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*from this year's
Virtual volunteering*

Culture of volunteering

*Dr. Sree Harsha Yarlagadda explains
how volunteering can take you to the
next level.*

+ PLUS

Interviews of
our top interns
and a preview
of the Book -

"BE A REBEL"

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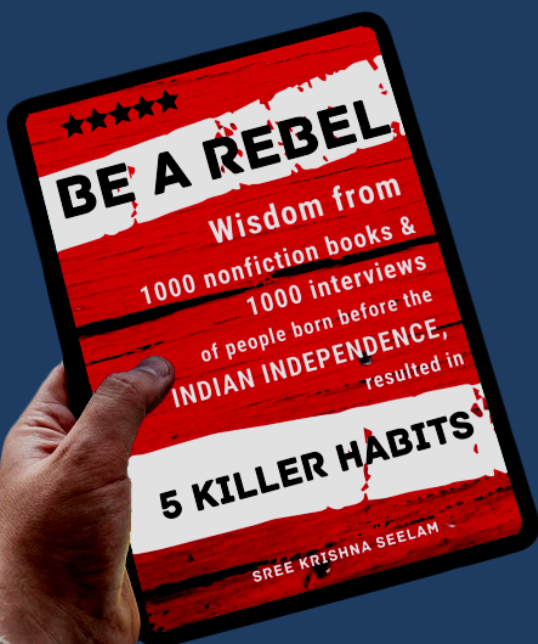
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EDITORS NOTE

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first edition of the WEDIDIT e-Mag.

The pandemic had led to social distancing, creating feelings of stress and isolation in many of us. Some groups have been hit hard, especially the elderly and the ones who lost their jobs.

Against this backdrop, WEDIDIT had turned to volunteer to help make a difference through virtual programs.

We should be launching our physical volunteering programs in schools and colleges very soon.

Keeping up with the times, we are creating more video content on Instagram and Facebook as a means to provide an engaging and interactive platform to our online readers.

I admire these young achievers, who in their way have contributed for this to happen. A big thank you.

This being the first issue and the last one of the year. We decided to highlight the best performers and focus less on delivery content.

I promise an inspiring 2021.

Love,
Anupama
Editor

Khushi is a student of design and arts. She works in our editorial team, and loves to write poetry.



Khushi Rawat, Jaipur
3rd year B.Des

THE FIRST FIVE

VOLUNTEERS OF WEDIDIT

I started working in WEDIDIT as a volunteer, where I indulged in various social activities. One of the opportunity I received was to feed the needy people and other was to feed animals. WEDIDIT had a motive to serve the people who were suffering during the lockdown times And I got the opportunity to be a part of this motive. Being a part of this organization I had a great experience. I got a chance to meet new people and work with them. I have completed all my tasks which were assigned to me regarding the social welfare and I have learnt many things from WEDIDIT and this would truly be useful in my future. I personally felt so fortunate working with WEDIDIT.

- Sakshi Jain
KL University



Being a volunteer of WEDIDIT, I am really proud to say "we really did it". Helping the needy is that one thing which everyone should include in their daily routine. WeDidIT played exceptionally well in being a role model in our society, it inspired and keeps inspiring people to invest their part in social causes.

-Mokshit Jain
P.B.Siddhartha College of Arts and Science.



'WeDidIT' - the organization's name itself reflects the importance of team building and united efforts to achieve something. Working with WeDidIT filled the waves of goodness and enthusiasm in me. It's a great platform for people to serve the needy and bring positive change in our environment. Working here was a great experience that enhanced my management and innovative skills. I thank Team WeDidIT to always guide us throughout the project.

-Khushbu Nandwani.
P.B.Siddhartha College of Arts and Science.



My experience with WeDidIT is purpose built. Initially the start-up was with 5 members team. Today we are in 1000's actively participating from various parts of India. Our goal is to help orphans and destitute, and even animals. I'm selected to be a part of this NGO. I personally thank Team WeDidIT which initiated these ventures and made me a part of it.

-Susmitha Pasam
P.B.Siddhartha College of Arts and Science.



I was one of the very first few volunteers in the organization. WeDidIT emphasizes the humane actions. We being humans, have a responsibility in building a better society and a better future. I'm sure WeDidIT is going to help in bringing the change we want to see.

-Priyamsha Pachigolla
P.B.Siddhartha College of Arts and Science.



OUR STORY

lockdown | virtual volunteering

We realized that the world needs leaders who inspire and motivate. The biggest discovery we did was to realize that people who volunteer quite often grow up as leaders. Volunteering makes people act selfless which gets ingrained in young minds.

It all started in a seminar at P.B Siddhartha collage in Vijayawada. One of the founders was addressing a large gathering about his success with startups.

A student suggested coming up with a social start up. Within a week, the concept of starting a social organisation to promote volunteering was finalised with a 5 member team.

We were supposed to launch our volunteering activities in Vijayawada. The idea was to restrict it within the campus and each volunteering activity for 3 hours. Thereby attracting more participation.

Unfortunately, after our first meeting on 20th March. India went into a complete lockdown.

We pivoted to virtual volunteering in April, it caught up like wildfire. We are happy to see the youth of this country take it to the next level.

We started as a 7 member team during the pandemic in March 2020, from a residential house in a containment zone. Got incorporated in July 2020.

By end of November 2020, we crossed 2610 volunteer registrations, with 1196 certified volunteers and hired about 114 interns across India.

While the virtual volunteering continues, we are hoping to resume our physical volunteering activities across India, once the educational institutes reopen.

Virtual volunteering

Volunteers are made to feed a bird or an animal within the premises of their home and share the picture on their social media accounts, tagging their friends.

Social media tagging ensures that volunteers post genuine pictures and also motivate their friends to do such activities.

Volunteers are made to interview someone who is 75+ within friends and family with few questions and mail the answers along with the video and contact details of the interviewee.

Volunteers end up being wiser by learning from the elderly. The interviews ended up building stronger bonds among the old and the young.

After compiling more than 1000 interviews, we are now publishing the book (BE A REBEL - 5 Killer Habits) to share the wisdom to the world.

All royalties from the sale of the book will be donated to WEDIDIT Foundation, making it self-sustainable.

The book is available for pre-order from Jan 2020, on Amazon.

To promote the act of volunteering across India, one of the founders will be doing a solo bike trip covering 28 states and 2 UT's in 30 days. Visiting 30 orphanages in each location and launching the book with them.



OUR SUPER HEROS-1



Pratiksha Madnurkar
Manipal Institute of Higher
Education
Hyderabad

It filled my heart with satisfaction and joy. It enhanced my leadership & communication skills too. I thank WEDIDIT Foundation for giving me an opportunity to feel this emotion. Thank you so much.

Nothing short of amazing happened then I got the opportunity to work with super talented people, with their vision and experience. we delivered many successful results. I gained a new sense of professionalism and a clearer view of what it meant to be in the professional world



Sahil Joseph
TSSM's Bhivarabai
Sawant Collage
of Engineering and Research
Pune

I was fortunate enough to work to support stray animals and old people. Working on various social media campaigns gave me an insight on how to develop and implement strategies from the scratch. All together it was an amazing experience.



Aditi Singh
ABES Engineering College
Ghaziabad

It was fun-filled and challenging at the same time. I have learned so many skills here including patience, time management and dedication to work. It has been one roller-coaster of a journey with both ups and downs But overall it was an amazing journey.



Tanmeet Singh
Guru Nanak Institute Of
Managmenet, IP University.
Delhi



Amisha Pandey
Dr B C Roy Engineering College
Academy Of Professional Courses
Durgapur

“If you feed a poor with a fish, you feed him only once. If you teach him how to fish, you will feed him for a lifetime”. I learnt this skill from WEDIDIT and made others realize too, I contributed my part too for this society, country, world and most importantly our “Mother Earth”.

Dr. Sreeharsha Yarlagadda

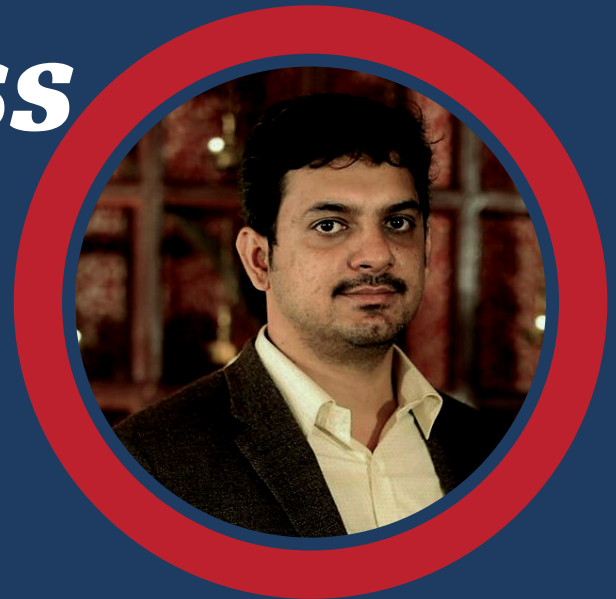
BY PRODUCT OF YOUR SUCCESS

India is the home to a fifth of the world's youth. Half of its population of 135 crores is below the age of 25. Young people are the innovators, creators, builders and leaders of the future. But they can transform the future only if they have skills and health.

Get benefited by volunteering.

Yes, you read it right. Most volunteering opportunities involve working with other people, which allow you to improve your communication skills, team working abilities and multi-tasking skills. These soft skills are vital for your personal success. In future, it is impossible for any young graduate to get a good placement without these skills. The by-product of your success is you becoming a better person and a better society.

I would like to share one of my experiences. In March 2017, I went to a CSR programme by a company which indeed asked us to select 30 girls who were at the age of 10. They wanted to take children from families with low socio-economic status and provide free school boarding. We went there twice a week to select children, taking their health condition as criteria so that further there are no dropouts. I had to examine 196 girls from government schools, out of which I had to select at least 150 girls for a summer camp.



Later based on their performance, they selected 30 of them. After a detailed checkup, we found out that only 58 (about 30%) were fit and 138 (about 70%) were unfit due to underweight. Most of them had gastritis.

A girl who lost her father a couple of years ago, came to me with her principal and mother.

She was good in her academics but lost her opportunity because she failed her fitness test. She had to gain 4kg in 25 days which was impossible even though I started treating her.

I still remember the girl and her mother pleading me to give a false fitness certificate which I couldn't do. If there was enough time, treating that girl was not that difficult. I felt that none of the deserving children should lose an opportunity. I spoke with the management to arrange the next camp before 6 months so that I would have enough time to treat, as needed. Somehow I managed to arrange the necessary nutrition supplements from the company.

I told them that I would do follow up visits for these children for 1 hour after my regular visits, for which company need not pay me. I made sure that every child is accompanied by their parents so that it's easy to take a detailed dietary history. This time it's 217 girls out of which 154 (about 70%) were not eligible (due to underweight and gastritis). I came to know that most of them were skipping their breakfast, and they were used to eating packed food and biscuits, which is the reason behind gastritis and in turn malnutrition. So, a parent is spending about 5 to 10 rupees a day to make the child unhealthy!!! Here the problem was not poverty, but it lack of knowledge and guidance was. I counselled the parents to buy an egg and a banana every day with the same money they spent on junk food. I did not give any nutritional supplements to the majority of the children. After five months, the results were amazing. Out of 154 girls, 126 of them were fit, 22 of them showed improvement but could not reach desired fitness and six of them did not come for the follow up.

The management decided to follow the same protocol every year. The parents of these 154 children were very happy to see their wards healthy—irrespective of their child getting selected in the next round. The company's management was happy as they helped more children than they planned. I am very satisfied as I could bring a permanent change in their health. I am sure that these parents would definitely bring awareness to others too.

Here I did not lose or spend any money; my job was not interrupted. All I did was I spent an extra hour twice a week for six months for educating the parents and the children. If I alone could bring a long-lasting benefit for 126 children by spending 2 hours a week for 6 months, What we could achieve if all us together could spend at least 2 hours per week in our own fields? I say "small efforts-great achievement when they done in the right way at the right time.

I do not encourage spending money to do service. It has a small and temporary benefit. Suppose, someone is suffering from illness and she/he should get a medical procedure done, and they cannot afford it. The first thing that comes to our mind is to collect money and get the procedure done. But it has a limitation we cannot keep on collecting funds and do this service. Instead, if we as a team can help him/her without spending money, it would be a great idea.

Many doctors are willing to do free procedures and are ready to help along with his/her regular patients. There are hospitals that allowed to use their OT for 1 to 2 hours a week without charging. Nurses are also ready to do free service at their workplace. Pharmaceutical companies give a lot of free samples every day. We have to bring all these service providers together to achieve our goal. Let's all join hands to do this. Thank you!

OUR SUPER HEROS-2



Verda Pant
Manipal Academy of
Higher Education
Noida

It was a beautiful experience which I can never forget ,I wanted to keep it professional and just finish off my tasks but during that process of time doing all the work actually made me learn so much be it socially or professionally. By taking these small steps toward society can actually do wonders later.

I feel so lucky to be a part of it which gave birth to the human in me. I got an opportunity to help animals and spend time with my elders. Your organisation works for a social cause and I love working for the social cause. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.



Twinkle Chopra
SMVD University JMU
Jammu

An amazing experience . The team is so humble, motivating and understanding. It had enlightened me to know my strengths and weaknesses. It was a great journey and I am extremely grateful to my mentors for guiding me throughout this journey.



Sanween Kaur
SGTB Khalsa College,DU
Delhi

It was a wonderful experience. I Developed leadership skills, communication skills and learnt how to coordinate with people. So it was great working in this organization. Thank you WEDIDIT for giving me this opportunity.



Bhawna Singh
Lady Irwin College
Ghaziabad

I'll recommend everyone to join WEDIDIT. Through this internship I also talked to my grandfather for so long and he was also happy to share his experiences. It was good joining WEDIDIT. I feel great as I added 10 volunteers to the organisation and by this way all of us have been involved in this beautiful task of practicing humanity.



Chahat Bansal
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Delhi

SENIOR HEROS

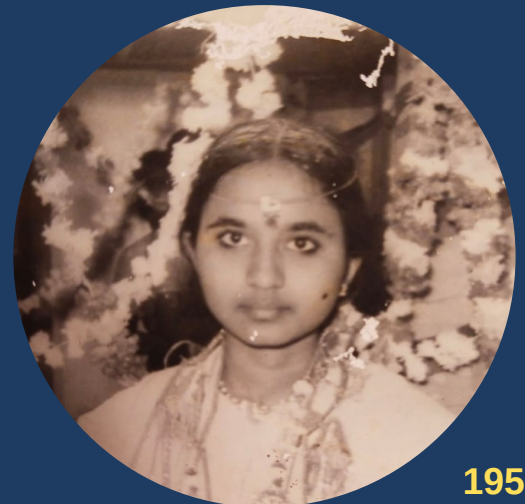
Kavya's interview of her grandmother, Ms.Kankadurga Sripathi



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Her Experience In Life : "Life is short. So we should live life happily and make others especially our elderly ones happy. We should never take them for granted. I have always listened and implemented in my life what my elders taught me. So now i am in a position to guide a lot. I have always given them good respect, love, care. People nowadays are not at all caring for their elders, not giving them love and respect . This type of attitude should change."

Her Life Learnings : " We should have so much patience in life to maintain family relations. We should never lose our balance and talk wrongly. it will kill relations. Should always stay cool, handle situations wisely and make family relationships, bonding's more and more stronger. That's what I have learnt in my Life."



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Message for Future Generation : Children should have Ethics and Values. They play a vital role in shaping one's Character. They should respect their Elders and should love them and give proper importance to them. Only then their future generation would respect them and listen to them. Also should have strong bonding with their family and relations.



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OUR SUPER HEROS-3



Anshee Lamba

**Maharaja Agrasen Institute of
Technology
Delhi**

An amazing exposure and a life long learning. The idea of collecting the precious golden words and life learnings of our elders is commendable. I had a great experience working and appreciate the work they are doing.



Shubham

**Kurukshetra university
Haryana**

I had a magnificent dream come true. It showed me the path towards love and care for animals. I am really thankful for making me a part of such a great campaign that has such a marvelous motive and goal.



Saurabh Kumar Singh
**PSIT CHE
Kanpura**

I learnt from here about feeding stray animals. I have realised that how we tend to ignore them for better breeds but they deserve equal love and affection from us. Feeding stray animals gives me different satisfaction and always puts a smile on my face.



Arya Krishnan
**Lady Shri Ram College
For Women
Delhi**

An amazing Journey which completely changed my outlook on society. I got to know new ideas from my grandparents and started spending more time with them. I'm really glad that I was a part of WEDIDIT.



Rubina Jamwal
**University Of Jammu
Jammu (J&K)**

I'm privileged to be given the opportunity of dealing with volunteers across the country. It challenged me in so many ways, but with the help and support of colleagues & organisation too I was able to round off assigned tasks. Doing an internship or non-profitable volunteership was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It's one of those experience which I will cherish forever

WHAT DO OUR HEAD INTERNS HAVE TO SAY?



KASHISH MAHAJAN
Head Intern

Udhampur
Central University of Jammu
MBA Final Year

Being an MBA student, it's very important to focus on skills & gain practical knowledge. WeDidIT Foundation focuses on the skills & development of every person who joins it, be as a volunteer or an Intern. The kind of understanding that has been developed by me about the working & growth of an organization is great. I have handled many interns successfully here & regular support, guidance & feedback provided here, from the team, helped a lot. Anyone, like me, who is eager to learn & grow, is provided with a lot of opportunities & concerned resources. If experiencing the **REAL STARTUP** working atmosphere, the real essence of volunteering & humanity is anyone's dream. In my opinion, this organization is perfect for the same. I am really thankful to WeDidIT Foundation for believing in me.



Keeping it concise, I'd say that, After you learn something and gain knowledge about a certain work, it's really important you put it in action and get honestly evaluated. WeDidIT Foundation provided me with that opportunity and even more. I gained a chance to work in real-time and work on areas of weakness Interviewing and managing people, definitely teaches you stuff. I learnt from mistakes and discovered in numerous working techniques. We make sure people learn something outside of books when they complete their internship with us. I have seen people coming to perform an internship and earn a certificate but leave with loads of experience and qualities along with that. Something that I'll take with me from WeDidIT is that **"if you are deserving, always be willful to take credit for it"**.

SUPARNA DAS
Head Intern
Digital Marketing

Durgapur | Dr.B.C.Roy Engineering College | BBA(H) | 3rd Year

My experience with the WEDIDIT has been great. I joined as a volunteer, then worked in the management team as a management intern & now I am an Operations Intern. While working here, I have learnt a lot of skills. Management, leadership & teamwork are few of them. Here I got a chance to work with so many people around the country & team members are also very supportive of each other. The goals & vision of the organization are unique & motives me today also to give my 100% in the virtual workplace too. The kind of healthy environment and healthy relationship among the founding team, mentors & interns is something I will take forward from here & it is usually not very common.



VANSHIKA
Head Intern Operations

Udhampur
Central University of Jammu
Integrated Msc. Zoology
3rd Year

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - 2020

Akash Kumar Bala

Vishwa Vishwani Institute of Systems and Management
Hyderabad.



Akash was one of the few exceptional humans who joined as a volunteer. With his amazing people skills, he grew up to the position of a Management Intern in a short while. The World needs more people like Akash.



OUR SUPER HEROS-4



Avijit Mondal
Dr B C Roy Engineering
College
Asansol

I Gained Wisdom, Hope your curiosity of learning will give you an amazing vision. Thanks for motivating me, inspiring me, guiding me throughout those wonderful moments internships.

I had a great experience, transforming myself from a normal human being to someone extraordinary, just by doing a small act of kindness, which teaches us kindness is above everything. WEDIDIT gives you a learning which is for life time and I am glad that I was able to be a part of this great organisation, I truly wish that WEDIDIT continues to Inspire to all the people out there.



Shivani Singh
Lady Irwin College , DU
Delhi



Koshika Sharma
Central University
Udhampur

It was a good experience, I believe it will become very famous and prestigious very soon. I have learnt a lot of things which instilled a sense of responsibility and discipline in me.

I had a very good experience working in such an organization, which I believe is going to be really famous & prestigious soon. it has instilled in me the sense of responsibility, discipline We worked in a coordinated way so that we & others receive benefits (mental & physical).



Vidhi Gupta
Lady Irwin College
Delhi



Shikha Gangwar
Amity University Noida
Gurgaon

I realised that not everything we can get through money. We have some responsibility towards the animals on this planet. The feeling of serving street animals was indeed very satisfying. The one best thought was spending time with elderly people. It helped me to learn how to keep them happy. It was really amazing and a very different lesson for me which helped to change to a better person and helped me to develop a positive personality.

I SHOUTED TO THE WORLD

that I was writing my first book in 2015, and it took almost five years to get the final draft. I had to change the title, redo the content half a dozen times, research a lot and most importantly find the right time to publish.

I love reading nonfiction and fond of listening to the same genre of audiobooks. My car is my mobile library – in the last four years, I clocked about 900 best sellers only through the Blinkist app.

There is always a confusion on what book you should read and what you ought to buy. About 50% of my library were books I never want to read, and 20% I never wanted to buy.

Like most of you, I used to end up reading the ones readily available in the library or the store.

In the past few years, I started to read books written by great men basis the authors who influenced them. For example, you can skip reading Leo Tolstoy, Henry Thoreau and Plato, if you read books written by Mahatma Gandhi as most of his writings are influenced by these people.

You can skip centuries worth of content, get to the point that is more relevant to Gandhi's time. You can directly jump to Aristotle skipping Plato and Socrates. As Socrates mentored Plato and Plato was Aristotle's teacher.

Likewise, if you follow this pattern, you can end up reading the books which are time-saving and more relevant.

I couldn't find any great writers who followed Louis Armour – I jumped straight to reading his memoir though.

I am not saying this pattern is foolproof and that you get to learn everything that someone in the 18th century had to teach.

A BOOK WAS BORN:

I WANT TO TELL MY READERS WHAT, WHY, AND HOW.

SREE KRISHNA SEELAM
FOUNDER - WEDIDIT.IN

With billions of books available today and the little time we have, to maximize your learning, you will have to trust me on this logic. I started following the pattern for many years and got into selective reading.

I realized almost all self-help, biographies and philosophy books carry the same basics. I decided to extract as much knowledge I could from all the books I encountered and summarize into one, and make it as the first self-help book every human should first read.

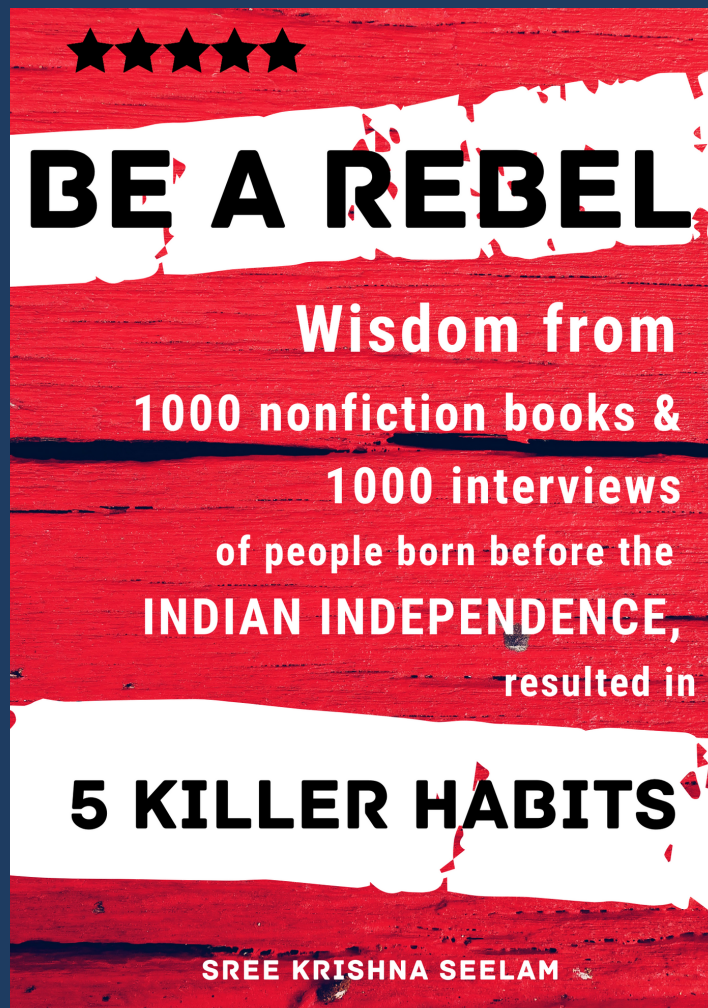
A team of 1000 volunteers from wedidit.in conducted interviews of 1000 people who are above 75 years, living in India.

Our volunteers asked the below questions:

- 1) What is the most significant thing you learned in your life?
- 2) What was the best experience of your life?
- 3) What is that message you wanted to give to your next generations?

I carefully studied all the 1000 interviews in over eight months and clubbed what I read with their life's learning. and wrote the book "BE A REBEL".

This book is the dynamite of wisdom and experiences of 1000 people who walked the planet for more than 75 years and knowledge from 1000 books.



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Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, New Delhi.

P.B Siddhartha Arts & Science college, Vijayawada.

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Lady Shri ram College, Delhi.

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