

**Candidate for Executive Council Member  
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**BIOGRAPHY**

Atul Kumar is a Senior Research Scientist at IBM Research India where he currently leads some of IBM's AI for Testing and Application Modernization research. He has 22+ years of experience working in industry R&D that include IBM, Microsoft, Accenture, ABB and Siemens.

He has over 50 papers published and over twenty patent issues/filed. Atul received his PhD and MTech degrees – both in Computer Science and Engineering – from IIT Kanpur in 2003 and 1998 respectively. He is a Senior Member of both ACM and IEEE. Currently, he is the president of iSoft (India Chapter of ACM SIGSOFT).

**STATEMENT**

If elected, I'll work to drive ACM's outreach initiatives across India, with a specific focus on bolstering engagement and expanding activities within the computing professional community in Indian software/IT industry.

As the current Chair of the iSoft (India chapter of ACM SIGSOFT), I have demonstrated my commitment to fostering a vibrant community of software engineering professionals in India. The iSoft has grown in membership, its annual conference ISEC has diversified to include more multi-disciplinary areas related to software engineering and therefore attracting more participation. We have also taken ISEC to tier-2 cities such as Jabalpur, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneshwar, and Allahabad to include the community beyond IITs/IISc.

Furthermore, I have been part of the organizing committees as chair/co-chair for various tracks for ACM India's two premier conferences: CODS-COMAD and ISEC for several years, including serving as the PC Co-Chair for ISEC in 2019 and Industry track Co-Chair in 2017. I have witnessed first-hand the importance of these conferences in bringing together the computing

community in general and data science/AI-ML and Software Engineering communities in particular. Additionally, my tenure as the Steering Committee Chair (2017-2020) for ISEC has equipped me with valuable experience in strategic planning and organizational management.