

RVCE team readying for solar challenge

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Bangalore: These bright young ones are working hard to earn their place in the sun.

Twenty students of R V College of Engineering (RVCE) are building a solar car that they hope will vroom into the prestigious World Solar Challenge 2015 in Australia.

Prof B Satyanarayana said the entire RVCE solar car team is a student-run group that has got help from companies like electric car firm Reva. A US firm too has offered the team a solar panel for free.

Team leader Vikram Nath said, "We want to make

a humble effort to contribute to our nation in a way that inspires other people to take up similar projects." The vehicle will crisscross miles in varying conditions in Australia.

Satyanarayana said the endeavour is not just about participation in a global event. "We want to provide our students several opportunities to have an experiential learning. We do everything to see that they work with their hearts at RVCE," he added.

The team, which includes girls, is working like a group of entrepreneurs. They feel this opportunity will help them in the long run as they are not only



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AIMING HIGH: Twenty students of R V College of Engineering are preparing to participate in the solar car racing event at the World Solar Challenge in Australia in 2015

The overall cost of the project is pegged at Rs 2 crore, and much has been funded by well-wishers

dealing with developing newer technologies in terms of sensors and so on "but are also learning the art of pitching ideas to corporates and investors who are willing to sponsor them, something that entrepreneurs indulge in".

"Even this sum is only a tenth of the cost other institutions take to perform such a task. And I am happy that our students can achieve this," Satyanarayana said.