

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

1st – 2nd November 2010

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a two-day event called '**CSE at IIT Kanpur: Past, Present and Future**'. All undergraduate and post-graduate alumni and ex-faculty members were invited. The event was inaugurated by Prof. R. K Thareja, Deputy Director of the Institute and the visitors were welcomed by Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Head of the Department. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee Prof. Somenath Biswas acquainted the participants with the programs to be held during the two-day event.

Prof. V. Rajaraman delivered the keynote address on 'Impact of first two decades of CSE Education, IIT Kanpur on Information Technology in India' and shared some of his memories and experiences of his days as a faculty member at IITK. During the post-lunch session Prof. Manindra Agrawal delivered a talk titled 'PRIMES is in P'. The afternoon session of the first day concluded with a panel discussion on 'The Changing Face of CSE: New Challenges and Expectations for CSE Departments'. The panelists were Prof. Gautam Barua, Director IIT Guwahati; Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director, IIIT Delhi; Prof. Kesav Nori, Executive Vice President, TCS; and Prof. Rajeev Sangal, Director IIIT Hyderabad. Prof. V. Rajaraman was the moderator.

In the evening, a cultural program was held in the Outreach Auditorium. Students presented a dance performance and songs; Sri Devanand Pathak gave a violin recital; and Ms. Rachna Agrawal organized a Kathak dance performance by campus children. The program was followed by a banquet on the VH lawns.

A trip to Bithoor was organized for the participants during the early hours of the morning of the second day. The day's formal program began with the address by Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director of the Institute. This was followed by an interactive session between the participants and the current faculty members of the Department. The second half of the day comprised talks and presentations by younger faculty members of the Department namely, Profs. Arnab Bhattacharya, Krithika Venkataramani, Satyadev Nandkumar, Subhajit Roy and Amey Karkare who showcased their current work and future research plans. During the concluding session, the alumni shared their experiences and gave valuable suggestions on how the Department can further excel in the areas of research and teaching.

The former faculty members of the CSE Department and its predecessor, the Inter-disciplinary Program in Computer Science, who were present in the Meet were Profs. V. Rajaraman, H. N. Mahabala, R. Sankar, Kesav Nori, V. Vaishnavi, P.C.P. Bhatt, Gautam Barua, Pankaj Jalote and Deepak Gupta. The members of the Organizing Committee of the event were Profs. Somenath Biswas, Manindra Agrawal, Sanjeev K. Aggarwal and Amey Karkare. Ms. Dipanwita Banerjee was the event coordinator. Purushottam Kar maintained the event website and the event database. Kiran Kumar Reddy took care of all the transport arrangements. Student volunteers of the Association of Computing Activities (ACA) helped in organizing the event and the cultural program.