

National Level Laurels for Young Intellectuals - KKN

Manav Tathacharya of XI F1 and Nikhil S Kowshik of IX M participated in the **Shaastra Spark Junior Conference** on 3rd December 2017. It was conducted by Shaastra (the technical fest of IIT-M). They won 2nd place at the national finals.

They made it past a first/screening round, which was a science quiz (held on 12th August 2017 at IIT-M), where more than 200 teams from Chennai participated in this quiz conducted in 18 places across India.

Six teams, from each region, were selected for the second round, the participants were given a problem for which they had to give a solution. The problem statement given was to find “A green way to extract methane.”

Two teams from each region qualified for the final and third round, the “Spark Junior Conference”, held in IIT-M. They had to present a solution in the form of PowerPoint for some major problems that ail India.

Out of four problems given, the team chose “Providing Healthcare to the Masses” as the topic for their presentation. The team presented a unique solution for providing efficient and affordable healthcare, they suggested that the Indian Postal System would work in conjunction with the Indian Healthcare System by using India Post as a means of delivery and creating awareness. The judges lauded the idea for its feasibility and effectiveness.

The team got to experience life at IIT, met with research scholars, professors and other teams from all across the country. They also attended a workshop on the science of gliders and met students who constructed a race car from scratch. It was a very rich and fulfilling experience for them.

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