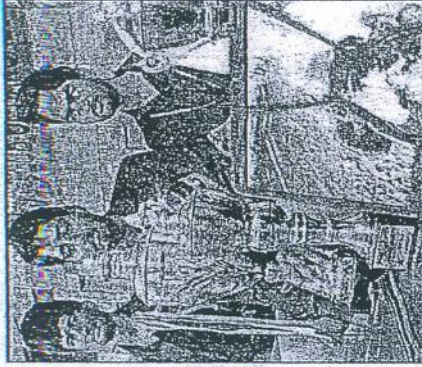


RVCE students win vehicle design contest

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Bengaluru: A group of 32 students from RV College of Engineering (RVCE) has emerged national champions in Baja Student India, a vehicle design competition for students held at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jamshedpur, recently.

Team Helios Racing bagged the top spot by designing a 300 CC all-terrain vehicle (ATV). The single-seater ATV made of steel frames raced past the other ATVs designed by budding engineers from 44 colleges, including the IITs, NITs and other top institutes from different parts of the country. The ATV weighing 164 kg excelled in six stages of the competition - acceleration, manoeuvrability, hill climbing, design, endurance and overall performance. Team THR leader Alok Kulkarni, a final-year mechanical engineering student, claimed this is the lightest ATV ever designed by students in the country. The group is excited about partici-



CREATIVE MINDS: Students of RV College of Engineering who won the national-level competition

pating in the next competition, 'BA-JA SAE India', scheduled for February, he added.

B S Satyanarayana, principal, RVCE said the ATV was built for Rs 6.5 lakh of which 90% has been accumulated by students and companies. "It can be used for agriculture purposes. The college will help them become entrepreneurs," he added.

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