



Faculty's corner

Prof Rohit Dwivedi delivered an invited lecture on **Managing People in a Start-Up Biotechnology Enterprise** at the Ministry of Science and Technology sponsored, Entrepreneurship Development Program organized by the Biotechnology Consortium Ltd. at Shillong Science Center, 2nd NEHU, Shillong on February, 2010 .

Prof Sanjeeb Kakoty was invited as a guest of honor to a UGC sponsored National Seminar entitled: **Peace and Reconciliation-exploring a collective identity**". The seminar was held at the Furkating college, Golaghat, Assam from 1st to 3rd February. He had the fortune of chairing the final session, which was addressed by a number of important personalities. At the end of the session, the resolutions were drafted with him on the chair and the same are being forwarded to the UGC as well as to the NE MP's Forum.



Director's Activities, Visits, Interactions, Meetings & Programs

20 January, 2010

- Meeting at the Department of Public Enterprise

21 January, 2010

- Meeting at the Department of Public Enterprise
- Interview with UNI & PTI News Agencies
- Meeting with Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Finance Minister, GOI

22 January, 2010

- Meeting at the Department of Public Enterprise
- Meeting with the Hon'ble Secretary, Press Council of India

23 January, 2010

- Meeting at the Department of Public Enterprise

29 January, 2010

- Appointed Committee Chairman by UGC for reviewing IIFT Deemed University Status

30 January, 2010

- Meeting at the Department of Public Enterprise.

01 February, 2010

- Meeting with Student Council

02 February, 2010

- Suran Essentials (P) Ltd – Mr. Swastik Surana for CEDNER activities

03 February, 2010

- Meeting with both the Placement Council of both batches

04 February, 2010

- Visited and interacted with officials at MHRD
- Shri R. Bandhyopadhyay, IAS, Secretary, Corporate Affairs
- Mr. V. Shankaran, Secretary General, & Ms. Mary Paul, Deputy Secretary, Indian Newspaper Society

05 February, 2010

- Meeting to finalize MOU for 2010 -2011
- Mr. Bhagirathi Dhal, Executive Director (P&Admn), & Mr. Abhijeet Mukherjee, AGM CSR at SAIL HQ
- Shri Rakesh Sarwal, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Public Enterprise
- Shri Sumit Bose, Disinvestment Secretary, Govt. of India
- Shri C. Phunsog, Chairman, PSEB

06 February, 2010

- Meeting with Vice Chancellor, Don Bosco University

07 February, 2010

- Distinguished Invitee and gave away trophies during 175 years Assam Rifles Golf Tourney for 10 – 18 handicaps – Best Nett, Best Gross.

Consulting Skill Development Workshop

6th to 7th Feb, 2010. **Mahesh Narayan** , Manager Analytics at Hewlett-Packard, Bangalore 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 eleven participants both from PGP students as well as from the faculty community. The theme of the workshop was on managing consulting projects, strategic analysis of industries and firms, client-consultant communication, etc. The sixteen hours of rigorous process started at 12PM of 6 Feb and ended at 8PM on the next day. The workshop went on with vibrant lectures, discussions, and class-room role-plays.

Lt.Col Mathew Thomas, CAO, IIM Shillong

attended the 2nd convocation at NIT, Agartala on 6th February 2010 on behalf of the Director, IIM Shillong.

Student's corner

The Limits of Freedom

Basic Physics tells us that all systems tend to move towards greater stability, while the universe perpetually expands inching towards higher entropy. The conflict is existent in nature itself which from time to time makes an apparition in the 'real world'. When we talk of 'Free Economy' we talk about 'efficiency of the market', 'benefits' (both marginal and absolute) and yet somehow the idea does not comply with real world situations. The worst economic crisis happened in a 'free country' with a 'free economy' and yet there has been little commentary on the extent to which freedom should be guaranteed in market. Moreover even after '60 years of 'freedom', India is struggling with caste based conflicts, political myopia and poverty. This brings us to the conclusion that 'freedom' might be a great thing to have, but unless and until the boundaries are decided, an uncontrolled freedom might be as bad, or even worse than slavery. The key to success therefore lies not in being 'free' to make decisions, rather in deciding the boundaries of decision making.

-Anurag Joshi, PGP 09



Interview with BBC World

Prof Sanjeeb Kakoty, IIMS was interviewed by the BBC world and the interview was telecast by BBC World in two programmes namely:

a) India Business Report aired on 31-01-2010: In this programme he spoke of how the inadequate infrastructure in the region and the lack of requisite road, rail and air connectivity was hampering the economic development of the north east.

b) Asia Today aired on 0302-2010: In this programme he was interviewed on insurgency, politics and the economy of the north east.

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Visits to RGIIMS

The PGP participants of IIM Shillong were privileged to have with them '! leader with a difference', **Mr. Venkat Changavalli** to deliver a talk on "Leadership in NGOs" on February 2nd, 2010. An alumnus of IIM-A (1977 batch), and having a corporate experience of over 3 decades in Indian as well as multinational companies in various positions like Chief Executive, Finance, Planning, Marketing & General Management, Venkat decided to venture out on a new trail. In 2005, he got an offer to take forward the vision of the 'now-infamous' Mr. Ramalinga Raju to provide free emergency medical services to the poor of Andhra Pradesh. Considering this as a golden opportunity to give back to the society, Mr. Venkat immediately agreed to quit his high-paying job to become the CEO of EMRI (Emergency Management & Research Institute). Mr. Venkat emphasized the need for 'value-based leadership' even in organizations like EMRI PGP participants of IIM-S were truly inspired by the talk and will look forward to take a leaf out of the book of this 'Leader with a difference'.



Visiting Faculty to RGIIMS

27 Jan-02 Feb 2010, **Mr. Amit Parakh** was a visiting faculty for "International finance" in IIMS. **His short Profile:** Mr Amit Parakh B.Com (Hons.), ACA, CS, PGDM (IIM Ahmedabad) has worked extensively in the banking and equity research areas before entering academics. He has been manager with Structured Products Group, ICICI Bank. His sector specialization was infrastructure and FMCG. Mr. Amit is seeking charter from the CFA Institute, USA, having cleared the CFA program. He conducts workshops on corporate finance, asset valuation and financial analysis.

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