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EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers.

Determination is what makes everything possible. Ideas don't have to be complicated to be life-changing. They just have to create possibility. If we pay attention to and learn from what we've been through, we may discover that we're ready to take on whatever comes our way and even more than we thought possible. There is no timeline for starting, and that is what this issue of Wedidit magazine focused on.

What if we extended as much kindness and generosity to everyone as we do to our own family? I am sure the world will be a better place to live. We'll keep doing what we can. You do what you can. Be a volunteer, if you haven't already.

Love, Editor Anupama.

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 January 2020, we crossed 3210 volunteer registrations, with 1274 certified volunteers and hired about 126 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 help to build stronger bonds among the old and the young.

After compiling more than 1000 interviews, we have now published the book (BE A REBEL - 5 Killer Habits) to share the wisdom to the world. The book is available on Amazon.

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

Also, 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. He/She will be visiting 30 orphanages in each location and launching the book with them.



OUR SUPERHEROS: I

"Well, I had never done social work in my life but suddenly one day one of my classmates told me to join this organisation. The tasks helped me experience happiness when I was helping someone who was in need. It made me realise that I was doing a great job. It's true that people usually don't get rewarded instantly for the good things they do, but they definitely are noticed by God. Well it's a best lesson for our new generation to help people who are in need. It's an experience which I will never forget."



Anirudra Makur

Dr. B.C. Roy Engineering College,

Durgapur

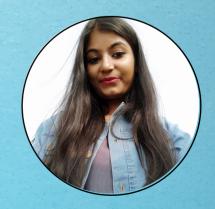


Neha Kumari Rajbhar
Dr. B.C. Roy Engineering College,
Durgapur

"I am thankful to WeDidIT for giving me the opportunity . I have learnt many things from this internship. The mentors here are great & they guided me at every step.

It was a truly great experience."

"Through this internship, I have had an awesome experience and learnt a lot of things. Feeding the hungry strays shows humanity towards animals. Interacting with grandparents gave me another level of happiness. I learnt how to make posters, in this organisation and enhanced my creativity. I must say that you can join this organisation without any hesitations because all the heads and members of WeDidIT are helpful and friendly. I'm thankful to be a part of WeDidIT Foundation."



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WITH NATURE



Gaurav Rawat from Pauri Garhwal in Uttrakhand started as a computer engineer in early 2013 after working for a year as a support engineer in Gurugram but felt passionless about his work. There is a saying that you will make the change when the pain of staying where you are is greater than the pain of changing. That's what happened to Gaurav, so he started to a world that he never knew existed.

He started his journey by working in a school as a computer teacher for underprivileged kids in a slum in Delhi for six months. Later he reached Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports institute in Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir for Basic mountaineering course (BMC). He met people from across India, and that's when he realized that the best learning happens when you travel and meet new people. And there are a lot of things about adventure tourism and in particular about mountaineering. After his introductory mountaineering course, he completed Advance mountaineering course (AMC) and the advanced first aid responder course through Indian mountaineering Foundation (IMF) in Delhi.

In last 8 + years, he leads treks across the Himalayas with national and international clients from across the world. He started to share his knowledge and expertise with the younger generation, which led him to summit Mount Everest in 2018 successfully and he has been honored to work as a Liaison officer for an Indo-French Italian expedition for Indian Mountaineering Foundation from Government of India . He also started a company named " Experientures" to organize Himalayan treks & offbeat trips across India, Nepal & Bhutan in an eco-sustainable way.





Gaurav proved if you believe that, then there are no limits to what you can do and achieve. You don't need to sell your belongings and get comfortable rotating the same three shirts in a distant land to make a change.

OUR SUPERHEROS: II

"I'm happy to be a part of WeDidIT. I worked as a marketing intern and had the best experience. I would like to express my gratitude for the supervision and guidance during my internship. My experience was very valuable, and I have gained so much insight into the marketing industry. I enjoyed working and collaborating with different talents from different parts of the country and I was delighted to be part of such a creative team."



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"The experience at WeDidIT Foundation was good. I learnt a lot of things. Convincing & communicating with a lot of people to do their tasks was good. I also spent time with the older generation of the family and came to know & learn a lot from their life experiences that they shared."

"It was a great experience. From the given task I realized the importance of society and at the same time I came to know about the teamwork and how to work in a leadership role. It became possible because of my senior mentor and co-workers. I am very glad to do such things and thankful to WeDidIT for giving me this opportunity."



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GREEN JOB

Decoding the meaning behind Elon Musk's tweet on the Paris Agreement

Climate change continued it's relentless in March in 2020, which is on track to be one of the three warmest years on record. Despite the COVID-19 lockdown, atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases continued to rise, because of the long lifetime of CO2 in the atmosphere. The US is the only country to have abandoned the deal. The goal was to reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally. The US has emitted more CO2 into the atmosphere than any other country ever since the industrial era began in mid -1800's. After Trump quit the Paris climate agreement five years ago, Elon Musk quit Trump's advisory groups. He was showing his dismay at Trump's decision. Though Biden signed on the Agreement after becoming the United States President, the world needs to wait and see for his further movements.

However, according to most of the researchers, the Paris Agreement wasn't enough for counteracting the carbon emissions. Even if the Paris Agreement countries observed their carbon reduction commitments, the Earth's temperature would still have increased by nearly 3°C by the year 2100. In the era of modern industrial development, most countries look for the nation's economic growth. They fail to understand that all this economic growth goes into trash if they take Mother Earth for granted.

Musk is known for generously using his resources. This time, he has pledged to fight for a greener Earth by finding a solution to climate change. Musk tweeted, "Am donating \$100 million towards a prize for best carbon capture technology." Just after an hour of the tweet, many people tweeted urging Musk to plant more trees. However, many Twitteratis also pointed out that simply planting more trees was not a quick fix. Researches indicate that new forests may not offer the required monetary gains and barely affect carbon emissions. Recently, carbon capture for environmental reasons has been gaining momentum.

Apart from devising a near-to-perfect technology, how, as common people of society can we do our part in reducing the carbon emissions?



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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF HR INTERN

Sandra Hasseer - Head of HR Department

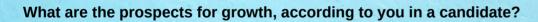
What skills does WeDidIT look for in a candidate?

""WeDidIT basically looks for skills like teamwork, punctuality, cooperation, enthusiasm & leadership in its candidates."



How this internship helped you to practice and develop skills?

"Being an introvert, I always find it hard to communicate with new people, especially through social media handles. But in the internship with WeDidIT, I worked with a team members who belong to different parts of the country. It helped me to involve myself as a better teammate, a better leader and above all a better human. Moreover it helped me in improving my leadership, communication and multitasking skills."



"I believe the prospects for growth are time management, listening, emotional development, and much more are yet to come."



What has your work experience in WeDidIT taught you?

"My work experience with WeDidIT taught me many things. The most important thing is that mistakes are the stepping stones to success. No matter what ever barriers arise, never ever quit. Try hard and one day success will be yours."

OUR SUPERHEROS: III

"It was worth being a part of WeDidIT. We were assigned tasks which were knowledgeable. I was satisfied with being a part of WeDidIT. The training focuses on those aspects which we hardly look at. We helped many & I learnt a lot from it. I was able to understand that a little bit of help towards the needy can bring a huge change in other's life & our small help can make someone's day."



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" The experience was good. Learnt a lot of things. Convincing & communicating with a lot of people to do their tasks was good. Spent time with the older generation of the family and came to know a lot of their life experiences."

"This was a great learning experience for me because after working as a marketing intern, I came to the conclusion that this is something I could see myself doing as a career. My one month at WeDidIT not only allowed me to grow personally, but it also helped me to gain new skills in basic poster designing and networking, relationships & experiences that I did not previously have. This internship provided me a wonderful platform. Thank you so much WeDidIT."



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SENIOR HERO

Anunay Singh's Interview of his neighbour Mrs. Fayanti Mukherjee

According to her, 'Humanity' is the most important quality of a person.

"Earlier, my parents used to teach the poor people & the servants who lived nearby our house. They taught us to be kind to them. My parents further taught me to be responsible towards the animals that lived nearby our house and keep them safe and sound."





'Patience' is the most valuable lesson she has learnt in her life.

"Think before you speak. Peaceful co-operation & harmonious co-existence are of utmost significance. Nowadays, people have become impatient and get influenced by wrong actions. But, we should think twice before taking any decisions. We should abstain from taking any decisions which will benefit us at the cost of harming someone else. Most importantly, the future generation should focus on its primary objective of receiving a proper education.

I was married at a very young age. When I went to my inlaws, my mother-in-law asked me to continue my studies. I said, "Now that I'm married, how does it even matter?" My mother-in-law justified by saying that for a woman, her education is of utmost importance. This is to ensure that when she becomes a mother, she is capable of educating her kids.

In today's life, women should also become independent like men by gaining a proper education. However, education doesn't mean one should stick to only bookish knowledge. Allround growth is also important.

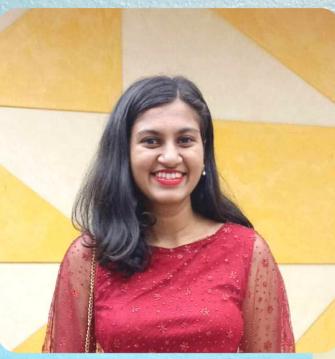


VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - FEB 2021

Sharvari Satose

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Sharvari joined us as a Marketing intern. She believes in minimizing waste by recycling things easily available at home. Being an environment lover, Sharvari uses her free time in planting saplings at home.

Her kindness and benevolence towards living beings of all kinds is a trait we all love in her.





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