

# PATENTS

## 'INVENT IT. PROTECT IT.'

All inventions begin with an "idea". Once the idea becomes an actual product you can apply to the Government of India for a patent to protect the product and/or the process to make the product.

**You should protect your invention by patenting it so that you can prevent others from stealing, claiming, cloning or selling your idea!** A patent lasts for 20 years. In return, you have to disclose your invention to the public so that everyone can benefit from it.

### What can be patented?

- An 'invention' and not a 'discovery'
- A product or a process that is new or 'novel' and different from what is available
- Something that has a 'use' and can be 'made' in an industry or on a commercial scale



Hey, friends! I invented a machine that makes it possible for humans to talk to animals. By patenting it, I could protect my invention from others and sell it in the market. Now, I am an inventor, a patent holder AND a business owner!

### NO KIDDING!



**Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati** of Jaipur obtained a patent for his invention of **six-player circular chess** at the age of 9



**Popsicles** were invented by **Frank Epperson** of USA when he was only 11 years old



**Louis Braille** was only 15 years old when he invented **braille**, a system of reading and writing used by the blind

