

IIT-incubated start-up launches book in Braille

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary with Raised Lines Foundation, a non-profit IIT-Delhi incubated start-up launching three bilingual tactile books, including one titled 'Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi'.

The start-up has been working on developing affordable tactile graphics for

persons with visual impairment.

The book focuses on the life, work and teachings of Gandhi and contains tactile representations of key elements and articles related to Bapu's life, his campaign towards India's Independence, his teachings and principals of non-violent resistance. All these graphical representations are easily perceivable via touch.

This book, IIT said, provides an opportunity to a

person with visual impairment to understand and be inspired by Gandhi's principles, dedication and struggle towards righteousness. The other two books are titled 'About India' and 'Incredible India'.

Accessible via touch

The institute said that the books are created keeping inclusive set up in mind and therefore all the content is in print along with Braille and that all graphics are de-

signed based on tactile guidelines for easy comprehensibility via touch.

IIT Director V. Ramgopal Rao also announced that Gramodaya Parisar at IIT Delhi has been renamed "Mahatma Gandhi Gramodaya Parisar". He also announced that IIT-Delhi is formulating policies for "Institute Social Responsibility" and all society outreach activities by the university would be consolidated through this platform.