

IIT Indore wins Global Best m-Gov Award

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore has won the Global Best m-Gov Award at the World Government Summit 2023 held between February 13-15 in Dubai. This award was given for the product "BlockBill" which is based on trust, transparent and accountable blockchain-based digital transformation framework for billing and invoicing systems in FMCG, both for B2B and B2C, a press release issued by IIT Indore said.

Blockbill is a blockchain-based receipt generation app providing users with digital receipts for all their transactions. The app helps move away from the production of thermal papers used for printing receipts which cannot be recycled or disposed of, thus cutting the cost of printing and paper. The app also offers data transparency and security as it uses blockchain. The receipts cannot be altered once made. Once digitized, organising receipts and sorting them becomes easier not just for the vendors, but also for the customers who

want to manage personal finances.

This idea has been conceptualised by Dr Gourinath Banda, associate professor, IIT Indore and was assisted by final year B'Tech students Bhoomil Sanjaykumar Gohel, Neel Kalpeshbhai Parikh and NiyatiTota-la, who did this as Bachelors' Thesis Project. The creators of the 'Block-bill' app received the prestigious award from Egyptian President Abel Fattah Al-Sisi.

"The competition included more than 1,000 applicants from around the globe. The "m-Gov Award" and the "GovTech Award" are annual awards organised by the UAE government as part of the World Government Summit," the press release said.

These awards are designed to encourage pioneering students, researchers, government agencies and institutions, private sector companies and startups to develop innovative solutions using the latest technologies to address evolving local and global challenges and explore new opportunities for a better future for humanity.