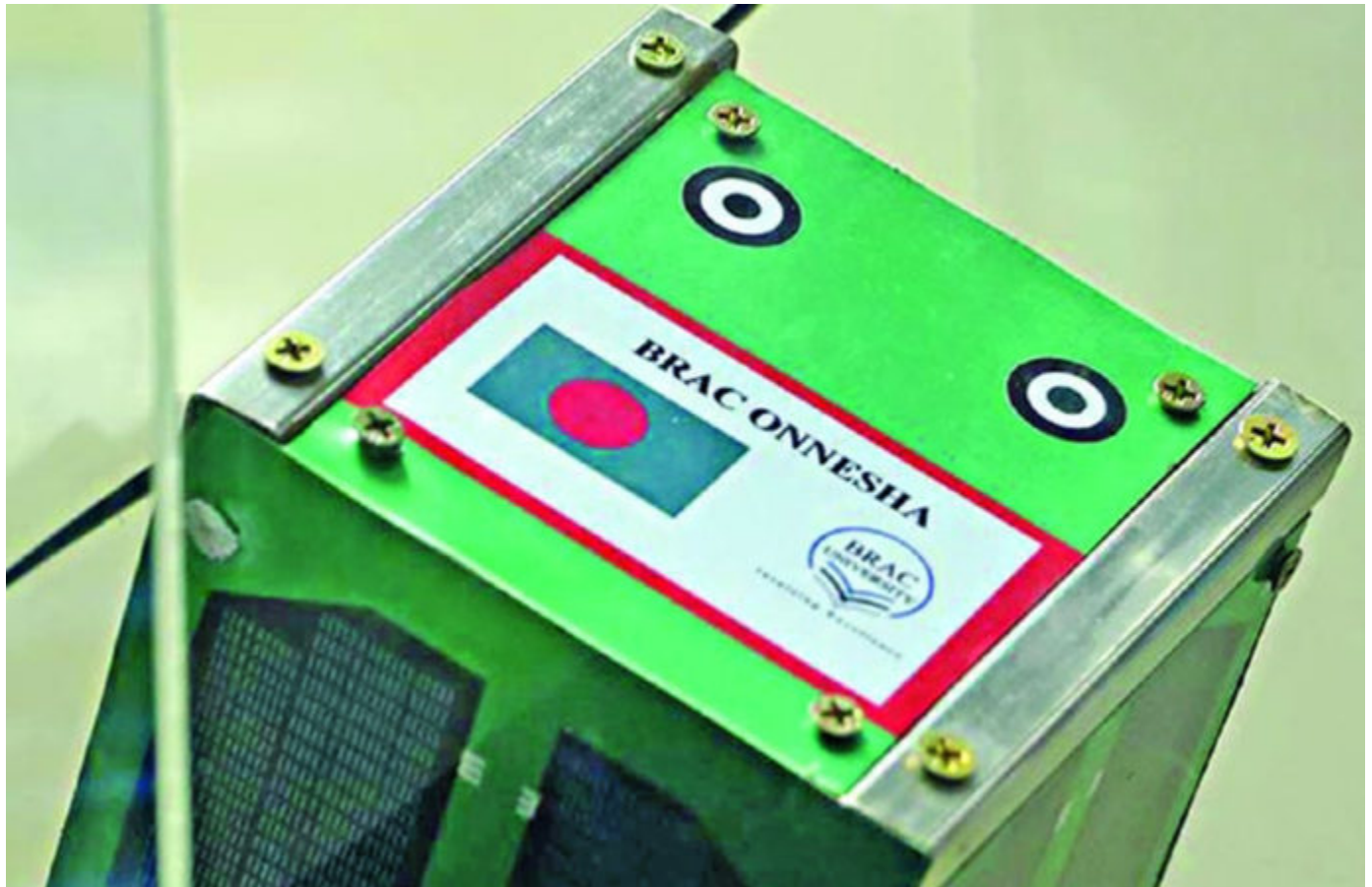


Brac University's nano-satellite now in space

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File photo of Brac University's nano-satellite 'Brac Onnesha' Collected

The nano-satellite will be deployed from International Space Station later to lower earth orbit

Nasa's SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, which is carrying Brac Onnesha, the first nano-satellite made by Brac university, has been launched from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, US on early Saturday, according to a press release.

Brac Onnesha, a cube measuring 10cm along its edge and weighing around 1kg, is being taken to the International Space Station (ISS) from where it will later be deployed into low earth orbit at an altitude of around 410km, passing over Bangladesh four to six times every day.

On February 8, Brac University became the first Bangladeshi educational institution to get its very own nano-satellite, developed and assembled by three of its students — Abdulla Hil Kafi, Raihana Shams Antara and Maisun Ibn Monowar — using technology and facilities of a Japanese university.