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## Honoring technology for changing the world

Projects improved the human condition

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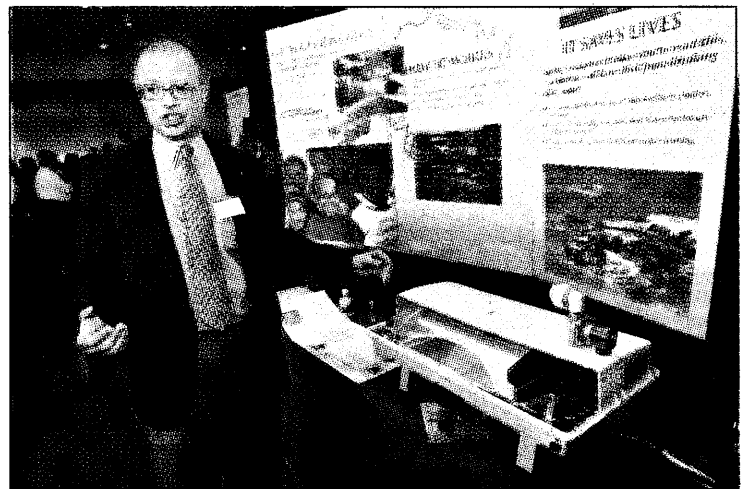
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A low-cost water purification system that uses ultraviolet light to kill bacteria and GPS-driven robots that find and destroy landmines were two of the five projects that received the Tech Museum Awards on Wednesday, an annual competition that honors individu-

als and groups who use technology to improve the human condition around the world.

"The program is really just getting better and better," said Peter Giles, president and chief executive officer of the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose. "We have, I think, really captured something that is resonating with people in

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**Ashok Gadgil** developed a low-cost, low-maintenance water purification system to provide safe drinking water.