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# IIT-BHU team creates history, win 3 awards at Shell Eco Marathon

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**Varanasi:** A team of IIT (BHU) students working under the Centre for Energy and Resource Development (CERD), created history by winning three awards worth Rs eight lakh at Shell Eco Marathon (India) 2018 organized at the Madras Motor Racing Track, Chennai, from December 6 to 9. The winning team returned to Varanasi on Sunday.

According to the IIT (BHU) spokesperson, the Shell Eco-marathon is a competition that challenges students to build and test hyper-fuel efficient vehicles and the team with maximum efficiency is declared the winner. The battery electric prototype vehicle made by IIT (BHU) team was ranked first with an efficiency of 362.5 km/kwh, and was awarded with a cash prize of Rs three lakh.

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track awards, 'The Kahaani Award' (communications) and the safety award. The Kahaani Award was given to the team for their extraordinary communication campaign to make the common man aware about electric vehicles. The team was awarded safety award for their safe vehicle design, travel safety analysis and for carefully following all the safety protocols. The team was

awarded Rs 2.5 lakh each for both the awards. Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture K Pandiarajan felicitated the team of winning students. The IIT (BHU) director Prof Pramod Kumar Jain appreciated their feat. According to CERD coordinator Prof ASK Sinha and team mentor Prof Arun Kumar Kapoor, about 100 teams participated in the event.