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!

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.