were able to connect with the candidates and assist them as needed. The excitement and aspirations of the students held the Vahani team captive. The entire Vahani family is

pleased to welcome 20 new Vahani scholars to the scholarship foundation this year and look forward to mentoring and forming connections with them through their incredible life journey.

ATTENDING A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the 6th January, the current Vahani scholars attended a conference organized by tGELF at the Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The conference, called MID-LIFE, seeks to teach and enhance the skillset of the members of the Leader's Forum. The conference started at 9:30am with founder, Mrs. Ishwaran's introduction, followed by a series of speakers who shared their stories and achievements with the students. The events included talks by social activists Mr. Deepak Ramola and Ms. Jodie and a performance by Mr. Benny Prasad, a renowned musician.

In a session called 'Gladiators', a Vahani Scholar, Prashika Dua proved her mettle by shining as the ultimate gladiator. She was then knighted by the anchor and coordinator. It was a day full of fun, learning and inspiration. The students chosen for Leader's Forum, included 7 members of the Vahani scholarship, were introduced and welcomed to the community. The Global Citizen campaign was promoted. The highlight of the day was meeting the Phogat Sisters, Geeta and Babita filmed in the movie, 'Dangal'. It was an enriching experience for all of us.



A GLIMPSE OF THE TAJ MAHAL

The following day, on the 7th January, the Vahani family went to Agra to see the epitome of love, the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of world. We were joined by Reeva's three friends from Oxford University who shared their experiences. The road trip lived up to the adage, "The way to heaven is heaven." The journey was spirit lifting, full of rock and roll music and dancing. Upon reaching Taj Mahal, the scholars examined and marvelled at the architecture and stories relating to the great monument. The atmosphere was quite enchanting despite the overflowing crowd. The beauty of Taj absorbed all traces of unease and lulled everyone into a world of ecstasy.

Along with being educational, it helped strengthen the bonds between scholars when they shared their favoured variety of meals with each other; the spark of bonhomie and comaradie added more significance to the trip.



WHEN TALENT MEETS OPPORTUNITY, THERE IS NO IMPOSSIBLE.

VAHANI HELPS YOUNG DREAMS COME TRUE.