NITK students sweep awards at Asia's biggest Ethereum hackathon

MANGALURU, DHNS: A team of five students, including Ashish Bharath, Asim Jawahir, Abhiraj Mengade and Parth Mittal from NITK Surathkhal and Rahul Pujari from IIIT-D, were selected to attend ETHIndia 2022, the Asia's biggest Ethereum hackathon.

Over 20,000 teams from 69 countries took part in the event held in Bengaluru in the first week of December. Speakers and sponsors from all over the world participate in the event to promote and celebrate the blockchain ecosystem, a press release stated.

NITK students, including Ashish Bharath, Asim Jawahir, Abhiraj Mengade, Parth Mittal and Rahul Pujari from IIIT-D, who built 'ChargeSwap', have been selected to attend ETHIndia 2022, the Asia's biggest Ethereum hackathon.

The team built 'ChargeSwap', a first-of-its-kind EV battery-swapping technology powered by the blockchain and IoT.

ChargeSwap aims to decentralise the battery-swapping ecosystem to offer immutability of data, enable the programmable transfer of funds and remove the possibility of misrepresentation to increase the price or lower the usage cost.

The students emerged as the top 12 winners after competing with 459 teams and building for 36 hours.

They also won the award for the "best new module" using the Biconomy SDK and one of Polygon's best public goods.

They will be awarded a total prize of $6,500 (Rs 5,35,122). Additionally, they were approached by multiple organisations to carry forward their idea.

Well-known guests present in the event included Vitalik Buterin, founder of Ethereum, Andeep Nailwal, co-founder of Polygon, Kartik Talwar, co-founder of ETHGlobal among others.

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