

## Report from the Contest Director

After months of hard work and anticipation, the 10th ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest [Asia Region Kanpur Site] was conducted successfully at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (India). It's a matter of great honor to be able to host this contest for the ninth time in a row. I am happy to say that the Contest really went off very well. This was largely due to the wonderful teamwork.

This time the contest was held in two rounds. First we had conducted an online contest on 8th November 2008 where 120 teams participated. Duration of the online contest was 4 hours. Out of these, top 57 teams were short-listed from India and abroad and were invited for the second round that was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at IIT, Kanpur. Apart from the Indian teams we had two team from Bangladesh, one team each from Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan.

Teams started arriving on the IIT Kanpur campus from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008 onwards with lot of hopes, ideas and enthusiasm. On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008, Dr. S. G. Dhande, Director IIT Kanpur inaugurated the contest. Mr. Sanket Atal, Oracle India and Mr. Anshuman Agarwal, Red Hat India delivered the keynote addresses in the inauguration ceremony. To enable contestants to become familiar with the environment, on 15<sup>th</sup> December we had a practice session, which started at 2:30 PM and continued till 4:00 PM. On 16<sup>th</sup> December the contest began at 9:30 AM. It was of 4:30 hours duration.

Results were declared on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 6PM by Professor R. K. Thareja, Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur. We are glad to announce that A B V Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (brute\_force) is the Winner of the Contest who could solve 4 problems with the penalty points of 511. There are 4 teams who could solve all 7 problems. Further, equal number of teams could solve 3 problems. Out of 57 teams, 51 teams participated the contest, 27 teams could solve at least 1 problem and 13 teams could solve at least 2 problems. Results are available on our web site <http://www.cse.iitk.ac.in/users/acm/ranks.htm>

By virtue of being the Winner of the Regional Contest held at IIT Kanpur, the team from A B V Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior is eligible to participate in the World Finals to be held in Stockholm from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.

The Contest provided a platform where our future programmers, professionals, industries and government organizations worked together. It would have been impossible to organize this event without the wonderful support I received from everyone. My grateful thanks to all the contestants, coaches, sponsors, ACM contest organizers, the IIT Kanpur administration, department colleagues, my working committees, volunteers, service providers, and a lot of people who helped from both within and outside the Institute. I also thank the media for providing wide publicity to this contest.

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