



Neeraj Sharma Wins Wagon R Think Big Challenge



Neeraj Sharma Interacting with R Madhvan



R Madhvan, Mayank Pareek & Shashank Srivastava presenting the Award



Neeraj Sharma Sharing IIM Shillong's Vision with the Audience

Faculty Corner

Prof.S.Shajahan (Dean, Planning & Research) was invited by the Planning Commission to attend the conference on **Building infrastructure: Challenges & opportunities** in March 23, 2010 at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated by **Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble PM of India** with introductory remarks from **Shri.Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister** and welcome note from **Shri Montek Singh Aluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission**. This was a follow up conference of planning commission after 3.5 years to set the tone for 12th plan and enhancing the speedy implementation of projects envisaged under 11th plan. **The Prime Minister asserted that compared to an investment of Rs.9.06,074 crore during 10th plan, the revised projection of investment for 11th plan is Rs 20,54,205 crore.** This hi-profile conference invitees include the Govt. secretaries of the State and Central Govt. Chief secretaries and Chief Ministers of the State, Central Cabinet ministers , 250 invited corporate of India and abroad including World Bank and IFC. **The conference provide a platform for IIM Shillong to showcase our NE initiatives in education/development through ALC and CEDNER which was duly acknowledged by Shri. Kapil Sibel, Minister of HRD.** Dean (Planning and research)effectively interacted with **Shri. Gajendra Haldea(Advisor to Dy.Chairman, Planning Commission) ,Cabinet Ministers like Shri.Pranab Muhkerjee, Shri. G.K. Vasana, Shri. Praful Patel, Shri. Ghulam Nabi Azad & E.Ahmed , Central Secretaries like Shri.Brahm Dutt and Shri. Ashok Chawla, SBI Chief Shri. OP Bhatt** during the pre and post launch conference interactive sessions, tea and lunch breaks in their lobbies. All of them encouraged IIM Shillong to take up more proposal /projects to speed up PPP process in infrastructure , education and social developments and motivated us to launch courses for enhancing skill and management Development of Human resources in the domain of sustainable Infrastructure building and project management.

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Prof.Natalie W. Kharkongor attended the **Second Dr Homiwell Lyngdoh Memorial Oration at Martin Luther Christian University** on the 24th March 2010. The speaker was **Dr Suman Sahai**, a geneticist who started the Gene Campaign in 1993 and served as a faculty member at the University of Alberta in Canada, the University of Chicago and the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Her lecture was on **"Are GM Foods Needed? Who asked for Bt Brinjal Anyway?"** The lesson received from this lecture is **" Corporates should Go Safe and not only Go Green"**. This saying is based on the fact that MNCs like Monsanto, Dupont, Don, Bayer and BASF are promoting the GM products in the international market without labeling them, which puts the consumer in danger.

Prof.Natalie W. Kharkongor also attended the Inaugural Funtion **'Ensemble' of NIFT** on the 26th March 2010.

Prof.Natalie W. Kharkongor has given an article on **"Do Men Get Credit For Their Household Work"** to Meghalaya Times and it was released on the 28th March 2010.

Prof.Natalie W. Kharkongor comments on the **Budget 2010-2011** was published in **Business World** 29th March Issue.

