Dear Sonnet Member

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the sonnet and team of the Sonnet Philanthropy Forum! We are delighted to bring together a community of leaders, innovators, and changemakers who share a common purpose: the pursuit of meaningful impact in philanthropy, education, and social leadership. These spaces continue to evolve, shaping how we think, collaborate, and act for the greater good.

We are also delighted that Edition 2 of the Sonnet Philanthropy Forum has received overwhelming support from across the universities. The latest cohort spans diverse disciplines and backgrounds, bringing together students who are deeply committed to exploring how philanthropy can be reimagined to address complex social challenges. We are proud to have this cohort as part of our community and look forward to their contributions to the Forum.

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Sincerely,
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Global Pulse
Opportunity & Insights in Philanthropy

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The Footsteps Network: Strengthening Capital for the Next Generation

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India Philanthropy Forum 2026 Legacy Zero Philanthropy Week 2026 (LPW) is a landmark gathering that brings together philanthropists, family offices, foundations, and impact leaders to reflect on the future of giving in India. Over the week, the forum explores how philanthropy can evolve to address India's long-term challenges, including inequality, climate, and the scale of capital required by 2047. Sunil Vaswani is the Founder and Managing Director of GivingIQ, a strategic advisory firm that works with philanthropists, family offices, and institutions on how capital can be deployed more effectively for social and environmental impact. He is also a Philanthropist in Residence at the London School of Economics' Marshall Institute, where he teaches and leads research on philanthropy, impact investing, and capital allocation. He is the author of Philanthropy Unlocked and a contributor to Stanford Social Innovation Review and Forbes India. He is also the co-founder of the Sunil and Anita Vaswani Foundation, which supports education and leadership initiatives in India and the UK.

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The Philanthropist Roundtable | Capital, Collaboration, and the Next Generation of Philanthropy

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