IEEE Pune Section, in association with the IEEE Student Branch of International Institute of Information Technology (I²IT), Pune, organized National level Students Awareness Contest’ 2013 wherein students from engineering colleges enlightened young minds of secondary schools by creating awareness among them by educating them about their selected topics of technology which influence day to day life of the urban and rural population through presentations. This is a unique of IEEE Pune Section activity which is being organized since more than a decade now has successfully been completed yet again.

The contest was held over the period from July-September this year in which students from various colleges participated with great enthusiasm. Students were expected to give presentations to secondary school students in the urban and rural areas. 83 teams out of the 189 participating teams successfully completed the given task. With all their efforts taking shape and over 30,000 school students in 550+ schools being educated, this initiative was indeed among the noteworthy.

The top two teams from each student branch advanced to the final round which was held at I²IT on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The final contest was inaugurated in presence of Dr. A.S Tavildar, Chairman of Communication Society Chapter of IEEE Pune Section, Dr. Pradeep Chatterjee and Mr. Girish Tatke, Excom Members of IEEE Pune Section, Dr. K.L. Asanare, Director - I²IT, Dr. Bharat Chaudhari, Principal - I²IT, Prof. Sheetal Ghorpade, Convenor of Program.

Dr. A.S Tavildar, Dr. Pradeep Chatterjee, Mr. Girish Tatke and Dr. K.L. Asanare also judged the contestants. The 19 qualifying teams shared their presentations and their experiences with the judges. The students faced the challenging questions put forth by them which indeed compelled them to break a sweat. After the arduous efforts put in by all the finalists, the top three teams were rewarded for their remarkable performances.

Mrs. Aruna M. Katara, President - I²IT was Chief Guest for Prize Distribution function. A team of students comprised of Umakant Kulkarni, Om Prasad Karanjkar, and Manali Kulkarni from PVG College of Engineering and Technology, Pune has won first prize of Rs Ten Thousand Only whereas second Prize of Rs Eight Thousand Only went to a team of students, Ishun Sharma, Sanidh Patil, Nidhi Jha, and Ankita Khedekar from I²IT. The third prize of Rs. Five Thousand Only was won by the team of students, Kiran Pansare, Vrushali Rakibe, Priyanka Patil, and Puja Nandurikar from KK Wagh College of Engineering, Nasik.

Tout ensemble, the event was a grand success with the hard work put in by all those who worked behind the scenes, day in and day out and it was truly a day to...
Some Snaps Student Awareness Contest 2013 held on September 21, 2013 at IIT, Pune:

Inaugurating the Event: Guests, Organisers, and a Student Volunteer

Group Picture: Guests, Organisers, Contestants and Volunteers
Prize Distribution

Presentations by Contestants
Presentations by Contestants

Judges with Contestants
Student Audience Enjoying the Event

Enjoying Delicious Lunch
Volunteers relaxing prior to end of Contest

Relaxed Volunteers – Good Teamwork!