



Manjunath M (C), software engineer from Bangalore, won common drone racing contest

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Software engineer whose hobby is to fly drones wins competition held at IIT Gn's annual technical summit

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One of the major attractions on the final day of the two-day annual technical summit of IIT Gandhinagar, Amalthea-2017, was the common drone-racing competition for professionals. It was an eventful Sunday with events like radio-controlled car racing, innovative conference, quiz competition and conclave talks.

Software engineer from Bangalore, Manjunath M, bagged the winner's title in the common drone racing competition. Not the first time to participate in the competition, Manjunath had secured third position last year. "I am software engineer by profession, and flying drones is my hobby. I have been practising for quite some time and it feels great to win the competition."

A total of 14 pilots were part of the drone racing where each drone has to pass through va-



Radio-controlled car racing also took place at IIT-Gn

rious gates in the track, with the fastest one winning the competition. The speed of Manjunath's drone was 100 km/hour and he managed to finish three laps in 1 minute and 37 seconds. "The most challenging part is that all axis need to be controlled by one person, the one who is flying it. And it is quite difficult to control the drone too."

ICon or Innovation Conference was an event aimed to provide platform for interaction between participants and

experts of a field. The participants had to come up with technical project ideas related to a particular subject or field which they were to present in front of a panel. The winner of ICon was Anup Kumar, whose subject was 'Identifying liver diseases using bio compatible sensors made of Nano composites.'

While there were two speakers in the conclave talk who spoke on 'Artificial Intelligence in Cyber Security and the next frontier of Biotechnology'.

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