

Computer Society of India organized inaugural ceremony of KITA distinguished lecture series 09 at Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology



From left George Abraham (United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and Chairman- KITA)), Ragy Thomas (CEO of Aiti Solutions), Prakash Advani (Partner Manger - Central Asia for Canonical), Antony Satyadas(Marketing Strategist IBM Lotus Software), Mini Ullanat(CSI Regional Student Branch Coordinator), Biju Abraham ,(HOD CS department).

Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology hosted the inaugural ceremony of the distinguished lecture series 2009 organized by KITA –Kerala Information Technology Alliance in technical collaboration with CSI, IBM, and Canonical. The chairman of KITA, Mr. George Abraham inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the lamp. The other delegates present were Mr. Antony Satyadas , marketing strategist IBM -USA, Mr. Ragy Thomas CEO of Aiti solutions , Mr. Prakash Advani partner manager Central Asia Canonical. Mr. Satyadas felicitated the gathering. Mr. Biju Abraham , head of the CS department presented the college vision. Ms. Mini Ullanat delivered the vote of thanks.

Mr.Satyadas delivered the key note address on ‘ IT as a cottage industry in Kerala’ . He shared statistics that pointed to the glaring gap between demand and supply of engineers in IT in India and other countries on one hand and the predicted movement of people from villages to cities (expected to hit 70% by 2050). He emphasized the need on building smarter villages in India and the need for curriculum refinement and smarter classrooms leveraging current initiatives around open source, Akshaya, co-operative societies, hub and spoke models for IT parks, and finishing schools. He stressed the opportunity for the villagers of Kerala to drive entrepreneurship and/or work remotely for their employers in IT parks as well as government organizations either as software engineers, call center agents, or knowledge providers. Antony also spoke about IBM’s academic initiative and the opportunity for engineering colleges in kerala to establish center of excellence in IBM technologies.

Mr.Ragy Thomas spoke on “*leveraging Web 2.0 and beyond to drive organizational productivity and position for growth through innovation*”. He encouraged the students to follow their heart, follow their heroes and encourage them to work harder. He reminded them that getting a job or going for higher studies are not the only options. They should explore entrepreneurship...

Mr. Prakash Advani spoke about success and future of ‘Open Source’. He introduced the latest open source innovations and also spoke about the advantages of free software. He talked about several Ubuntu Linux based initiatives progressing in several states in India, starting with Kerala. He encouraged students to continue the innovation and contributions to open source.

Mr. George Abraham gave the last lecture of the session on 'Innovation and Technology - as part of cost reduction strategies'. He stressed on the reality of economy and the significance of IT in economic downturn. He encouraged students to focus on technology areas such as Web 2.0, Collaboration, virtualization, security, and open source. He shared statistics on niche areas where there are still large job opportunities. He also advised the students on sound interviewing techniques and how to differentiate themselves as they go after job opportunities during this economic downturn.



Mr. George Abraham (United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and Chairman- KITA) delivering the Inaugural address