



Event Report

“Algorithms Without Borders: The Highlights of ICPC AWC Finals 2025”

Continuing its legacy of excellence, ICPC Asia Topi served as the proud host of the ICPC Asia West Continent Finals 2025 (AWC 2025) for the fifth consecutive year. Revered globally as the “World Cup of Computing,” the ICPC represents the definitive gold standard for algorithmic programming competitions. Today, it serves as a premier arena for intellectual challenge, engaging over 3,322 universities across 111 countries and six continents to inspire the next generation of global technology innovators.

To secure a coveted spot at the grand AWC finale, teams first had to prove their mettle across eight grueling regional qualifiers held in Dhaka (Bangladesh), Peradeniya (Sri Lanka), Topi (Pakistan), Kabul (Afghanistan), Tehran (Iran) and India's Amritapuri, Chennai, and Kanpur sites. Emerging from a massive field of competitors, 101 elite teams rose to the top based purely on merit, speed, and algorithmic precision. The final lineup represented the absolute best of the continent: 51 teams from India, 25 from Dhaka, 9 from Tehran, 6 from Peradeniya, and a resilient 5 teams each from Topi and Kabul. Orchestrated as a massive, synchronized test of skill, this year’s championship pushed the boundaries of competition as a multi-site event unfolding simultaneously at four sites: Peshawar (Pakistan), Mathura (India), Dhaka (Bangladesh), and Tehran (Iran).

Table 1.: Site Allocation and Final Team Participation for the ICPC Asia West Continent Championship 2026 (AWC 2025 Cycle)

Site Location	Originally Allocated Teams	Actually, Participated Teams	Notes / Details
Mathura (India)	56	55	Consisted of 51 teams from India and 5 teams from Sri Lanka allocated. 55 teams ultimately competed.
Dhaka (Bangladesh)	26	26	26 teams were allocated and all 26 participated.
Tehran (Iran)	11	0	Due to political circumstances, teams from Tehran and Afghanistan could not participate.
Topi (Pakistan)	8	4	8 teams were initially allocated, but 4 teams ultimately participated.
Total Teams	101	85	Out of 101 selected teams, a total of 85 teams competed.



While the ICPC Asia Topi Regional site was set to host eight teams—five from Pakistan and three from Afghanistan—unfortunately, due to political circumstances, teams from Afghanistan and Iran could not participate in the event. Nonetheless, the contest maintained its momentum and spirit.

On March 7th and 8th, 2026, the event unfolded over two days, starting with a mock round and culminating in a high-stakes 5-hour final contest. A total of 85 teams from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh competed fiercely. Pakistan's representation included renowned institutions such as FAST-NUCES Karachi, FAST-NUCES Lahore, NED, NUST and Punjab University College of Information Technology (PUCIT) Lahore.

The ICPC Asia West Continent Championship showcased the steady rise and immense potential of Pakistan's competitive programming community as it builds strong momentum on the global stage. Leading the national charge, team **Chai Walay** from **NU-FAST Karachi** delivered an impressive performance, securing the top spot for the country at rank 76 with 2 problems solved. Following closely behind, **Segmentation Faults** from **FAST National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Lahore** (Rank 80) and **Gato** from **Punjab University College of Information Technology** (Rank 81) also successfully solved 2 complex algorithmic problems, demonstrating sharp technical acumen and resilience under pressure. Additionally, **Code Warriors** from **NED University of Engineering & Technology** proved their mettle by securing a spot on the scoreboard with a successful problem solve. While teams like **03:00 AM** from the **National University of Sciences and Technology** unfortunately could not participate this time, the collective effort of these elite institutions highlights a growing foundation of top-tier engineering talent. This performance marks an important milestone in Pakistan's strategic journey toward becoming a formidable force in the global ICPC community.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the top achievers: **Indian Institute of Technology - Varanasi** (India), **Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi** (India), and **Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur** (India), for clinching the first, second, and third positions, respectively. Their exceptional performances, each securing an incredible 7 solved problems, were a true testament to masterful coding skill, strategy, and perseverance under immense competitive pressure. The closing ceremony of the event was held online through a Zoom session connecting the regional sites across the continent. During the ceremony, accolades were presented to the standout performers across the venues. From the Pakistan-based site, team **Chai Walay** from **NU-FAST Karachi** emerged as the



national champion, delivering a brilliant performance to lead the country on the regional scoreboard and securing their place as a rising force in the ICPC global community.

The success of AWC 2025 was a collective achievement. Heartfelt gratitude to NUCES-FAST Peshawar for hosting the event and the core organizing team—Dr. Masroor Hussain, Dr. Omar Khan (Director, NUCES-FAST Peshawar) Ms. Sarah Sajjad and Mr. Usman Haider—alongside the dedicated lab assistants, whose behind-the-scenes efforts were invaluable.

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Through the Lens: Highlights of the 2025 ICPC Asia West Continent Finals

Lab view of teams participating from NUCES-FAST Peshawar, ICPC Asia Topi Regional Site







Top three Teams of the AWC Championship

Rank	Team Name	Problems Solved	Total Time	Country	Institute Name
1	not qualified	7	13:40:28	INDIA	Indian Institute of Technology - Varanasi
2	TOURISTS	7	15:25:10	INDIA	Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi
3	Div4Maxxer	7	22:12:22	INDIA	Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur

Ranking of teams from Pakistan

76	Chai Walay	2	03:25:56	PAKISTAN	NU-FAST Karachi
77	Fiery_end	2	04:01:48	BANGLADESH	Shahjalal University of Science and Technology
78	CU_LastMove	2	04:12:21	BANGLADESH	University of Chittagong
79	IUT_Lycoris	2	05:40:52	BANGLADESH	Islamic University of Technology
80	Segmentation Faults	2	06:38:52	PAKISTAN	FAST National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Lahore
81	Gato	2	08:56:00	PAKISTAN	Punjab University College of Information Technology
82	RePeaTers	2	12:09:30	SRI LANKA	University of Kelaniya
83	Code Warriors	1	01:51:08	PAKISTAN	NED University of Engineering & Technology