



The winners at Trick 2012 – All India Robotics Competition at IIT-B on Saturday

Mission to Mars at IIT

Over 200 schools from across the country competed at IIT-B for All India Robotics Competition, but not everyone can survive the Red Planet

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On Saturday, over 600 students from the age of 10-16 years were pitted against each other in 'Mission to Mars', this year's theme for the All India Robotics Competition – Tricks 2012 -- at IIT-B. ThinkLabs, an IIT-Powai alumnus venture, has been organising this event for the past five years. This year, Aura Edify Global School, Kerala, and Wisdom High School, Nashik, were announced winners among over 200 schools in the junior and the senior category respectively. The two winners took home a cash prizes of Rs 50,000 each. All participants were judged on the basis of performance, presentation and team work.



Anoop Sonar with his winning entry

Wisdom High International School, Nashik

It might not be entirely inaccurate to say that this Nashik school swept the awards. While Anoop Sonar won the senior category for his school, Shaunak Joshi's robot won the best algorithm and best design categories.

"We do not have robotics as a subject in our school. However, a three-day robotics workshop helped us develop interest in the subject. I had submitted an individual robot and got help from our programming teacher. I'm particularly elated because two others from my school have also won."



The junior champions from Kerala

Aura Edify Global School, Kerala

Unlike the senior champs, Fathina Shana, Yahaya Hasim (both from Std V) and Mohd Najeeb (Std IV) had sacrificed all their playing hours for the past two weeks to prepare for robotics competition. And it paid off with top honours in the junior category.

"Both the boys were uncertain after the final presentation. But I was confident. It's a great feeling to come all the way from Kerala and return a winner," said Fathina.

Yashodham High School, Mumbai

Karan Seth of Std IX won the highest honours for Mumbai by ending the competition as the first runner-up in the senior category. He says that while his school doesn't have robotics as a subject, but he took inspiration from his father who is an engineer and a robotics enthusiast.

Helix Open School, Salem

The school fielded a team of students with learning disabilities, and ended up being as high as the first-runner up in the junior category. All fro Std VI, A N Arvind, V Vasant and T Geethi stunned the judges with their knowledge of robotics and Mars.