

Chitkara University Professors Idea Stand Winners of UN Influx-Global Hackathon 2017

*The Idea is now Part of UN
Crowdfunding of World-Changing Ideas*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Chitkara University
today announced that its professors
teamed up project entitled 'Paperless
Erasable Magnetic Braille Slate' was
presented at UN Influx - a global
hackathon at CIS Chandigarh from
March 10-12, 2017 and is adjudged as
the winner in first place. The final round
of presentations were held at UN
Headquarters, New York on May 15-16,
2017 and the project made it to the UN
crowdfunding of world-changing ideas.
Currently, the project is open for
crowdfunding of £2,000 on the UN
website:
[https://crowdfunding.connect2effect.com/
p/braille-slate/](https://crowdfunding.connect2effect.com/p/braille-slate/).

Chitkara University has a dedicated
research concept, [Chitkara University
Research & Innovation Network](http://Chitkara University Research & Innovation Network)
(CURIN). CURIN helps in patent
facilitation licensing and consultancy that
provides a complete handholding to its
students, staff and faculty members from
ideation to patenting. The students and
faculty members are actively involved in
various research projects at national and
international level.

UN Influx Global Hackathon 2017 aims to
inspire the creation of world-changing
startups around three of the UN
Sustainable Development Goals. All 21
winning ideas will be placed on UN bespoke crowdfunding platform where the whole world will be
able to view, find, discuss ideas, invest their time (mentorship) or money (donate/invest) and
participate in the newborn ideas. Depending on the amount of sponsorship raised, all events will be
followed up by a product demo day, six months later at the UN Headquarters in New York City.



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Paperless Erasable Braille Slate Project is aimed at transforming society for better education. As per a report developed by UNESCO and survey done by the UN as an example, In India, percentage of kids with disabilities still out of school: UN. This is not only a serious issue in India but also acts as a challenging problem all over the world. To provide basic education in primary schools of physically-disabled children is a challenge when compared to the students of the mainstream society.

The team involved three inventors from Chitkara University namely, Dr. Amandeep Singh Oberoi, Dr. Virender Kadyan and Mr. Vinay Kukreja. A patent has been filed based upon the proposed project bearing Patent Filing No: 201611033447. The team applies continuous efforts to help needy people by utilizing their technical skill and education experience for improving the education system of blind children.



On this laurel, Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Vice Chancellor of Chitkara University said, "It is a great honor that Chitkara University is being recognized as a research and innovation centric organization by United Nations (UN) at an International level and positioning our professors' idea for crowdfunding of world-changing ideas. To bring out innovations, Chitkara University has come up with the concept of CURIN, which paved the way for strategic, multi-disciplinary research. Within our extensive networks of centers of excellence, world-class innovation labs, access to global researchers, staff, and students across disciplines are able to extend the boundaries of knowledge to International level."

Speaking on the milestone, Dr. Oberoi (key member of the project), Associate Professor at Chitkara University said, "Chitkara University allows its staff and students to embark on research with access to future-focussed engineering facilities, allowing creative design solutions to be developed almost seamlessly from imagination to concept and reality in a single journey. Our project is aimed at putting technology to its best use to impact the education transformation in the society. We thank Chitkara University and United Nations for being supportive from day one on this project. We have already been funded 12% with about a month remaining to achieve the total funding of £2,000."

Elaborating on the project, Dr. Kadyan (key contributor to the project), Assistant Professor at Chitkara University said, "Our project target is to support these blind children and provide education to them. They have special schools and use special language (such as Braille) for their education. During the initial stage of learning Braille language, they adopt a Braille slate, thick paper, sharp stylus to make impressions on paper. With the advancement in technology, there has been manifold progress in all the sectors. Similarly, the invention of Traditional Braille Slate leads to a revolution for the people who are visually impaired."

Chitkara University has been striving hard to collaborate with international universities and research centers across the world so as to expose its students and faculty to the best of international studies and innovation practices. If anyone wishes to sponsor this project or recommend this to someone who is interested in it, please visit the following link: <https://crowdfunding.connect2effect.com/p/braille-slate/>

About Chitkara University:

In the year 2002, Chitkara Educational Trust established its Punjab campus 30 kilometers from Chandigarh, on the Chandigarh-Patiala National Highway. In the year 2010, Chitkara University was established by the Punjab State Legislature under 'The Chitkara University Act'.

Chitkara University, the best university in Punjab is a Government-recognized university with the right to confer degrees as per the Sections 2(f) and 22(1) of the UGC Act, 1956. Chitkara University has been founded by Dr. Ashok Chitkara and Dr. Madhu Chitkara who have been passionate teachers for more than 40 years now.

Chitkara Education brings with it a reputation that has been earned through years of serving the career - needs of the student community. It has a reputation for excellence and innovation among coveted employers for preparing graduates who have the knowledge and skills they need for success in their workplace.

Our graduates go on to achieve great careers, we're hands-on and responsive in our teaching. Students from across the country are attracted to Chitkara University because of our commitment to teaching excellence; we conduct research that makes a difference; our industry partnerships and our tailored courses. This difference has been acknowledged by students, parents, alumni, government and industry since the inception of the university.

Within a decade, most of our academic programs are ranked among the top 50 programs in the country which speaks volumes about our strong academic heritage, highly committed faculty, extensive industry collaborations, significant international connections and state-of-the-art campus facilities.

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