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Dear Dr Joy Banerjee,

I received your communication dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 enclosing press reports on the successful demonstration of model rocket 'GNIOT-MENCA' which reached an altitude of 80M. I understand it was a three stage rocket of 100 mm dia and 1.3 m long, powered by stored high pressure air.

The design process, realising the hardware and the launch attempt should have given the students a hands-on experience in applying their theoretical knowledge into practice.

The reconciliation of the predicted performance with the actual post-flight data would also be an interesting exercise to augment their learning process.

I compliment the students and their guides for their efforts in this very interesting and challenging field.

I am referring your proposal under 'RESPOND' research programme to the concerned assessment committees for review.

With Greetings and Best wishes

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