

The Purpose

Currently there are thousands of blind people all over the globe. These include people from low sight seeing to complete loss of vision. They find it very difficult while crossing the road or reaching to their respective destination with the help of any other individual. The traditional stick cannot help to detect the obstacles in front or the potholes in the way. It is outdated. Hence there is a need to update it using today's technology.

The Technology

The smart stick for the blind, as the name suggests, is a device for the visually impaired to guide the user to their respective destination and avoid colliding with obstacles. It uses two ultrasonic sensors HC SR 04 to detect the depth below or the obstacles in between. Along with that, it uses Arduino and Raspberry Pi as the main controller. And a shield as the Bluetooth interface between the controller and smartphone. Whenever there is any obstacle in front, the sensor will detect the distance from the obstacle and send it to the controller. The controller will then convert it into audio format. Nowadays, there is a yellow line in the footpath which is meant for blind people. So, we used a camera module which is controlled by Raspberry Pi. The camera detects the yellow line to tell the blind person whether he is on the track or not.