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Odisha engineer Anil Pradhan bags third Rohini Nayar Prize

Anil Pradhan, an engineer from Odisha, wins the Rohini Nayar Prize for promoting STEM education. His 'Tinker-on-Wheels' mobile lab has impacted 2.5 lakh rural students.

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Odisha engineer Anil Pradhan





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Anil Pradhan, a 28-year-old engineer from Odisha, was awarded the third Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development for his work in promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education among students in rural India

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"Tinker-on-Wheels" — a mobile learning lab that offered hands-on experiences in areas like robotics and 3D printing to school students in rural regions of Odisha, came up with the idea of... Pradhan said many schools lack the infrastructure to support such exposure and training, so his 'Tinker-on-Wheels' travels to these schools, setting up mobile labs in playgrounds.

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Pradhan, born in Odisha's Baral village, said he had always dreamed of studying at IIT but was heartbroken when he couldn't make it.

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"I pursued my engineering from a government college in Odisha. When I began working as an engineer, I realised there is a huge gap between what is being taught in schools and what is actually happening in the industry," Pradhan told PTI.

"While students in metro cities still have exposure to hands-on learning, it is very limited for students in rural areas. That's why I thought of starting this. We began with 200 students, and we have helped 2.5 lakh students so far," he added.

Pradhan said many schools lack the infrastructure to support such exposure and training, so his 'Tinker-on-Wheels' travels to these schools, setting up mobile labs in playgrounds.

He was also the chief designer of Asia's first university rocket team, VSLV, and built a team of students from India who ranked third in the world at the NASA Rover Challenge in 2021, making them Asia's first Under-19 team to achieve such a feat.

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Pradhan returned to his rural roots in 2017, driven by his mission to bring hands-on education to underserved areas.

The Rohini Nayyar award, instituted in memory of Rohini Nayyar, one of India's esteemed economists, is conferred annually in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of social and economic development.

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The award comes with a cash prize of ₹50,000, a citation, and a trophy and is given annually by the Nayyar Foundation for Social and Economic Purpose to individuals under the age of 40.

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Lovebirds block traffic while hugging each other in middle of road, cop calms down fumed commuters; watch

The thrill of meeting someone special is beyond any explanation. People may feel overwhelmed, excited and experience butterflies in their stomachs. Recently, one such incident has surfaced on the internet in which a couple is seen hugging each other on the middle of the road while blocking the traff


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