

Profile of Anoop Nidgal

1. What is your current occupation?

I am working as a project assistant temporarily at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM) India, followed by a master's degree.

2. What is your educational background?

I hold a master's (MS by Research) in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering from the [Indian Institute of Technology, Madras \(IITM\)](#) and a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from BVBCET Hubli.

3. How did you learn of the challenge?

I frequently checked Herox challenge for the latest crowdsourcing challenge, and from there, I got introduced to Wazoku.

4. What motivated you to respond to the challenge? Why did you want to help the IRC improve the facilities in their camps?

I've always been concerned about the condition of the helpless state of families in refugee camps for many reasons, such as war, pandemic or any other reasons. Women in this state face adverse challenges from society in terms of safety. Access to clean and dignified sanitary facilities is a fundamental right, and participating in this challenge allowed me to make a significant difference in their lives.

5. Approximately how much time did you invest in creating your response to the challenge?

I spent almost two to three weeks finding innovative solutions that were mainly technology-driven (approximately 1-3 hours per day). The last three days before submitting, I shifted towards a simple, implementable, low-cost solution to changing the approach to approaching the deadline. I spent 12+ hr per day the last three days before submission.

6. How did you feel when you found out that you were a winner?

I was very happy that work and effort were recognized, though not fully meeting all the needs. As a student, I was pleased about the further awards recognition by cash prizes. This challenge introduced me to Wazoku and motivated me to look forward to participating in similar challenges. Currently, I am working on two more challenges to submit next month via Wazoku. It's fun to make the world a better place.