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## ***Editor's Desk***

A new year has started and new learnings are bound to happen.

“Keep on beginning and failing. Each time you fail, start all over again, and you will grow stronger until you have accomplished a purpose — not the one you began with perhaps, but one you’ll be glad to remember.”

-Anne Sullivan

Happy Reading,

Regards,

Bhavna Botta

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## Inclusive Ideas

### **Miracle Modus**

The Miracle Modus is an app that was designed by someone living with Autism, who wanted an outlet that would help during periods of sensory overload. The app infuses rainbow colors with soft bells, in a soothing way, to help alleviate symptoms of sensory overload. Not only is this app useful if you're experiencing periods of high stress, but it's also helpful when winding down after a long day. The app is available both on the Google Play Store and on the Apple Store.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/miracle-modus/id555904748>



Image shows screen shot of the app with circular lines in different colours starting from center to the edge

## Braci Sound Alert

Braci Sound Alert constantly listens for sounds around you, notifying you whenever it hears something that sounds familiar. Sounds like a ringing doorbell or alarm will activate Braci Sound Alert, notifying the user using vibrations and flashing lights. Unlike other solutions with flashing lights and expensive hardware installations, Braci allows you to use the current building infrastructure and alarm systems installed and still be alerted to events even if you are unable to hear or see them. This can give you a sense of security and peace of mind. Braci App is efficient when it comes to quick response, alert time, and is also very affordable.

It's perfect for people who are hard-of-hearing, elderly

<https://apps.apple.com/in/app/braci/id915950098>



Image shows screen shot of the app with recording options for different sounds

# BlindSquare

[BlindSquare](#) is an accessible app that describes the environment. So, it announces points of interest, like shops or restaurants, and street crossings as you travel.

BlindSquare is the world's most widely used accessible GPS app developed for the blind, deafblind, and partially sighted. Paired with third-party navigation apps, BlindSquare's self-voicing app delivers detailed points of interest and intersections for safe, reliable travel both outside and inside.

It is used by more than 60,000 people in 186 countries and is available in 26 languages, users shake their devices to hear their current location and information about surrounding attractions as well as travel progress, and the app can pin location at any time if users need help finding their way back.

<https://www.blindsquare.com/about/>

## Honda develops new electric personal mobility technology

A mobility device the user can steer simply by shifting body weight while sitting and keeping both hands free to move naturally in all directions as if they were walking, can broaden the potential of mobility beyond walking and use of a conventional wheelchair.

The goal of Honda Robotics is to help people in their daily lives, and one of the key concepts of Honda Robotics is the “expansion of the physical functions for people.” Based on this concept, we are developing the UNI-ONE, a hands-free personal mobility device that offers new value to our customers by enabling them to enjoy mobility without being constrained by their physical capabilities and/or skills. The electric aid, designed to support both able-bodied people and those with mobility issues, is controlled by the user simply by shifting body weight while sitting.

Image shows a lady in white and black dress sitting and riding on the UNI ONE with both her hands free



This keeps both the user's hands free to move naturally in all directions as if they were walking, thus broadening the potential of mobility beyond walking and expanding the possible uses of a conventional wheelchair.

The UNI-ONE features:

- Height — the user has an eye level close to that of standing people.
- Hands-free — the user can use their hands freely while riding the UNI-ONE, with movement controlled by upper body movements.
- Stability — high riding stability from two drive wheels and anti-tipping measures.
- Stress-free design — designed for stress-free mobility use not only by people with disabilities and the elderly but those who are not physically impaired.
- Walking pace — Speeds of around 4 km/hour and a battery that will cover distances up to 8 km.

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