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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Students Secure 2nd Place in Bajaj TORQ Grand Finale

The Naresh Vashisht Centre of Tinkering and Innovation (NVCTI) at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad proudly announces that two of its students, Aaromal S Ram and Nitu Kumari, both third-year B.Tech Mechanical Engineering students, have secured the 2nd place in the prestigious Bajaj TORQ competition held at Bajaj Auto Headquarters, Pune.

Competing against 6,000+ participants from premier institutions across the country, the duo successfully navigated three rigorous rounds—a quiz, a problem-solving challenge, and a final presentation—to emerge as one of the 62 finalists in the TORQ and OHM categories. Their innovative solution, an adjustable footrest for motorcycles, impressed the esteemed jury, earning them the runner-up position in their assigned problem statement category.

In recognition of their remarkable achievement, Aaromal and Nitu were awarded a trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh. Their accomplishment highlights their dedication, technical expertise, and problem-solving skills, which were honed under the mentorship at NVCTI.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, congratulated the students, stating, *“This achievement is a testament to the innovation-driven ecosystem fostered at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. We are immensely proud of Aaromal and Nitu for their outstanding performance on such a prestigious platform.”*

The Bajaj TORQ competition, known for challenging young engineers with real-world automotive problems, provides a unique opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and technical acumen. The success of Aaromal and Nitu further strengthens IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s reputation as a hub for excellence in engineering and innovation.

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