

## Computer Society of India “IT Idol of Goa”

Computer Society of India, Goa Chapter, recently organized the “IT Idol of Goa” contest in association with Sesa Goa. The contest aimed at highlighting students well acquainted with the various areas of Computer science & Information Technology. The contest was open to all students pursuing a degree in any of the institutes in Goa.

The first round was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in PCCE, Verna. It comprised of technical questions covering topics like Programming, Networking, Operating System and various other Software & Hardware topics. 25 participants were selected for the next round. Out of the total 200 students taking part in the first round, four students were from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus and all four qualified for the next round.

The Second round was a Programming round held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 in Goa University, in which participants were given a particular problem and were expected to write a program in C/C++/Java to solve it. They were evaluated on the basis of Efficiency, Design, Documentation, Exception handling etc. Eleven students were selected for the next round and 3 amongst them were from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus.

The third round was the presentation round held on 4th April 2009 in Maquienez Palace, INOX complex, Panjim. Each of the eleven participant were given a randomly chosen topic related to the recent advancements in field of Computer Science and I.T. Topics like Nano computing, Wimax vs 3G, Cloud Computing, Gaming Engines, Adaptive User Interfaces etc. The judging panel included various professors from different colleges in Goa. All three participants from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus qualified for the final round, along with 2 other students.

The final round was a Personal Interview round, in which each of the 5 students were asked a common set of questions related to different areas from Computer Science & I.T. The questions evaluated the participants on their factual knowledge as well as a ability to apply technology in real-life scenarios. The judges included various Professors and HoDs of different colleges in Goa.

**Aditya Bhiday** from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus emerged as the winner of CSI IT Idol contest and was awarded a HP Laptop & 10 Thousand cash prize. Ryan Demelo from Goa University came Second; Third prize was grabbed by **Rasagy Sharma** from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus.

**Kartik Ukhalkar** from BITS Pilani, Goa Campus finished in the top 5.

