

SVKM's
Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering

European Rover Challenge Achievement Report

Team Introduction

We are very happy to share that Team DJS Antariksh has secured the **5th Position Worldwide along with the best Scientific Exploration award** at the European Rover Challenge (ERC)2026 in Krakow,Poland. DJS Antariksh is the official Martian Rover Team of Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering, Mumbai, affiliated with Mumbai University. Founded in 2019, the team operates under the motto “**To Decipher Unimaginable,**” reflecting its commitment to pushing the frontiers of space exploration through innovation. The team consists of 60 passionate second- and third-year undergraduate students from various engineering backgrounds, organized into five key departments: Mechanical, Electronics, Coding, Science, as well as Marketing and Management.

European Rover Challenge

The European Rover Challenge (ERC) is a prestigious international space robotics competition where students from top universities such as ETH Zurich, EPFL, TU Dresden, and many others design, build, and operate Mars rover prototypes. The 2026 edition took place from 4–6 September 2026 in Kraków, Poland, featuring a specially designed Marsyard that simulates the challenging terrain of Mars. Organized by the European Space Foundation in cooperation with AGH University of Krakow, the competition challenges teams to complete complex tasks inspired by real planetary exploration missions, promoting innovation, teamwork, engineering excellence, and practical problem-solving in the field of space exploration.

The Achievements of the team are:

5th Position Worldwide

1st in Asia

1st in India

Trophy for Best Scientific Exploration

Link of prize distribution : [Trophy for Best Science Exploration](#)





1	EPFL Xplore	Switzerland	2547,9
2	AGH Space Systems	Poland	2489,75
3	DIANA Italy		2446
4	FHNW Rover	Switzerland	2387
5	DJS Antariksh	India	2329,25
6	Brno Mars Rover	Czechia	2279,25
7	Project Scorpio	Poland	2098,75
8	SKA Robotics	Poland	2006,5
9	ARES Project	Japan	1974,25
10	Mars Rover Manipal	India	1881,25
11	4Space Uniovi	Spain	1865,5
12	CRATER	Switzerland	1698,5
13	UPC Space Program	Spain	1677
14	KNR Rover Team	Poland	1627
15	GTU ROVER TEAM	Türkiye	1547,25
16	Raptors PL	Poland	1528,5
17	HSM ARIES	GERMANY	1492,25
18	ITU Rover Team	Türkiye	1426,5
19	ASU ROAREGYPT		1415
20	UCU Space Robotics	Ukraine	1289,25
21	ProjectRED	Italy	1163,5
22	PUCRA	Spain	1158
23	Frankfurt Robotics Science Team (FRoST)	Germany	1070
24	STAR Dresden e.V.	Germany	940,5
25	[R]overTech	Italy	786,5

Hearty congratulations & best wishes to the entire team and faculty mentor Prof Tushar Sawant and Head of the Department, Prof Amit Deshmukh.

Very nice! Keep it up.

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