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**REKHA KAVOOR PROFILES A MEDICAL STUDENT WHO WEARS MANY HATS**

A medical student, entrepreneur, author and motivator... try to place Edmond Fernandes in any one of these categories and he fits in perfectly. His successful venture, [www.eduorb.com](http://www.eduorb.com), an educational networking website, shows how a simple idea can impact the youth. "The portal has articles, videos related to education, information about colleges, courses and career tips. Here, students network besides gaining information and sharing knowledge. Currently, it is confined to the State, but we plan to expand it worldwide," says Edmond.

'Reflections', and 'Sleep and Lifestyle Changes'. He is also a section editor for an online international medical journal on students' research.

He likes to be occupied always and has a penchant for learning new things "It is also a God gifted talent, which I think I should use lavishly," he says. He is a certified rescuer of the American Heart Association in basic and advanced cardiovascular life support. He also gives inspirational talks to college students.

At a later stage he wants to enter politics. "Politics excites me because you can reach out to a great many. I may heal one or two patients daily, but in politics, my policies can impact many more people," he explains.

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Edmond who did his schooling in Mumbai relocated to Mangalore a few years ago to pursue medicine. Not content with just academic excellence, he dabbles in various activities, writing being one of them. "Writing is my passion. I started freelancing for papers at a young age and have written on secular politics, philosophy, current affairs and medicine," he says. At 21, he has completed his first book, 'Small Things that Matter Much', which is in the process of being published. He is currently writing two books, 'The Idea of India'.

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