



Faculty's corner

2010 International Conference on e-Education, e-Business, e-Management and e-Learning

Prof B RoyChoudhury attended the "2010 International Conference on e-Education, e-Business, e-Management and e-Learning" held from 22 to 24th January 2010 at Sanya, China. This was organized by IACSIT in collaboration with IEEE Computer Society. It was a conference which brought in people from different parts of the world to discuss ideas and provide a networking platform

The Strawberry Rural Business Hub and Eco-Adventure Tourism

Prof Natalie W Kharkongor was an invitee in the launching of The Strawberry Rural Business Hub and Eco-Adventure Tourism organised by the Ri – Bhoi Strawberry Growers' Association (RBSGA) and Nakliar Tours, Meghalaya on the 30th of January 2010.

Inaugural Message from the Director



IIM Shillong in its short history has pioneered innovative practices and worked on curriculum and pedagogy to meet the challenges of the future.

A number of initiatives, achievements, and activities of our stakeholders are not documented and made known to each other.

To meet this challenge, we have introduced **Last Week** to capture the contributions of our stakeholders to the academic & corporate world, and the society as a whole.

I hope you will keep the editorial team informed of all your activities so that we can have a chronological documentation of the contribution IIM Shillong and its stakeholders are making.

Message from the PGP Chairman

This is the maiden issue of **Last Week**.

This initiative will certainly open a new chapter in the history of IIM Shillong. This communication channel will keep everyone informed about the happenings and events of IIM Shillong. I am sure that this channel will eventually emerge as the last link-line between the institute and our future alumni. Our first batch of PGP is about to graduate. Therefore, we wish to create a column for alumni-institute interaction through which our alumni will be able to share their experiences and joys across the IIM Shillong community. PGP Office wishes this e-newsletter success.

Republic Day Celebration 2010

On 26th January, 2010, the Institute celebrated the Republic Day beginning with flag hoisting by PGP Chairman, Prof. Swapan Majumdar. The flag hoisting was followed by recital of the National Anthem by a crowd gathering of Faculty, Staff and Participants. After the morning ceremony near the Main Building the participants engaged in discussions on Indian economic policies, current state of the country and changes that could be made in the North East for its development. Participants felt that the IIM community needed to make a major contribution towards India's growth and make India reach its true potential.



Student's corner

Team Venture from IIM Shillong shines again at IIM Lucknow



Team Venture from IIM Shillong with Mentor & Guide Prof. Swapan Kumar Majumdar, Team Representative Neeraj Sharma & Team Member Hari Krishnan G, secured the second prize at the All India Social Business Plan contest "NIRVAAN'10" on 24/01/2010. Nirvaan is an initiative aimed at nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurship and bringing together people sharing a common interest in Entrepreneurship. Prior to this, the team Venture has won the first prize at IIM Indore's Social Business Challenge "KALPAVRIKSHA '09" & IIM Ahmedabad's business plan contest "MASTER PLAN '09".

For more details about the event, kindly visit <http://abhiyaniiml.com/node>



Workshop on Consulting Skill Development

31 Jan 2010, **Dr Zahid Gangjee**, CEO, Zahid Gangjee and Associates had conducted a workshop on Consulting Skill Development as a part of an audit course organized by Prof. A K Dutta and Prof. S K Prusty. The workshop had eight participants both from PGP students as well as faculty community. The theme of the workshop was on 'developing yourself a consultant'. The workshop started at 10AM with Dr Zahid Gangjee with a warm welcome from the participants. The workshop went on with vibrant lectures, discussions, and class-room simulation. The workshop ended at 8PM with a vote of thanks by Prof. A K Dutta.

Dr. Zahid H. Gangjee started his own Organisation & H.R. Consultancy in August 1995. His clients include leading multi-national and family owned corporations in India and abroad. He and his Associates specialize in helping organizations, groups & individuals manage change in all its aspects.

Visits to RGIIMS

28 Jan 2010, A B.Tech from IIT-Kanpur and PGDBM from IIM-A, the next destination normally expected is some Investment Bank but not for this person who is currently an MP from Sikkim. A person worth emulating - **Mr. P.D. Rai** paid a visit to IIM Shillong and gave an enthralling and inspiring speech to the participants which was followed by a short Q&A session.

Encouraging the participants to devote their time and energy towards the country was the essence of his speech. He talked at length about his experience during his political years and showed his concern towards the entry barriers in politics Mr. P.D. Rai joined politics in 1994 and became M.P. in 2009 emphasizing the quality of perseverance and patience normally found lacking in youngsters these days.

In reply to a question about the role of media he focused on the dependency of the politics and media and said that both are married to each other and it's not possible for either of them to survive without each other. In his opinion there are umpteen good things happening as well but they remain unnoticed.



There was also a discussion about the role of microfinance institutions in the development of the backward regions.

Concluding the speech he urged the participants of IIM Shillong to actively participate in the development of the NE region and become the brand ambassadors of the region not just in the country but also in the whole world.