

IIIT-H Wins Third Place at Global Aerospace Contest CanSat 2011

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We are delighted to inform you that IIIT-H's team *Mission Gaganyaan* won the **Third Place** at the Finals of *CanSat 2011*, an international aerospace competition held at Abilene, Texas, USA, on June 12, 2011.

Just to remind you, *Mission Gaganyaan* won the **World First Place** last year. Like the past two years, *Mission Gaganyaan* was the *only* team from India to qualify for the World Finals this year.

The *CanSat 2011*, organized by the American Astronautical Society and sponsored by NASA, required teams to design, fabricate, and launch into the lower space an autonomous micro-satellite carrying a large raw egg of a hen intact, for the entire duration of the flight – *from launch to landing*.

A total of 20 leading Universities from around the world qualified for the Finals. For details of world finalists' rankings, please check http://cansatcompetition.com/2011_Winners.html .

Credit for the team's uncommon achievement is due in large measure to the outstanding efforts, technical guidance, and mentorship of **Prof. KS Rajan**, Head of IIIT-H's *Lab for Spatial Informatics (LSI)*. Complimenting Prof. Rajan and the students' team, **Prof. Rajeve Sangal**, Director, said "The current milestone is yet another outcome of the leading edge research opportunities for bachelor's students at IIIT-H".

By this singular accomplishment, IIIT-H is glad to have contributed to establishing India's brand in the area of science and technology (S&T) research globally. For more details, refer to the attached Media Release.

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