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Mangalyaan cam raises curiosity

Students show great interest in Mars Orbiter Mission at ISRO stall in IIT G'nagar

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Students throng ISRO stall at Amalthea 2014 at IITGn. —Alok Brahmbhatt/dna

Gandhinagar: The appeal by scientists seems to have borne fruit. While the city gave a lukewarm response to the exhibition and interaction with the scientists at SAC-ISRO, earlier this week, the same display saw huge response on Saturday at IIT Gandhinagar.

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At the Amalthea 2014 on Saturday, the most crowded stall in exhibition dome was that of the ISRO. The SAC-ISRO has put all three cameras developed in Ahmedabad on display at the Amalthea 2014. Also available on hand for interaction, were the scientists involved the Mangalyan mission to Mars. The visitors enjoyed interactive charts and live models.

“It is more than what we study in classroom” expressed an elated Vatsav Mistry, final year student of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Gandhinagar, when asked about his experience. “We got to ask all the questions that we had in our mind and they (scientists) answered them in detail,” he said.

Throughout the day the ISRO stall was filled with students, “Their questions are basic, but they are very curious about things. Since I have worked on infrared camera, I could explain about that and its importance for the mission” said Manoj Kumar, deputy project director for infrared camera that is now sending images from the Mars.

“It is more of practical knowledge and also in absolute details which helped us a lot in learning what Mangalan mission is made of,” said Rima Gadhia, a first year student from Government Engineering College, Gandhinagar.

The stall was full of different equipment and numerous charts explaining important factors of a space mission. “Students came very enthusiastically and asked number of questions, the simple thing I explained is we are no different. It is exactly the same science that you learn in classroom” said Yogdeep Desai a scientist from SAC-ISRO. “It is basic physics and mathematics that makes such mission successful and explained that in depth.” he said after speaking to a group of students.

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