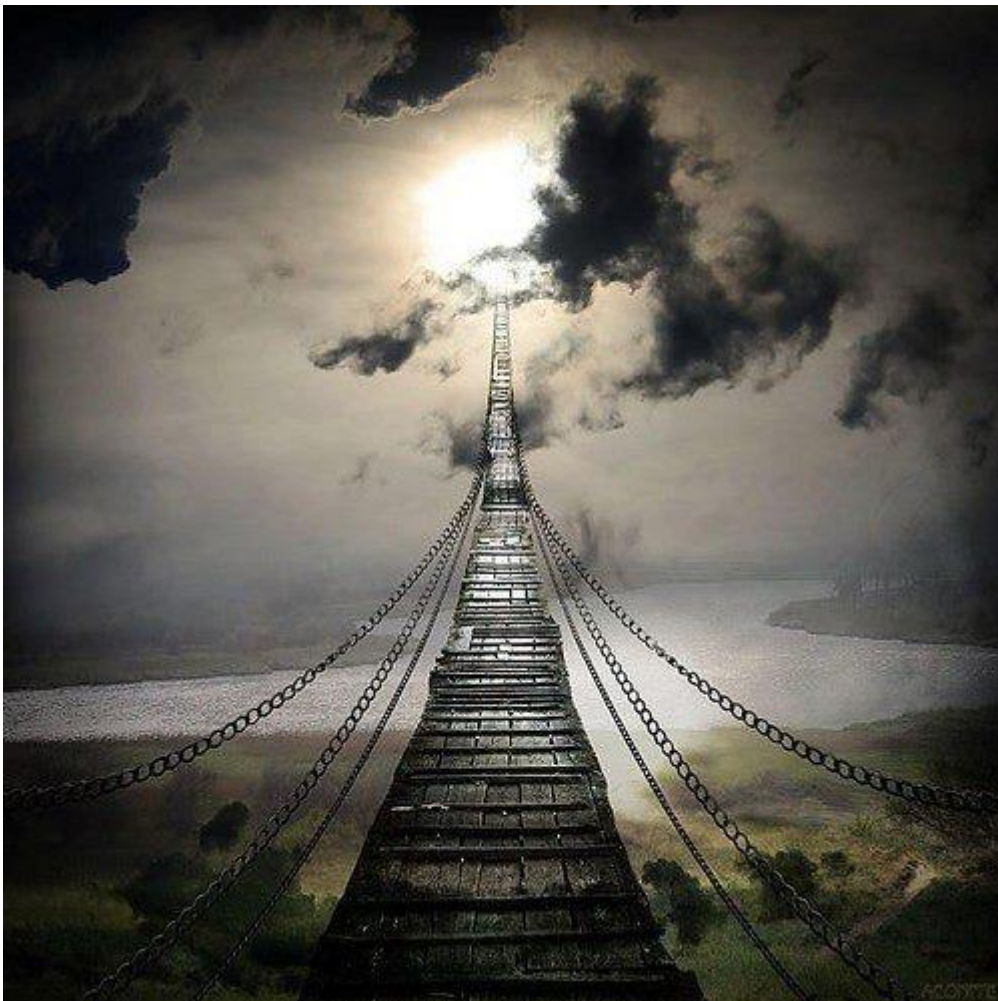


"No One to A Small Some One as yet to Explore More!!"

No One to A Small Someone as yet to explore more; as the journey still going on.

Not equipped with that much knowledge, exposure but only with the fact that if present day Heroes & Heroes of the history could do why can't I? With "I Can & Me too Can" belief, Things can be learned like those Accomplished Ones who were not having required information, skills but their ability to "Never Ever Give Up"!! never let them put down rather made them achieved their goals & they came out with Flying Colors!!.

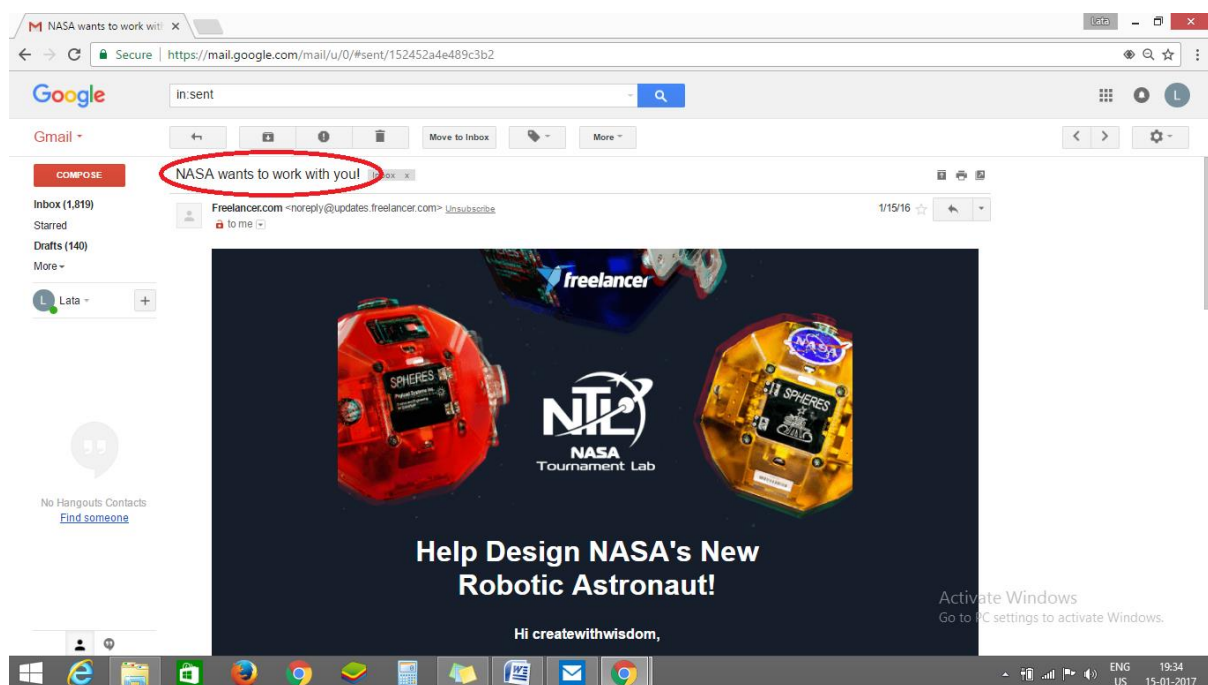


This is the story of an ordinary girl rather a very ordinary girl with big dreams who was amidst some difficulties, in the hope that someday her dreams would get realised as she had faith in the Universe & herself. Faith & almost good belief system were the only assets with her. Using word "Almost" as she was striving to make her belief system strengthened & excellent. She wanted to explore in every aspect be that Art or Science & thus benefitting the circumference but she was not able to figure out how theses will be integrated as after completing her studies she found herself stuck in life, stuck in 9 to 5 job which was non relating to her dreams. She sometimes doubted would her goals be realised, would "Universe" listen. Maybe she was stuck in the comfort zone of difficulties & to get out of that zone she needed a huge jerk & one day she got!!!. She found all the doors closed. She was left with only one option to get registered with the site which allowed freelancers to work.

Despite difficulties, she didn't stop appreciating & being grateful for small things. If she hadn't seen the bright side of things she would have had found herself in depression.

It was 15th of January, 2016 when she got a mail from the platform with which she was registered that "NASA wants to work with you". She didn't believe her eyes. She again & again searched on internet to check the authenticity of the mail & what she got Yes!! NASA through various platforms wanted people to get involved in their pilot projects & freelancer.com was also one of the platforms. Interestingly that was also the moment when she through her efforts, was destined to get another victory at the end of same year that I will tell you later on. So I was telling that now she had conviction that the mail was not fake. She thanked God for the opportunity & asked for "HIS" assistance in the journey. NASA in actual was interested to get solution for their problems from persons outside the organisation. They were looking for the design of a robotic arm for the next generation of free flying robots Astrobee,

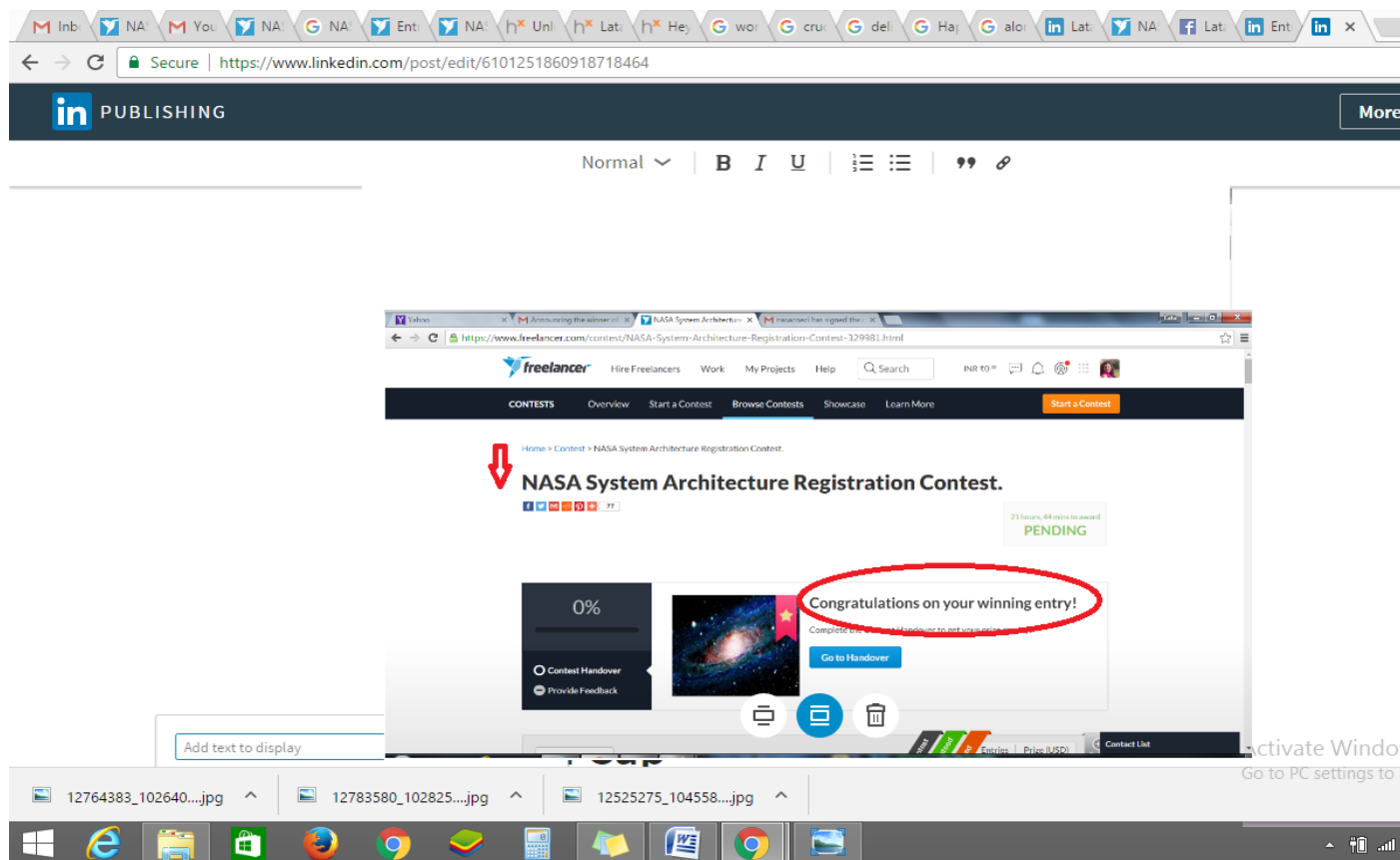
the robotic arm on Astrobee was going to be used on ISS for perching & interacting with small objects & helping Astronauts in their day to day work. The Astrobee was going to fly around the ISS and was designed to help the astronauts to develop the technologies for use in zero-gravity, such as how they do their routine chores. The Honour & Pride to work with NASA was greater than the prize so she decided that no matter what she would participate in it. She was excited to contribute her bit through that Project in Space Research that along with space exploration, benefitting people on earth, even in their day to day life.

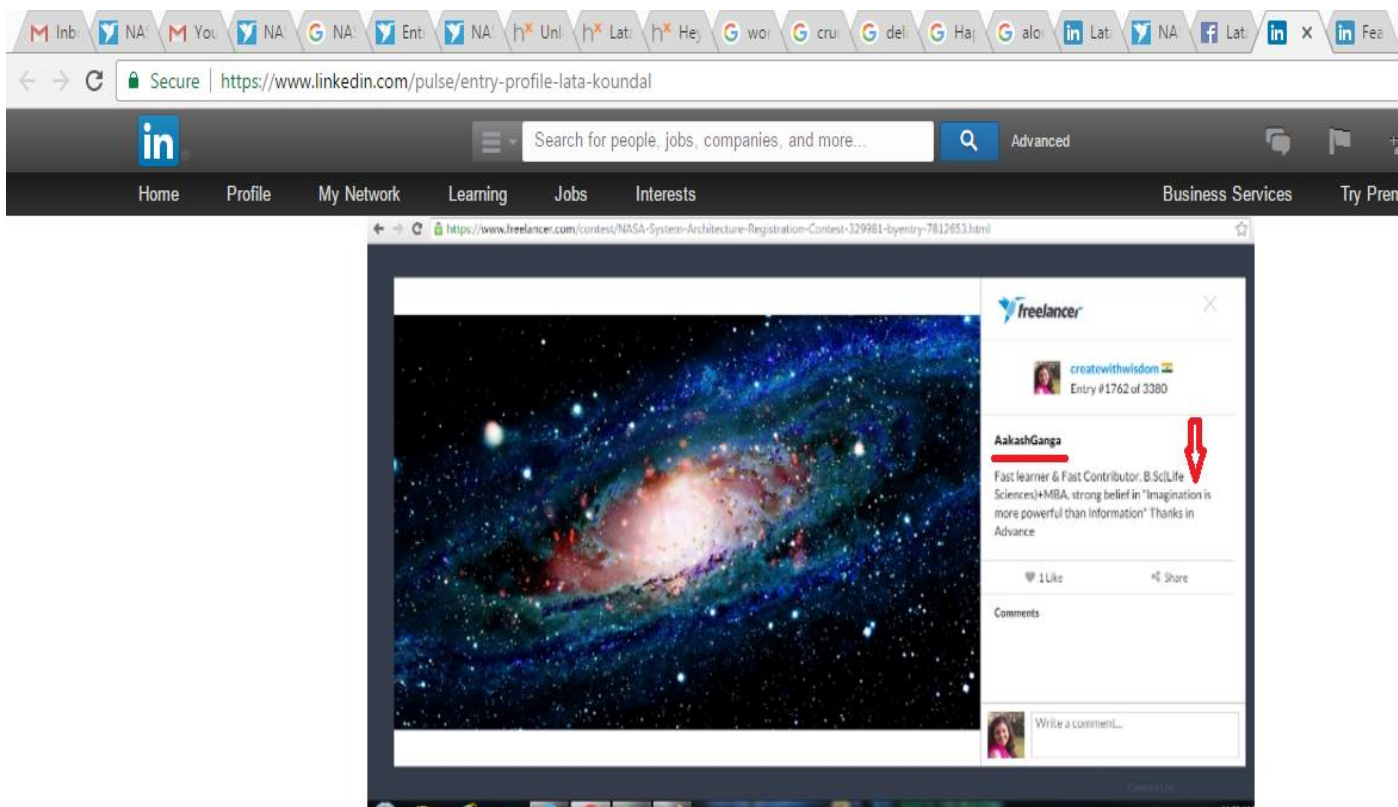


The challenge was divided into two phases. In first phase NASA had to choose 30 participants from 3352 entries from different countries on the basis of theme submitted & in the Second phase, they would ask the chosen 30 freelancers to explore the multiple ways to approach creating a decomposed architecture of a complex system of Robotic Arm.

So she put all her heart & soul in submitting the theme with the image of our Milkyway Galaxy with name "Aakash Ganga" as a title. "Aakash Ganga" means Holy Ganges River of the Sky, Ganges is the holy river of India & she was from India, so she preferred that name. She also put the line in which she believed "Imagination is more powerful than Information".

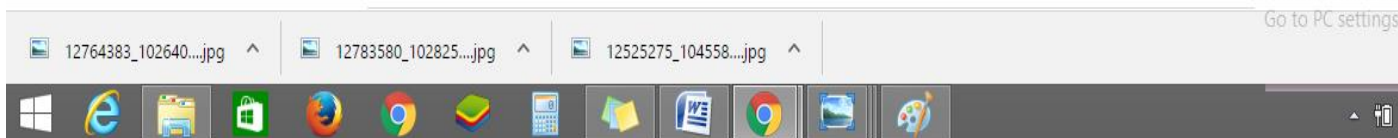
Although she was waiting the result to come but she had detached herself to come into the list of 30 freelancers as she had consolation that at least she got the opportunity to become associated in some way with reputed one "The NASA" whose mention is enough to invoke the thought of admiration, recognition & goodwill. That phase was full of enthusiasm for her. She phoned & messaged almost all her near & dear ones that she had submitted the theme for the most prestigious NASA.





Entry Profile

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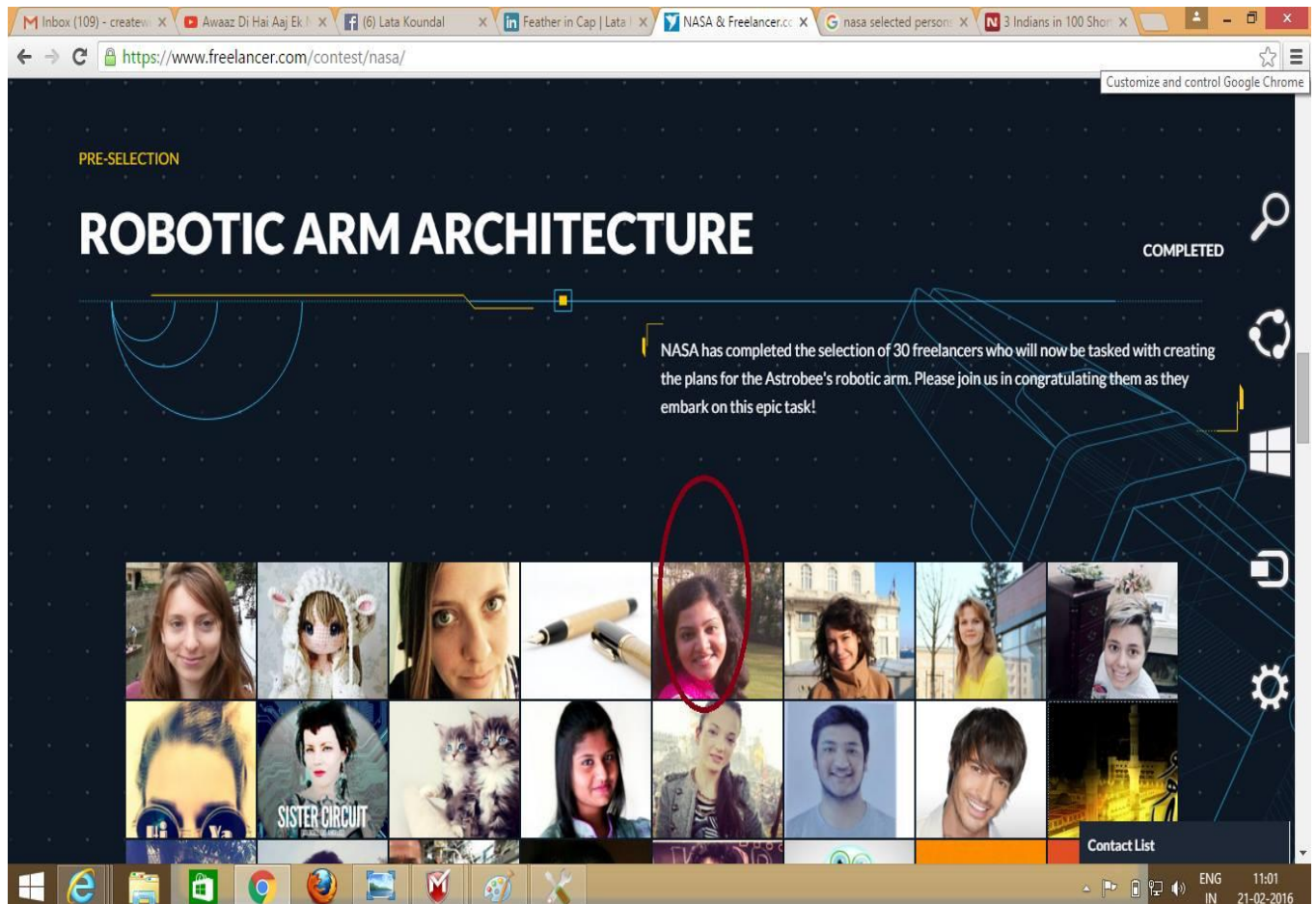


It was 5th of February 2016, she found the mail depicting freelancers selected by NASA, she clicked the link & what she found!!! Her name was also there along with other 29 winners from different countries. That moment was unexplainable, How that happened! Getting mail was one thing & being chosen by NASA for their Task Completion. She was on cloud nine. She celebrated that moment by posting details of her being chosen on social media sites. That was her first project & that also was from NASA. But with that a big responsibility

was on her shoulder; To stand tall on the expectation of client, expectation of parents & loved ones. As I mentioned above she was the student of life sciences & business administration with a very basic knowledge related to the project, with a small hint that the concepts from life sciences are inculcated into engineering in the field named bionics, even she was not having necessary equipment like laptop for the project. She was required to work in the hours of sleep also as the assigned project needed to be completed within 7 days. In that duration she purchased laptop on 1st day & on 2nd day she started working. She forgot about day & night, she had to stretch herself beyond limits to complete the project within the given time limit.

On feeling low of energy, she used to converse with her parents & remembering those moments of small accomplishments (school & college days) to feel energised again. Time was running fast & she had to submit the asked task deliverables with quality. She went through a lot of scientific journals, went through requirements & task deliverables again & again to assure she was on the right track, some terminology in requirements were French to her so she did extensive search & that ate most of her time. Time was running short, With every passed hour, she was getting anxious. That was the crucial time which could break or make her. That was the time when she had to implement all what she read to relieve the stress be that Yog, Pranayam(Breathing exercise), being meditative & other relaxation techniques to make best out of the left hours. She decided to submit the project before the deadline at any cost so that she could make modifications if asked by the client. She submitted work before deadline & she was right she was asked for some rectifications, she appreciated herself for being proactive & for taking good decision. She was in pressure to do right this time so she

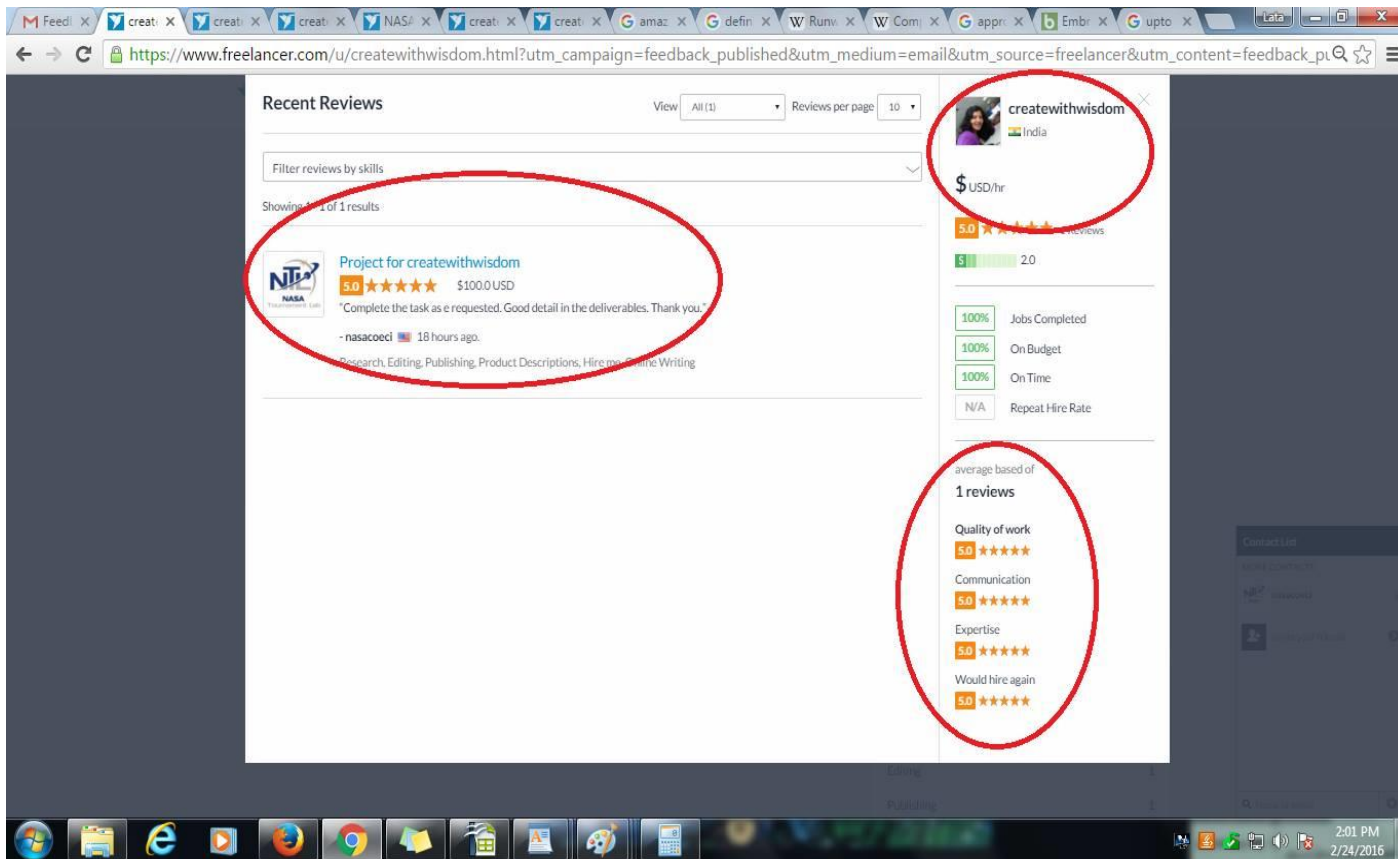
spent another night in rectifying & tweaking the things & finally delivered submission just a few hours before the deadline. She took a long breath at least she could deliver the task deliverables within a week.



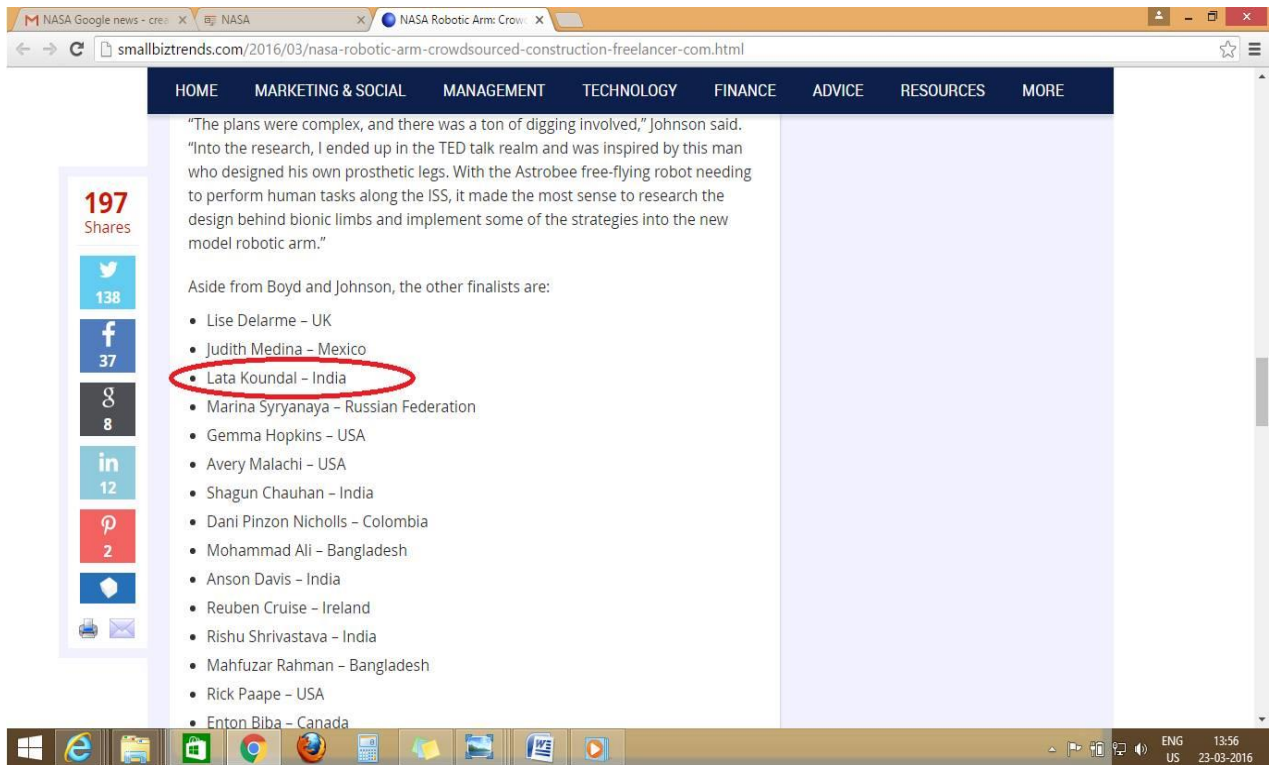
On 23rd of February, she received feedback & Five Star Rating from NASA in terms of Quality of work, Communication, Expertise, Professionalism & Would hire again. She was feeling on top of the world on receiving the below feedback.

"Complete the task as e requested. Good detail in the deliverables. Thank you."

She was seeing & reading them again & again. She didn't want to let Happy Hormone Secretions stop in her body so she kept reading.



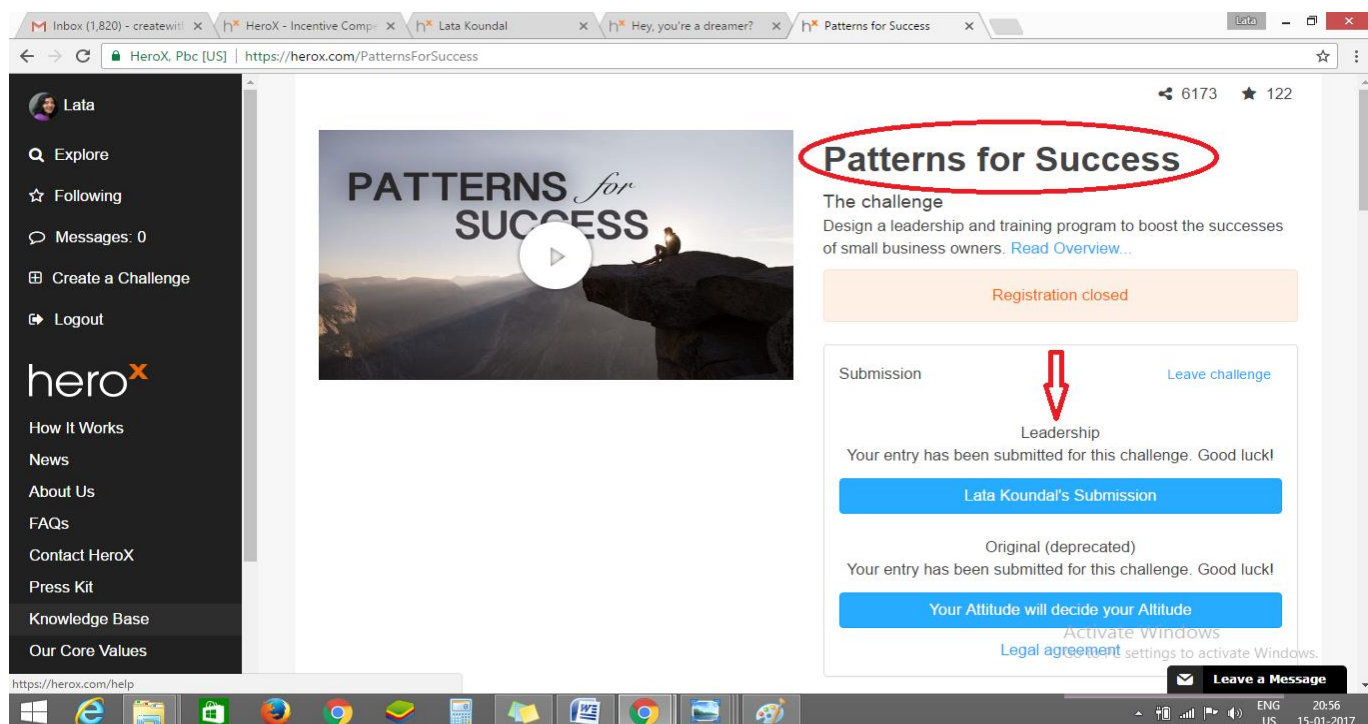
Hardwork rewarded, she was appreciated by her friends, colleagues & also by the people who underestimated her (would like to bless them as sometimes criticism is also helpful in awakening your dormant potential). She received her first payment through her first project. Also along with 29 freelancers her name got displayed in Google News. Reading her name with the country she belonged filled her with Happiness & Patriotism simultaneously.



But the journey not ended here as I’ve mentioned above she was destined to get another victory at the end of the same year. So the unfolded story here is that when she was searching for the authenticity of that mail, she visited NASA official site where she came to know that along with [freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) NASA also taking help from platform like HeroX PBC, Chicago, IL. So on 23rd February, 2016, she got registered herself with HeroX too. Although she couldn't make from some of the contests on HeroX but that doesn't matter as the glass was half full, a lot of challenges were there matching to her interests, "Patterns for Success" challenge was one of the them.

In the month of May, 2016, she participated in "Patterns for Success" challenge which was for 7000 USD where she needed to develop an innovative set of tools that would help US small business owners more readily achieve the success. If she could win the challenge then

she would give herself pat on back for getting relatively high financial incentive. That time she was relaxed as she had enough time for submission & she would be in flow because that was the challenge where she could win by speaking her mind. So she simply enjoyed that contest. She decided that she won't get too much attached with the thought of winning rather being participating in a challenge where she could speak from heart was itself a reward. So she would try her best.



She put almost all the insights which she collected from her experiences in life, be that knowledge from practical psychology, life sciences, business administration or practical philosophy, she indepthly interviewed entrepreneurs to know what actually they were missing, what kept them away to sustain success, what was that they subconsciously knew but not doing consciously.

She left no stones unturned. Finally submitted the deliverables in the month of the August, 2016.

Like any other ordinary human being she also used to get a little bit anxious at times as the timing of result was far away also she was not sure of success. In these weak moments, some of her well wishers suggested her to remain calm as it takes time for a fruit to ripen.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://herox.com/PatternsForSuccess/guidelines>. The page content includes the following text:

In addition to three prizes for developing modules for the program, all entrants are eligible for a "Kicker" prize. Entrants will be developing three separate modules within a category, and the kicker prize rewards thoughtful effort put into developing a unified suite of modules, rather than submitting three modules that each have a different style, tone, and voice.

Four prizes will be awarded:

STRATEGY category prize	\$7,000
<u>LEADERSHIP category prize</u>	\$7,000
CULTURE category prize	\$7,000
"Kicker" bonus prize	\$4,000
TOTAL prizes	\$25,000

The final program may incorporate the materials produced from the competition under a sale or license agreement.

SUBMISSION

The competition is your canvas! The goal is to provide a toolbox of topics across 9 modules; entrants have the freedom to convey the content of each module in what they see is the best possible way for the DIY business owner. Entrants are encouraged to leverage their skills, expertise, and knowledge in any module category.

You may submit written material, photos, drawings, charts or graphs, animation, infographics, video, and/or other digital content.

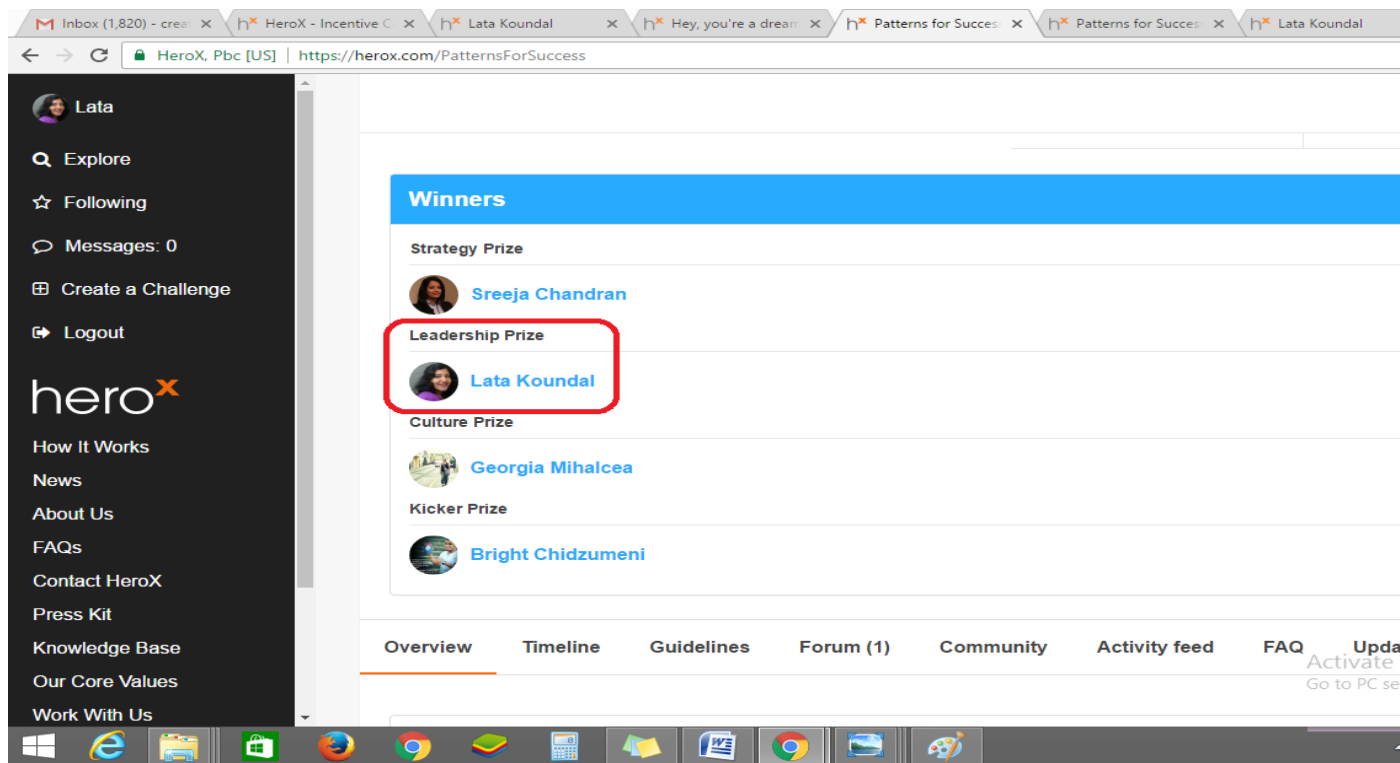
The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system tray with the date 15-01-2017 and time 21:02.

After a few months, that was the morning of 22nd of November, 2016. She received the beautiful message from HeroX that her submission had been selected as one of the finalists so she needed to provide some vital information other than submission. Literally she bent her head as a gesture to Thank God at least she was in the final round, one of her colleagues came to her to console, as of the impression that she was crying with her head bent. She smiled &

assured that she was OK, she shared the moments of her happiness with the people around her.

On daily basis she was checking the mails. It was 3rd of December, 2016, she received mail from HeroX announcing the winners, adrenaline rush increased, she found herself in “Fingers-in-the-mouth” gesture which she read in some well researched body language book that when people are nervous, feeling insecure they bring their fingers in the mouth as by doing this they feel secure. She became aware of it, took a big breath & removed her fingers from mouth as that was the acid test to test herself as she could walk the talk what she had written in the submission. She was ready to face good or not good news. She logged in into her HeroX account to see whether the jeweller could identify the diamonds.(Well all participants were diamonds, winners are only with a little polishing).

As her account got opened, to her surprise along with three winners her name was also there "Lata Koundal" under leadership category. You won't believe her happiness made her to clap that moment. Felt relaxed & excited at the same time. Without wait she phoned her parents about good news, then her siblings, cousins, well-wishers....whom not the list was long.



Mindful & Hearty Endeavours again got rewarded, the second feat after NASA Project!!!...These two feats strengthened some of her beliefs again.

- **Imagination is more powerful than information**
- **Resilient & Positive Attitude can transform the adverse circumstances**
- **Every cloud has a silver lining**
- **God helps those who help themselves**
- **Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity**

*Thanks for giving the opportunity to share these two amazing feats of my life.. It literally made me to Relive those Beautiful moments
Thanks!!*



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