

Dr. Amitoj Singh, Assistant Professor, Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering and Technology, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Bathinda, India had been invited by United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign (UN-SDG) to showcase their product in front of 173 member Heads of States and SDG Ambassadors in the margins of the Science Technology Innovative (STI) Forum in the month of May 2017 at the United Nations HQs located in New York. Dr. Amitoj Singh and his team has developed an aid for the education of blind children in the form of a paperless Braille Slate. This Braille Slate won the Global hackathon hosted by Influx Trust UK. This hackathon took place in 9 regions of the 5 continents and around 750 participants participated to create, collaborate and connect 3 of the UN-SDGs.

The UN SDG Action Campaign is a special initiative of the UNSG, under the auspices of the UNDG administratively organized under the aegis of UNDP. It was attended by a whole lot of representatives from the United Nations, including the Office of President of the General Assembly, UNDP, UN Women, the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth who witnessed the progress made, learned about the Paperless Braille Slate and discussed the details of the ideas of the winners. Dr Singh and other teams were invited to an intimate meet and greet with H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, the President of the UN General Assembly who received them in the General Assembly Hall itself. The President was amused about the ideas, congratulated the team on identifying some interesting local problems and for coming up with very innovative solutions. He applauded Paperless commitment to working with those, most in danger of being left behind in India, through their magnetic Braille slate. This product has lot of potential to contribute towards the educating the blind children, if developed with some more research, development and funding. This was also supported by the UN form as explained.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohan Paul Singh Ishar , MRSPTU congrats and praised the worthy performance by Dr. Amitoj Singh.