Urvi Talaty

Today's portrait is of Urvi Talaty, a master's student at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

“As a student at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, I am always thinking of my role in terms of the larger society and the impact that individual and collective action can have on the world. With the pandemic, I'm spending even more time with myself, which has really driven me to think, very closely, about not only my priorities and the things I value, but also the privilege I have and how I can use it to impact others.

Without taking away from the gravity of the situation, I think in a way the crisis has pushed me to evaluate my motivations for my future and realize that there's always going to be uncertainty in life. It could be large or minuscule, but sometimes I've just gotta take the plunge.”

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