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### IIIT students looking forward to NASA contest

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K. Jhansi, Manasa, Kinnera and Ruksana, after being felicitated in Guntur.— Photo: T. Vijaya Kumar

Dressed in shining blazers, the girls looked pretty and confident. Kokkilagadda Jhar Ruksana, students of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGU) have been presented with blazers by Sadiq, managing partner of M&M Showroom, at a programme of the Space Club of the Vijaya Educational Society.

“It is a token of our appreciation for what the students achieved in a global competition. They feel happy and confident in their blazers,” said Mr. Sadiq.

At a time when India has emerged as a global leader in space technology, these four girls have done their parents and the school proud after being selected to attend the 33rd International Space Development Conference (ISDC 2014) at Los Angeles in USA. The conference is part of the Space Administration (NASA) 33rd International Space Development Conference (ISDC).

Of them, Jhansi, is a native of Penumaka village of Tadepalli mandal.

A first year student of B.Tech at IIIT, she had won the International Space Settlement Competition, the NASA and the NSS. Coming from a low-income family, Jhansi needs financial support.

P. Shantha Murthy, Space Club president, said satellite communication, powered by revolutionised communication technology. India space research programme has successful projects.

Retired general manager of Indian Bank, Somayajulu, Mentor at IIIT, Saleem and professor

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