

IIT-Mandi wins medal at inter-IIT Tech Meet 2018

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi Space Technology and Astronomy Club (STAC) won Bronze Medal in the Star Cluster Identifier Hackathon in the Inter IIT Tech Meet 2018, held at IIT Bombay.

A total of twenty-two teams from various IITs participated in the competition. The team of four students, Shreyas Bapat, Indresh Kumar, Swapnil Sharma and Akash Dakoor from School of Computing and Electrical Engineering made a project on 'Star Cluster Identifier' within 6 hours on spot. Speaking about the prize, Shreyas Bapat said it was a nice experience participating in the competition, for the past two years, we have been getting 4th, 5th ranks respectively and we were aiming for a medal this year.

"Overall, the hackathon was interesting, the difficulty level of the question was more than what it used to be earlier. And the problem statement was quite a surprise because it was given to us on the spot. Our team was a mix of 2nd, 3rd and 4th years with 3 generations of Space Technology and Astronomy Club (STAC) co-ordinators.

We learnt a lot from this experience and aim to get gold in next year's Inter IIT Tech Meet," he added. IIT-Mandi's Space Technology and Astronomy Club started this project with the objective to analyze Star Cluster, which included calculation of half-light radius, the age of the cluster and finding the optical counterparts of the star cluster.

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