

E-bookstore gets city kids Berlin honour

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New Delhi: Students looking for second-hand books can now get them at the click of a mouse. An online store for second-hand books has been started by five Class XII students. They also plan to digitize those books.

The five, all students of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, won the Best Future Young Entrepreneur Award at a competition in Berlin recently for their idea of the store, called Peekabook.

They will partner with local book sellers and second-hand books dealers. One of them, Manan Rai, said Peekabook will act as a "common online marketplace that will assist the exchange of second-hand books, especially academic books". "Most books are exorbitantly priced. So, students look for second-hand ones, which are usually in a poor state. This project will ease the search and procurement of books and will save students' time, money and effort," explained Rai.

He added, "It will assist the retailers with an affordable distribution channel, increasing their access".

The entrepreneurship competition, supported by the Goethe Institut, is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union started in March 2015, and is divided into two phases.

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