

Unisys Announces Winners of Eighth Annual Cloud 20/20™ Technical Project Contest

Contest that has drawn more than 22,000 entries over eight years stimulates innovation and boosts job prospects for younger engineers

Bengaluru, India, April 7, 2017 – Unisys today announced the winners of the eighth Unisys Cloud 20/20™, one of India's largest annual technical project contests. The contest is designed to foster innovation among students and create a talent pipeline for Unisys and the IT industry at large.

In this year's contest, the project titled *Fin Assistant* by Arpan Kumar Mishra, Datla Manish Varma, Nabil Silva and Sailesh Sriram from Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal, won the first prize (Rs. 2,00,000 cash). Nagashree T S, Nikitha Chowta and Sandhya S from Mangalore Institute of Technology & Engineering, Mangalore, took the second prize (Rs. 1,25,000 cash) for their project titled *CO-DI-RA Messenger*. This year, the third prize has been awarded to two teams (Rs. 1,00,000 each); Shyam Suganth J, Hariharsudan S, Subash M and Thamarai Selvan S, of Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College, Puducherry, for their project *Envirinsta* and Vinaydeep Kaur, Akriti Tyagi, M Kritika and Pratima Kumari from Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, for their project *Crowd Sourcing Based Android Application for Structural Health Monitoring and Data Analytics of Roads Using Cloud Computing*.

Unisys project leads and subject matter experts supported the student contestants. This year's topics included Internet of Things, data analytics, cloud-based applications and services, cloud security, computing everywhere, context-rich systems, cloud security, DevOps and potential future technologies.

The 2017 Cloud 20/20 contest drew 828 team registrations and 317 project submissions from colleges across India. In addition to the cash prize, Unisys will also offer the finalists internship and job opportunities, subject to winners' eligibility and open positions within the company.

“As the IT industry moves toward automation, only those with strong skills in emerging technologies will make the cut in the job market,” said Ravikumar Sreedharan, managing director, Unisys India and head, Global Delivery Network, Unisys. “This increased competition is driving great changes to the talent requirements at the entry level. Given that new reality, the Cloud 20/20 contest plays an important role in encouraging student interest in new technologies and innovation.”

Over the last eight years, Cloud 20/20 has attracted more than 22,000 team entries and generated cash awards, internships and full-time positions for many participants.

“Acquiring talent in social, mobile, analytics and cloud technologies will be key to driving digital transformation for enterprises in India and around the globe,” said Tarek El-Sadany, senior vice president, Technology, and chief technology officer, Unisys. “Through initiatives like Cloud 20/20, Unisys is proud to team with institutions of higher education to enrich the learning environment for future leaders in digital technology.”

For further information on Cloud 20/20, log on to: <http://www.utfi.co.in/> or http://www.app5.unisys.com/common/about__unisys/cld20-20-v8/index.html

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