

BITS Goa Campus team participates in international aeromodelling contest



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The Pegasus team from BITS Pilani Goa Campus participated in the 2024 AIAA Design, Build and Fly Competition in Wichita, USA, from April 18 to 21. The competition involved designing, developing, and flying a remote-controlled aircraft for various tasks, with teams from 11 countries participating.

The BITS team ranked 26th out of 107 international teams, making them the highest-ranked Indian team. They even outperformed teams from renowned institutions like MIT and Stanford. Participating in the event for the first time and flawlessly completing all missions was a significant achievement for the team.

The competition was organized by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the world's largest technical society dedicated to the global aerospace profession. With nearly 30,000 individual members from 91 countries and 95 corporate members, the AIAA Foundation inspires and supports the next generation

of aerospace professionals. The foundation enables innovative K-12 and university programming, including STEM classroom grants, scholarships, conferences, and hands-on competitions. The team was given valuable advice and assistance by the

members of the Aeromodelling Goa group in their preparations for the competition.

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