

Every project, every deployment has a story. This month, we're sharing Jigar's.

Jigar's first braille teacher wasn't at school. It was his father.



"Annie mei fun hai aur learning bhi hai. I really like to learn and use Annie." - Jigar

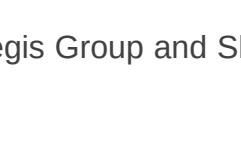
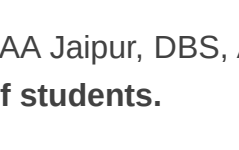
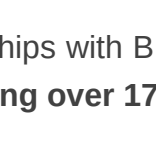
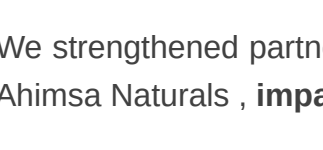
Both of Jigar's parents are visually impaired, and before braille was introduced at school, his father taught him at home, one letter at a time. Today, Jigar learns with Annie. He's mastering contractions and has already earned over 10,000 stars.

Annie has made Jigar quite popular among his classmates. They gather around him to see what he's learning on Annie, and sometimes turn it into a little competition to see who can beat his star count.

From learning braille at home with his father to having his classmates beat his high score, Jigar's story is a special one.

Braille Literacy Is Gaining Momentum

Jigar's story is one of many special stories we've seen through Annie. And this month, we took another step toward creating more of them.



We strengthened partnerships with BITSAA Jaipur, DBS, Allegis Group and Shri Ahimsa Naturals, impacting over 175 of students.

We also met Shri Manmeet Nanda, Additional Secretary, and DEPwD, to discuss the future of braille literacy and assistive technology in India.

There's a lot happening, and we're excited about where it's taking us.

175
New Learners this month
culminating to
489
total learning centres!

TACTERA IS ALMOST HERE

We've been taking Tactera to conferences, demos, and conversations around the world.



This Edition, We're Taking A Closer Look At **FlickStick**, Designed To Solve A Simple But Important Problem:

How Do You Navigate A Braille Notetaker Quickly Without Having To Read The Manual And Learn All Shortcuts (The Chorded Commands.)

Introducing FlickStick

For a sighted user, navigating a device is instant. You can glance at the screen and find what you need easily. For blind users navigation is restrained to a linear interface.

We don't think navigating your device should be the part that slows you down. That's why we built FlickSticks.

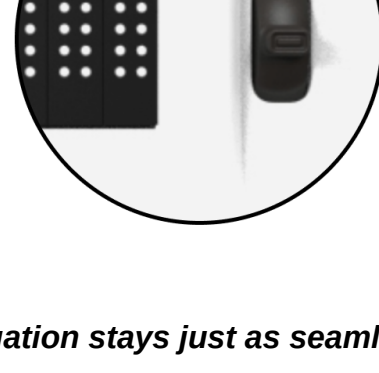
Tactera has three FlickSticks designed for quick navigation, allowing to move through the entire device without taking your reading fingers away from the braille display.

The horizontal and vertical FlickSticks work together to bring 2D layout to main menu and app home pages.

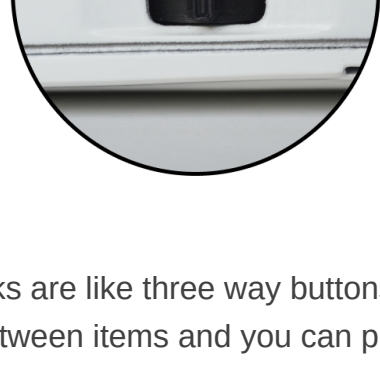


Think of tabs placed side by side, each containing a vertical list of items. The horizontal FlickStick moves you between tabs

while the vertical FlickStick moves you through the items within each tab.



Inside a book or any other content, navigation stays just as seamless. Use the vertical FlickStick to pan through braille, or the horizontal FlickStick to move to the next line, without taking your fingers off the display.



The third FlickStick, **Quick Navigation**, gives you instant access to key actions. Flick it towards you for a New Note or away from you for the Terminal app. You can also customise it to open an app of your choice.

Flicksticks are like three way buttons, you can flick them in either direction to move between items and you can press or click it to select or enter an item. **Quick to learn, less to remember. Just flick and go.**

Be among the first to experience Tactera.

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AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS

It's never too late to learn braille.

We exhibited at the AER International Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. One particularly special moment was meeting people who had used Polly, our U.S. variant of Annie, to teach braille to blind veterans, a powerful reminder that braille learning isn't just for children.

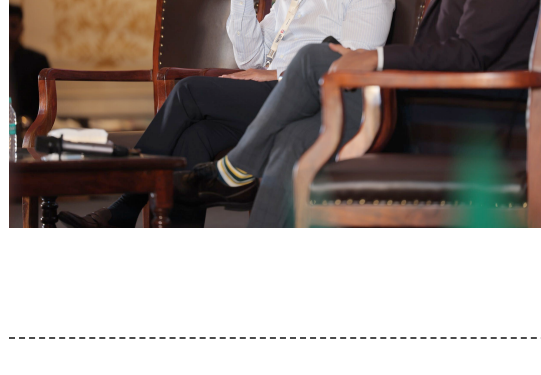
We also shared an early look at our web app in development, designed to help educators create interactive, audio-guided braille lessons on any topic. The early validation, encouragement and feedback we received will help shape its development.



We were also at ACB in St. Louis. One blind attendee spent more than 30 minutes exploring Tactera and asked to beta test it. She found the keys and UI intuitive and gave us thoughtful feedback on everything from the feel of the braille dots to the device's case design. Another standout moment was watching attendees explore Gemini on Tactera and seeing how naturally they took to the experience. It was exciting to see Tactera spark curiosity beyond braille, and towards making the digital world more accessible

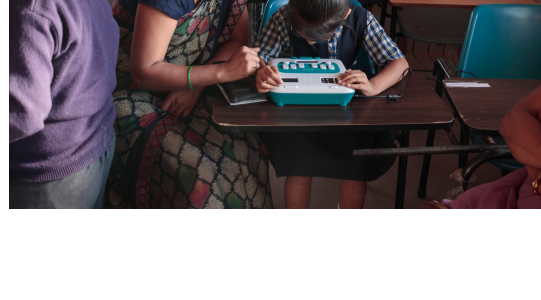
Putting Technology on the Inclusion Agenda

At Able Summit in Jaipur, Aman, our Co-founder, joined Manit Jain for a fireside chat on "Can Technology Rewrite Disability?", talking about how AI and technology are changing what's possible for people with disabilities.



The event also brought together leading private schools and school chains looking to make stronger commitments to disability inclusion. We're excited to see more schools thinking seriously about what inclusion can look like in practice.

50+ Schools are waiting, want to contribute to child's learning journey with Annie?



There are more children waiting to learn braille independently. If you'd like to help bring Annie to a school, centre, or community, we'd love to hear from you.

[Let's Talk](#)

HAVE YOU TUNED IN YET?



LET'S TALK ABOUT CHANGE
On Social Responsibility, CSR & Collaboration

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Smt. Bageshree M. Manthalkar
Managing Director,
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In the first episode of Let's Talk About Change, Sanskriti speaks with Smt. Bageshree M. Manthalkar about leadership, social impact, and taking action instead of waiting for the right time.

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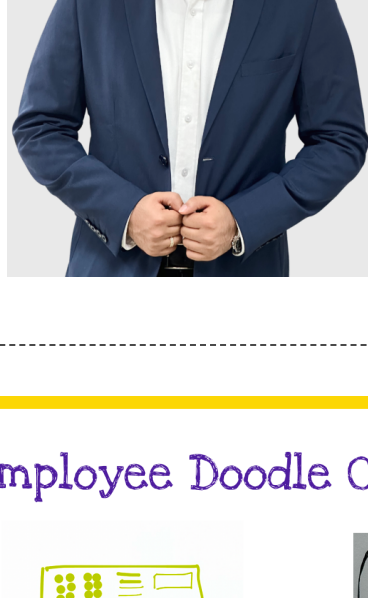
WE'RE GROWING!

We're hiring across engineering, product, design, and business.

If building technology that makes a difference excites you, we'd love to hear from you.

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A Note from our CEO



A child shouldn't have to wait for the right person, the right school, or the right moment to get the tools they need to learn.

Access should be a given, not a privilege.

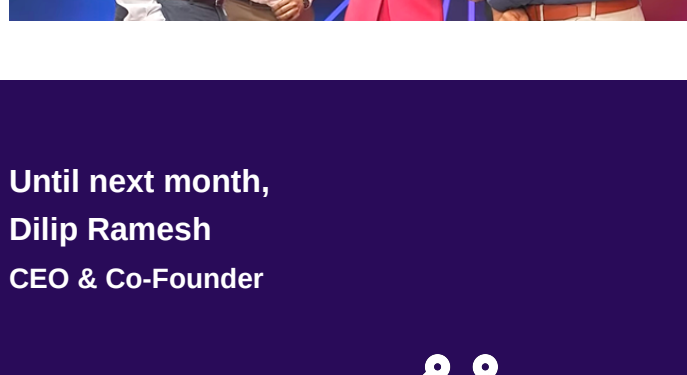
That's the world we're trying to build.

Dilip Ramesh
Co-Founder & CEO, Thinkerbell Labs

Employee Doodle Corner :)

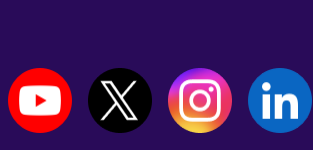


We asked the team to draw who do they see Annie as? Here's what came back. Doodles by: Dilip, Sheetal, Sana, Swapnali & Avinashi!



Exciting news coming soon!

Until next month,
Dilip Ramesh
CEO & Co-Founder



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