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#### ET NOW Power of Shunya-Challenge for Zero competition

www.powerofshunya.com

Last date of online nomination: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Entries open from 10 March,2014 – 20 April,2014.

Registration for engineering students: <u>http://powerofshunya.com/science\_registration1.aspx</u>

Registration for MBA students: <u>http://powerofshunya.com/mba\_registration1.aspx</u>

Background of the competition:

Today, as India strives to become one of the world's leading economies, it faces daunting challenges: the need for more nutritious foods, the desire for world-class infrastructure and the demand for an uninterrupted supply of energy. Each day 40,000 people are born in India but our resources are continuing to deplete. India is standing at a pivotal point with increasing challenges and we need to focus on innovations that will meet them head on.

Over a thousand years ago, an Indian mathematician, Aryabhata invented the concept of Shunya (Zero). In doing so, he introduced an idea so powerful that went on to change the world. For some, Shunya is simply a digit that literally means nothing. But there are many who see Shunya as possessing the power to change not only this country but also make a global impact.

Join DuPont and Times for Season 2 of "The Power of Shunya" as we showcase the heroes trying to achieve the goal of Shunya. Entries are open until April 20th for all students and young professionals ready to showcase and promote their new innovations in Challenge for Zero. It's time for our nation to witness the difference you can make.

Last year's winners: <u>http://www.dupont.co.in/corporate-functions/media/press-releases/the-power-of-shunya-season-1-winners.html</u> (the winning team was also one among the winners in GYTI 2013 hosted by Techpedia during the award event at IIM-Ahd) There were two teams associated with GTU in season - 1.

The team of Ankit Thakker, Neeraj Patel, Parth Pathak and Hardik Meisheri from V.V.P. Engineering College, Rajkot was placed among India's 24 best Innovators for the innovation of a Smart Wheelchair. (Please see <a href="http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/13Nov/30112013">http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/13Nov/30112013</a> VVp.pdf.) Another team of GTU alumni Jainil Bhatt, Dhruvin Kagdi, Tirth Jani and Kunjal Jadav was also placed in these top 24 best Innovators for the project of 'Electricity-free LPG Refrigeration and Air-conditioning'. (<a href="http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/13Dec/innovation01122013.pdf">http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/13Nov/30112013</a> VVp.pdf.)

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\* In this edition of this innovation show techpedia (<u>www.techpedia.in</u>) is helping the program team at ET Now and innovators to get connected and explore best out of it in true spirit.

Once the finalists are selected, DuPont & ET NOW will share a formal agreement with the innovators, where they would be mentioning that the sole rights of the innovation will belong to the innovator only. It would be a great commitment for promoting inclusive innovation for India by young innovators.



Last edition winner

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