## COVID DARES A Collection of Reflections during the Pandemic

By beginning a diary, ] was already conceding that life would be more bearable if ] looked at it as an adventure and a tale. ] was telling myself the story of a life, and this transmutes into an adventure the things which can shatter you. **JJ** 

— Anaïs Nín

With this collection, the Smart City Mission team has transmuted the unpleasant, shattering reality of COVID 19 into yarns of fond memories of the past, heartwarming humanity in present times, and dreams of towering visions for the future. Each article is a personal account of its author, no matter the technicality of its contents. Each story is testimony to the notion of seeing a situation not as what it is, but seeing it as one is.

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