

REC students top hackathon event

□ Develop an innovative solution for document-tracking within ISRO

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It was a proud moment for Rajalakshmi Engineering College when its students lifted the winners trophy at the Smart India Hackathon 2017 organised by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, recently.

Smart India Hackathon 2017, billed as the world's biggest hackathon event, was a pan-India, 36-hour, non-stop digital programming competition.

According to a note from the college, a team of students, comprising Tharun P, Vicknesh Selyamani, Yaseen Hussain A, Janar Priyanka A, Kavi Arasu, led by Chahat Aggarwal, from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai, took part in the finals of this hackathon event at Ahmedabad.

They bagged the first place among the 50 competing finalists. The team



ISRO Chairman Kiran Kumar hands over the trophy to the students of Rajalakshmi Engineering College who won the first prize in the Smart India Hackathon 2017 in Ahmedabad recently.

had developed an innovative solution for Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for document-tracking within ISRO.

The team was mentored by faculty members, Professor Priya Vijay and Professor K Sibi. ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar handed over the trophy

and certificates to the winners and also rewarded the team with a prize money of Rs 1 lakh.

For the hackathon, the participating teams simultaneously competed from across 33 locations in India to offer digital yet sustainable innovative solutions to solve real-time challenges

faced by the nation. The Smart India Hackathon 2017 posed 500-plus problem statements under different categories to technology students from all over India. The students were challenged to think out-of-the-box and offer innovative ideas to build smart applications which would help address some of the daunting problems faced by India in education, energy, urban & rural development, aviation & shipping, transport, law & justice, skill development & entrepreneurship, defence, tourism, etc.

According to the note from the college, another team of students from the same institution and representing the Department of Information Technology, Yogeswaran, Tasbiya, Srinivasan, Vignesh, Sabareesh, Sowthamini, developed a project titled - A Security Device for Women - and it finished as one of the top six teams among 56 other finalists in the same event.