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“You give but little when you give of your possessions.  
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

*Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet*

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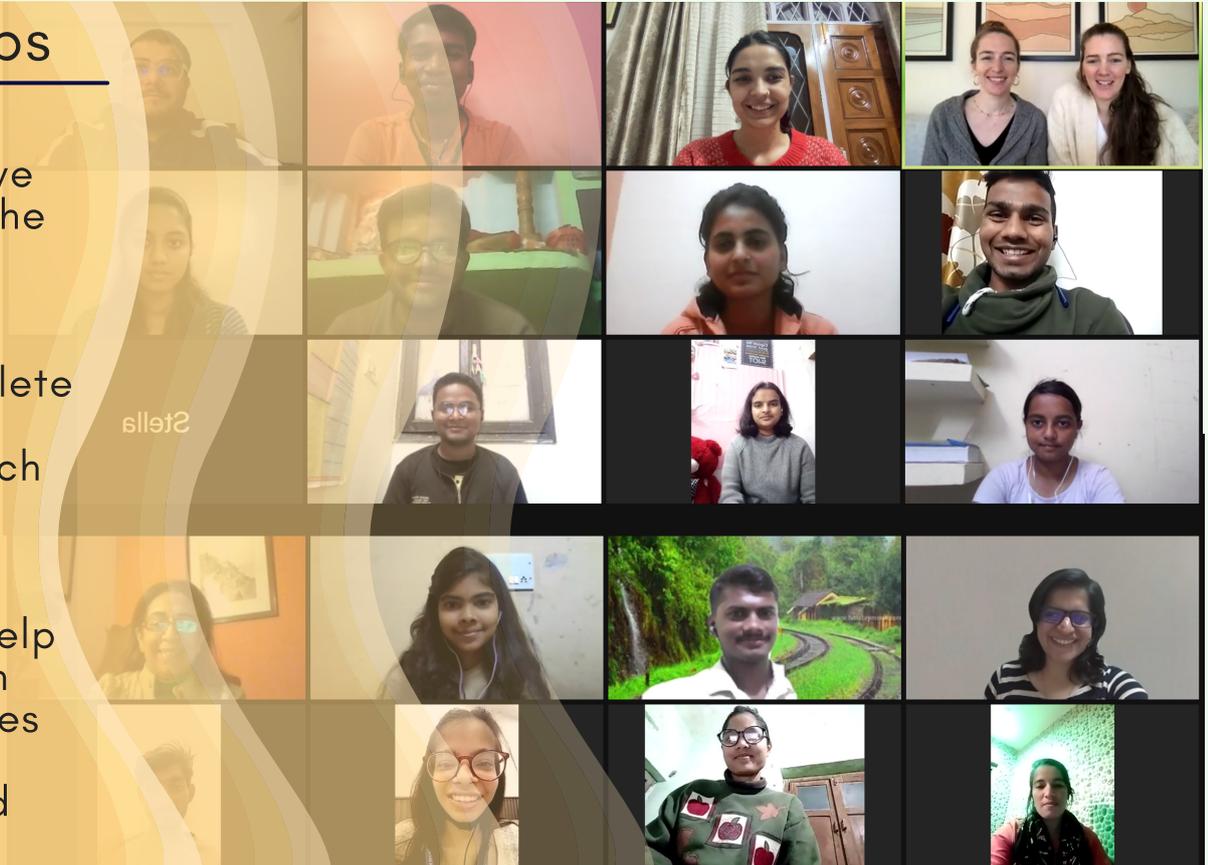
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## Workshops

Vahani workshops have always been the bedrock of Scholar upliftment through complete guidance and exposure to rich conversations across disciplines, designed to help the scholars in different stages of their education and career.



### Workability Workshop - November 2021

We are delighted and excited that yet again the incredible Workability Team (Kathryn Gyer and Jennifer Gyer) conducted another successful session for the Vahani Scholars. These workshops have become an integral part of the scholarship and we are extremely grateful to Ms. Naushad Mehta for sponsoring the workshop this time and for arranging the Karanjawala Foundation to sponsor the 2020 session.

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Why Workability? \_\_\_\_\_

- It gives the perfect opportunity to the scholars to address issues which they feel hamper their personal and professional growth.
- The Workability team is an expert and the best to reach at providing guidance for improving communication and performance.
- This is one of the Programmes at Vahani for which a Certificate of Participation is provided.

**LETS HEAR FROM THE SCHOLARS**

“The workshop has helped me in different ways. For example, it helped me to find my own definition, to look inside me, to find my strengths and weaknesses. This was one of the unique opportunities I got to improve and develop myself.

Overall, it was just one opportunity but many things to learn and implement. All of it was possible because of you. I actually want to make one promise that I will definitely make every cent of it worth it.”

Thank you

Shubham Tayade-2020 Batch

“I attended the workability workshop on 15th November and also a one on one session with the mentors. I feel so lucky to get such an exciting opportunity where one can rediscover himself/herself and introspect who he really is. The questionnaire provided was filled with deep questions for which answers keep changing day by day as we understand ourselves better. The session helped me to understand the self-doubts/dilemmas I used to face and convert them to opportunities to improve myself as a person.

The one-to-one session really helped me and I got the most appropriate answers for all the doubts I had.”

Manoj GS-2019 Batch

“The consistent investment in modifying and clarifying the definition of self, turning self-sabotage into self-mastery; thereby, channeling action and energy towards what you want to be, is at the heart of the workshop. The workshop helped us develop the skill of turning the nagging self-doubts and comparisons into a guide for finding and strengthening our voice. The comprehensive modules and the workbook provided me with the opportunity to probe deeper and find clarity.

This experience, for me, brought home the universal nature of self-doubt and comparisons and widened my mind to the possibility of viewing them in a better light. The perspective shift wrung the negativity out of my questions, allowing me to seek and appreciate answers.

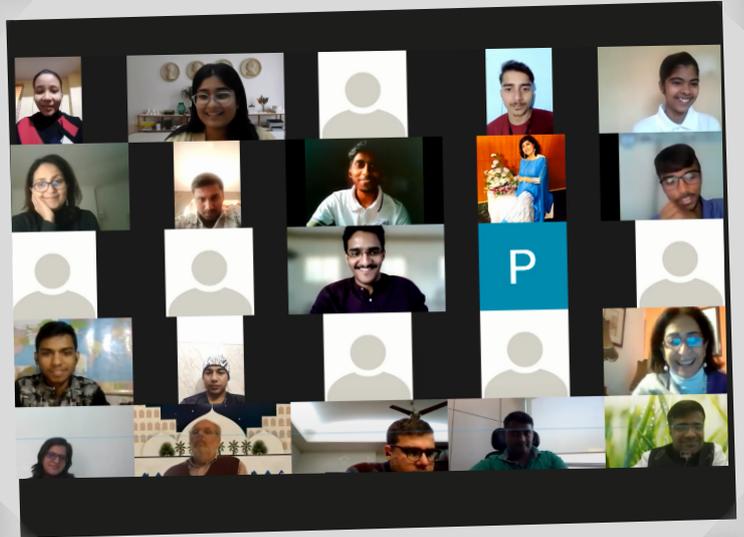
I am grateful for the transformation the workshop brought to my mindset and am thankful to **Team Workability** for their vision and effort in creating the course.”

Vaani Barmola- 2016 Batch

# Induction Ceremony 2021

After the wrap up of college admissions, we officially welcomed the Batch of 2021, the 6th Vahani Scholarship Batch of Scholars. The Induction Ceremony was conducted virtually on Zoom, on the 22nd of December, 2021. It is always exciting to listen to the new

batch as they bring fresh energy and high spirits along with them. After a warm welcome by the Founder - Reeva Misra and Chief Patrons Rajeev and Shalini Misra, the Vahani Programme Directors Prof. Veena Sethi, Jaishree Misra, Prof Mike Knowles, Maj Vijay Maradani and Pervin Malhotra shared brief insights into what Vahani offers which led to an all rounded development.



## 2021 Admissions

Counselling and admission guidance at Vahani starts as soon as the selected scholars receive the conditional offer; each student is personally helped with their available options for college and subject they could pursue. The Vahani Peer Mentors played a crucial role, as many had gone through the same uncertainty and dilemma in the previous academic year due to Covid-19.

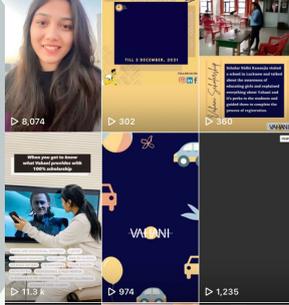
By the end of 2021, we had a somewhat clear picture of admissions, the most popular stream being Engineering with 5 scholars in NITs and 2 in IITs. The other popular stream was clearly Commerce. The rest have secured admission in some of the top DU colleges like LSR, Miranda House, Hindu and Hansraj to name a few. We are very proud that one scholar also made it to NID Ahmedabad. While the medical aspirants still await the counselling, we are very excited for the journey each scholar is about to embark on, though the experience would be hugely different from offline classes, Vahani from behind the scenes ensures that nothing holds back the growth and learning of any scholar.



# 2021 Outreach

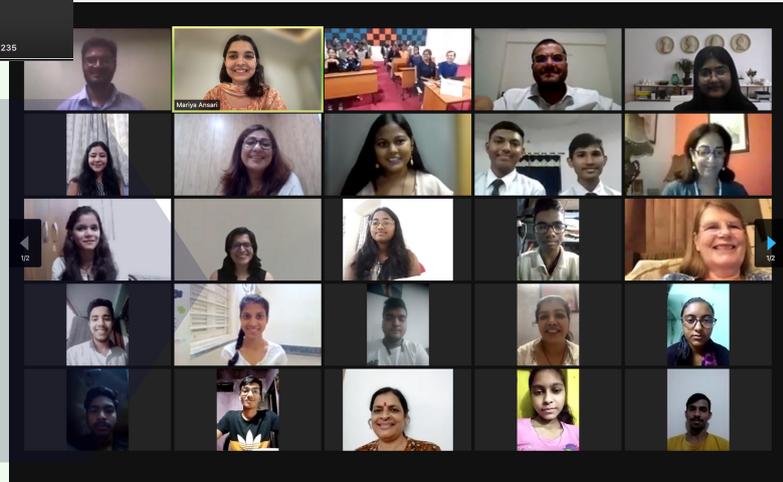
Outreach in the pandemic has been a challenge that the Vahani Team has bravely taken on for two consecutive years and we are proud that despite the challenges the number of applications received has grown exponentially, as new states and cities have been covered with the help of an extensive Outreach Strategy.

**Social Media** played a crucial role and our very talented SM Group, run and managed by Vahani scholars, The reels on Instagram had more than 11K views.



We held 3 **Open House** Interactions, where all queries regarding the admission process were resolved.

**Debate Competition** - Having schools from the North, South, East and West zones to participate in a very interesting debate competition, helped us engage with new audiences and students. The winners were from Shanti Bhavan School in Karnataka.



## Building a Strong PR

Vahani Scholarship Trust has been on the ground for six years, making a huge impact in the lives of exceptionally brilliant students coming from underserved backgrounds from all over the country. Our story and journey has been covered by many media outlets in the past, which helped not only to build our identity and recognition but most importantly helped spread the word and in turn was inspiring for those that read about Vahani.



- Featured in 10 New Forums
- Locations : Bangalore, Mumbai, Lucknow, Delhi & Punjab
- 2 Week Radio Campaign by Fever 104 FM in Uttar Pradesh

# What's New

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## **Emeritus Insights - Internships and Training Programmes**

Emeritus a micro-learning platform with a library of 5,000+ lessons (Courses) to help up-skill in key areas like leadership, communication, marketing, negotiation and others, has offered 3 seats to Vahani Alumni Scholars:

- Sumit Kumar has been enrolled in Columbia Engineering - Applied Machine Learning
- Sakshi Gupta has been enrolled in Columbia Business School- Digital Marketing.
- Ritu Chauhan has been enrolled in Columbia Business School - Digital Strategies for Business.

## **Alumni Accolades**

- Preet Patel from Batch 2018 registered his company Ido Leading Innovations as a Private Limited Company and is working on his first Robot.
- Sakshi Gupta and Mansi Chauhan from Batch 2018 have developed the website for their premium organic soap brand called SoilToSoul.
- Ritu Chauhan from Batch 2016 launched her startup - Mapping Careers enabling young adults to book one on one mentoring session with career coaches across different fields.
- Aakash Jha and Shivam Sachdeva from Batch 2017 received the award Spotlight for the performance in EY.

## **New Vahani Mentor**

We added 22 new mentors to our pool of 72 existing mentors, from across fields like Medical, Engineering, Arts and Comm.

*How can you contribute ?*

- 1** *Become a Vahani Mentor or English Tutor*
- 2** *Help us connect with new companies for internships*
- 3** *Help organise a workshop*
- 4** *Spread awareness about the scholarship & connect us with deserving applicants*
- 5** *Follow and share our social media handles*



**YouTube**

