

## **TECHSTORM 2.17 – A REPORT**

Techstorm 2.17 – the annual technical fest of B. P. Poddar Institute of Management and Technology was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Institute premises. With the prelims being held the week before, the two days of final events included Rovers, Passion with Reels, Omegatrix, App Mania, Techno Mania, Fifa, Fanta C, and Khet. Two new events on gaming were introduced this year – Clash of Clans and Mini Militia. Rovers included Ro-Terrance, Ro-Soccer, Ro-Navigator, Ro-Basket, Ro-Combat, Ro-Puzzle and Ro-Wings.

The inaugural ceremony on the first day i.e. 12<sup>th</sup> April started with the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sutapa Mukherjee's speech followed by those of the other dignitaries that included the Dean (Academics) Prof. (Dr.) B.N. Chatterji, the Registrar Dr. Sandip Ghosh and the Chief Guest Dr. Pranab Kumar Banerjee, Former Professor of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. They all emphasized on the need of organizing such a technical fest to instill a passion of innovation and entrepreneurship in the young minds. This short but valuable beginning followed by high tea set the stage rolling for rest of the events. The various competitive events were spread over the B and C blocks of the Institute.

The Techstorm committee was honoured to have Dr. Siddhartha Pandey, Vice President (HR), EMC Limited, Kolkata as the distinguished guest on the second day. The presence of a huge number of participants in different events (around 200 participants in Rovers, 300 in Omegatrix, 140 in Fanta C, 40 in Passion with Reels, 35 in Techno Mania, 25 in App Mania, 20 in Khet, 100 in Clash of Clans, 70 in Mini Militia and 40 in Fifa) made the objective of organizing the annual technical fest more meaningful.

The Fest ended with a short but compact cultural event that had students performing through songs and dances. The prize distribution ceremony followed in, with the winners from different events being honoured with cash prizes and certificates. Finally, Dr. Surajit Mandal, the Convener of the Fest Committee, extended his vote of thanks to all who contributed in making this Fest a success, particularly, the students, faculties, and staff members and last but not the least the Authorities. Also, the immense support from the sponsors went to the making of the fest complete.

The purpose of organizing the fest was to provide students a platform to cultivate and develop their technical creativity. But hidden underneath this obvious reason was the need to celebrate India's successful launch of 104 satellites – a great leap for the country in the technological field. In keeping with this spirit, the technical fest is also an achievement in itself with the dignitaries proclaiming it to be a successful co-curricular event of this technological Institute.