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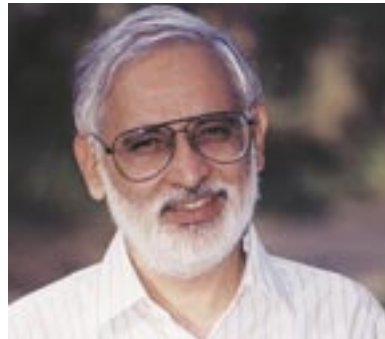
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From the Editor



For all of us who worked closely with him, Dr Dharni Sinha's passing away, is an irreparable loss.

When one looks back at his illustrious career, there is much to feel proud of, for the privilege of having known and worked with him. Dr Dharni Sinha was relentless in the pursuit of his grand vision – Making Management Work for a Better World. His perspective was truly international, his roots thoroughly Indian, and his chosen "karmabhoomi", the SAARC region. AMDISA was the vehicle to transform his vision into reality.

So many of us grew manifold – as persons and as professionals – due to our association and collaboration with him. Whatever the idea, however complex the task and however ambitious the challenge, he always brought to AMDISA initiatives, a charming combination of perennial optimism and a deep concern for people.

Which is why, much as I grieve at his departure, I also feel blessed by his companionship. I feel sad that he would not be with us to see for himself, his dream become reality at the proposed AMDISA Secretariat. But I am also grateful that he has given us a cause to work for, the Cause of AMDISA, and all that it stands for – Development through Cooperation for the Well-Being of All. I for one, and I am certain all of you too, would, on this solemn occasion, rededicate ourselves to carry his legacy forward.

May his dear departed soul, rest in peace.

Dr. Ashok Joshi

From AMDISA Headquarters



AMDISA Founder Dr. Dharni Sinha Passes Away

Obituary and Homage from AMDISA

Dr Dharni P Sinha, who founded AMDISA in 1988, passed away on May 9, 2006 in Patna, India. As Founder-President, he was the AMDISA Coordinator and Member of the Executive Board till his sudden and sad demise. In this capacity, Dr Sinha initiated and facilitated many innovative academic, promotional and networking activities for improving the quality of management education and management development in the South Asian region. Major among these are: The Biannual South Asian Management Forum, the South Asian Journal of Management, Faculty Development Programs, Deans and Directors Workshops, Doctoral and Post Doctoral Fellowship Program, South Asian Quality Assessment System for management schools, research projects and workshops on contemporary and emerging regional themes in management, establishment of national associations of management schools in several South Asian countries, and networking and cooperation with EFMD, AACSB, INTERMAN, CEEMAN, Canadian Consortium of Management Schools, among many others.

Dr Sinha obtained his PhD in Anthropology from Southern Illinois University, and started his academic career as faculty in the Indian

Institute of Management, Calcutta. He later joined the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad as Senior Faculty, and subsequently became Director of Studies and Principal there. In the early 1990s, he was UNDP Development Adviser to the Government of Nepal. On his return to India, he founded COSMODE, an international management consultancy and development organization and continued as its Chairman till his demise. In COSMODE, he pioneered annual business schools surveys, whose published results increasingly became a popular source of very useful information for users and providers of management education in India.

He was a founder of Indian Society for Applied Behavioural Sciences, and Indian Society for Training and Development. A member of the Governing Boards of several reputable academic institutions and public and private corporate bodies, Dr Sinha was a recipient of many prestigious national awards for his contributions to management development in India and the South Asian region. He has left an indelible mark as an institution builder par excellence, and will be remembered fondly and respectfully by all those who came in direct or indirect contact with him for a long time to come.

From
Prof. Arif A. Waqif
(Founder Dean, School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad)
Director, Research & Chairman, AMDISA Fellowship Committee.
Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia
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AMDISA Colleagues pay Homage to Dr Dharni Sinha

A Condolence Meeting to pay homage to Dr Sinha, was held on Saturday May

the 20th 2006, at Institute of Business Administration, Punjab University Lahore. The meeting was arranged by Dr. Muhammad Ehsan Malik, President, Lahore Chapter of AMDIP. Dr Zahoor Hassan, Vice Chancellor, LUMS & President AMDISA, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT & past President AMDIP and Dr Muhammad Ehsan Malik, Director IBA, Punjab University & President, AMDIP, Lahore Chapter, expressed grief and shared their fond memories of Dr Sinha, a man of great vision and purpose, who brought passion and love to his work. His earnest desire for the betterment of Management Development Institutions resulted in the formation of AMDISA and AMDIP and its chapters in close collaboration with Dr Hasan Murad of UMT. Dr Zahoor Hassan recalled that Dr Sinha played a key role in the Civil Service of India. He was a management consultant and was an Advisor to the late Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, Prime minister of India. He served as Head of task force for the State of Bihar Government in India. Dr Zahoor also recalled Dr Sinha's last visit to Pakistan, when he had not postponed his visit despite illness and his passion gave him the energy to visit and interact with business schools relentlessly.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, University of Management and Technology UMT, pioneer President of AMDIP and past President of AMDIP for first three consecutive years, recalling his association with Dr Sinha, said that Dr Sinha was a true friend of Pakistan, and visited Pakistan several times. His personality was the main guiding force and support to AMDIP. He always encouraged and appreciated AMDIP activities in Pakistan. That is the reason AMDIP achieved a conspicuous position of a main Regional Association working

for the development of Management Development Institutes (MDIs).

Dr Muhammad Ehsan Malik, host of the condolence meet, as President of AMDIP, Lahore Chapter, said that Dr Sinha was instrumental in introducing and representing AMDISA at Global Management Forums. Dr Ehsan recalled the visit of Dr Sinha to IBA Punjab University and his encouragement of MDIs in Pakistan. The Reference Session of AMDIP Lahore chapter concluded with the resolution that the Academia in South Asia and specially in Pakistan should take the passion of Dr Sinha as a beacon and develop themselves for the challenges of new world. It was desired that the feelings of sorrow being felt in Pakistan may be conveyed to the new Coordinator, AMDISA, to share the same with the widow and family members of Dr Sinha.

AIMS pays homage to Dr Sinha

Mr S.N. Patnaik Executive Secretary, AIMS and the AIMS Regional Coordinator Mohd. Masood Ahmed called on the family of Late Dharni P Sinha at Hyderabad. They expressed on behalf of the AIMS Executive Board their heartfelt condolence to the family at the sudden demise of Dr Sinha.

SAMF 2006

The 9th South Asian Management Forum will have as its theme "Management for Peace, Prosperity and Posterity." Organised by AMDISA, this year's SAMF 2006 will be held on 2-3 December 2006 at Dhaka, Bangladesh and is being hosted by the North South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

On behalf of AMDISA, NSU is pleased to invite you to register, contribute papers and participate at the 9th South Asian Management Forum 2006. The

Forum aims to provide a platform to bring together academicians, scholars, practising managers and students of management and business of South Asian countries and exchange views and experiences on various issues in business and management for peace, prosperity and posterity in South Asian Region.

Call for Papers

Research papers and panel proposals are invited on all management topics with relevance to the conference theme of Management for Peace, Prosperity and Posterity. Papers focusing on management issues in the following areas in South Asia will be given priority. Some such issues are:

- Business in a Multicultural Society
- Business Ethics
- Contemporary Issues in Accounting, Finance and MIS
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Restructuring
- Economic Issues in Developing Countries
- E-Business
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Global Business
- Health Care Management
- Innovations in Management
- Issues in Management Education
- Issues in Quality Management
- Management of SMEs
- Management of Technology and Innovation
- Marketing in Developing Countries
- Politics in Business
- Public Sector Management
- Regional Cooperation

The details and Call for Papers may be accessed at www.amdisa.org or from Prof. Arif A. Waqif. (Founder Dean, School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad) Director, Research & Chairman, AMDISA Fellowship Committee. Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia, Plot No. 1228,

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Details of Submission Requirements are also available from Dr. Nazrul Islam, Associate Professor, School of Business, Member Secretary, SAMF 2006 Organizing Committee, North South University, 12 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani C/A, Dhaka 1213, Bangladesh. Emails: SAMF2006@northsouth.edu, nazrul@northsouth.edu, muddin@northsouth.edu.

Workshop for South Asian NGOs

Countries in the South Asian (SAARC) region are characterized by well known differences in terms of sizes of their economies, stages of development, natural resource endowments, ethnic diversities, and social and institutional structures, among others. But they face several common challenges in the process of pursuing sustainable and inclusive development, especially at the grass root levels. The major among these are: increasing international and national pressures to limit the developmental roles of governments, and to globalize, marketise and privatise their economies; increasing role of NGOs to supplement, complement if not substitute the governments' developmental role; increasing need in NGOs to be more accountable to donor agencies, their beneficiaries and governments; and the increasing need to improve NGOs' management policies, practices and expertise to enhance the efficiency and productivity of their resource utilisation and the equity and sustainability of their developmental interventions.

Keeping these common challenges in view, AMDISA is organizing a one-week Regional Workshop for NGO Functionaries from South Asia in Hyderabad, India during June 11 to 17, 2006. About 30 middle

and senior level functionaries from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will be participating in this Workshop. Interactive and participatory sessions, led by eminent and experienced resource persons and supported by participants' presentation, will cover such themes as: developmental and managerial challenges for NGOs in globalizing South Asia; inter-personal and organizational skills; financial management; project management; communication and presentation skills; gender, sub-regional and ethnic issues; water management by communities, etc. The Workshop, coordinated by Dr Arif A Waqif of AMDISA, is being organised in partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Delhi, a German political foundation working extensively with NGOs in many South Asian countries.

The AMDISA Newsletter Editorial Team welcomes contributions from all readers and member institutions, on all issues of relevance and concern, to enrich the content and to facilitate sharing of ideas and experiences. We look forward to your enthusiastic response!

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US \$ 1000 or its equivalent in Indian Rupees;

Admission Fee:
US \$ 100 or its equivalent in Indian Rupees;
(to be paid along with the membership fee).

News from Member Institutions

BANGLADESH MOU between IUBAT and IHRD, Kerala, India

Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan, Founder and Vice Chancellor, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) and Prof V Subramony, Director, Institute of Human Resources Development (IHRD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on academic and research collaboration on February 7, 2006 at Kerala, India. Initially, the agreement is valid for five years with the provision of extension after mutual consultation. The agreement was finalized through negotiations of details between the officers of the two institutions.

The important aspects of this MOU are to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the two institutions in the area of education, training, research, development, instruction, student and staff exchanges for cooperation.

41st Orientation of IUBAT

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) held its 41st Orientation Program for Summer semester 2006 on May 27, 2006 recently at the IUBAT Auditorium in Uttara. This was the fifth such ceremony at the new purpose-built permanent campus, with its scenic location on the bank of the river Turag.

Dr John Richards, Professor of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada and Member of IUBAT Overseas Advisory Council was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. Dr Richards commended the continuous development of IUBAT in academic, research and community development activities. He added that IUBAT has more than enough resources (human and natural) to run its academic activities and called upon all IUBAT community to ensure proper use of the same.

Mr Zahidul Haque, IUBAT alumnus and Manager, Products, Data Edge Limited



gave a well-received speech on the excellent preparation he received at IUBAT. He praised IUBAT's academic and human resource development activities and narrated how education system of IUBAT helped him to enter and lead the real life. He suggested the freshmen to take full advantage of IUBAT learning facilities to ensure their own success.

In his speech, Vice Chancellor and Founder, Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan urged the freshmen to work hard for their own success and to fulfill the IUBAT mission of human resource development to benefit the entire society.

After receiving bouquets from senior students, all freshmen made introductory speeches. IUBAT faculty and senior students then welcomed the freshmen. Three scholars from three different semesters received their award of merit scholarships. The program concluded with a cultural program of traditional song and dance showing the many talents of IUBAT students.

NSU Bangladesh

CICT certificate giving ceremony at NSU

The CICT certificate giving ceremony of North South University (NSU) was held on 19 March 2006 at Sarina hotel. Commerce Minister Mr Altaf Hossain Choudhury MP and Vice Chairman of NSU Foundation Mr Benajir Ahmed were present at the ceremony as chief guest and special guests respectively. Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of NSU chaired the event. CSE department chairman Dr Miftahur Rahman, Dr Abdul Awal, Dr Khaled Mahmud and participants Mr Abdullah Al Mamun also spoke on the occasion among others. This 3-day program had 54 participants.



Commerce Minister Mr. Altaf Hossain Choudhury MP handing over the certificates to the participants of the CICT course of North South University (NSU), was held on 19 March 2006 at Sarina hotel as chief guest. Vice Chairman of NSU Foundation Mr Benajir Ahmed, Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of NSU and CSE department chairman Dr Miftahur Rahman also seen in the photo.

On the occasion, Minister Mr Altaf Hossain Choudhury said that, in the recent past ICT sector in Bangladesh has grown rapidly and in the near future we can expect to be competitive with the perennial giants. NSU Foundation Vice Chairman Mr Benajir Ahmed said that, the need for Information Technology in all spheres of life, especially in the wake of a new millennium, can hardly be overemphasized. In keeping with the challenges of the time, we at North South University are responding with adequate enthusiasm to equip ourselves with necessary means and support. He also mentioned that, NSU is the pioneer university in the country as well as education and academic sector in Bangladesh.

Vice Chancellor Dr Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi welcomed the participants and mentioned that, these 3-day short courses on ICT will be helpful for creation of highly ICT skilled manpower in Bangladesh. Dr Siddiqi said that, NSU as the leading private university is committed to ensure high quality education in Bangladesh.

Rajshahi University, Bangladesh

Dr Shaikh Shamsul Arafin, Assistant Professor – Management Department, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh has made a study of Performance Measurement Through Productivity Analysis based on the experience of Public Sector Jute Industries in Bangladesh.

In every country, developing or developed, with a market economy or a centrally planned economy, the main source of economic growth is an increase in productivity. But the level of productivity in Bangladesh is very low. This low level of productivity is a serious bottleneck to the rapid industrialization of Bangladesh. For poor productivity coupled with other problems resulted in several hundred sick and dead industries. Though jute sector is considered as a sick industrial sector in Bangladesh but in the context of labour, manpower, capital investment and foreign exchange earnings this sector is still playing an important role. Due to many reasons i.e. high cost of production, low level of productivity,

decrease of jute goods demand in international markets, increase in the demand of synthetic products, etc. this sector is suffering from huge accumulated losses every year and becomes a sick industrial sector in Bangladesh. In this context, the study estimated productivity of some public sector jute mills in Bangladesh over a period of time by means of different productivity measuring techniques. The analysis shows that among different types of productivity measurement of five public sector jute mills in Khulna zone, all of them show quite satisfactory performance except productivity and overall productivity. Only overall productivity shows negative values due to huge accumulated losses every year by the jute mills. The study makes a unique contribution to the analysis of Performance through Productivity.

INDIA

ICFAI Business School-Mumbai

Among the recent seminars organised by ICFAI Business School, Mumbai (IBS-M) were, "Brand Valuation: Heirlooms or Stock-in-Trade" organized jointly with Brand Finance Plc, a leading consultancy organization, on 2nd December, 2005 at Hotel Orchid, Santacruz. The key speakers Mr David Haigh – CEO (Brand Finance Plc. U.K.) and Mr M. Unnikrishnan (MD, Brand Finance India) spoke on various practices and problems faced with the concept and reality of brand valuation.

A seminar on Entrepreneurship, 'The Internationalization of Small Businesses' was held on 22nd December, 2005 at IBS-Mumbai. Dr Jay Mitra, Founding Professor of Business Enterprise and Innovation, University of Essex, UK, presented a research based paper on "SMEs & Internationalization – The flow of Ideas, Capital & People". Directors and Faculty

from various B-schools and personnel from Corporates, attended.

IBS-M also focuses on developing the spirit of social sensitivity among students.

Parivartan, the Social Development Cell of IBS-M, a platform that students use for undertaking work for the underprivileged, organized "Drishti" – an Eye Testing Camp at Kama Industrial Estate Goregoan (E), Mumbai in association with Lion's Club of Airport. The students also performed a street play titled "Aankhen".

Savera, a symposium on Social Responsibility was also organized by Parivartan. The objective of the symposium was to provide a platform to the Corporate, NGOs and the Educational Institutions for interaction about several issues that plague social development work. The speakers were Mr Anthony Lobo from Tata Consulting Services (TCS), Dr Rustomfram from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Ms Prabha from Nirmala Niketan, Mrs Vaishali Canisius from Save the Children, Ms Swati and Nixit from KJ Somaiya Business School, and Mr Vishwas Tendulkar from IndianNGOs.com.

"Metamorphosis 2006", a Seminar in the finance area on "Emerging Opportunities in the Commodities Markets" was organized on 23rd February 2006 in association with The Forward Markets Commission (FMC). The aim of this seminar was to educate and sensitize participants in the academic and corporate world, about the new developments in the commodity markets. Mr D.S. Kolamkar – FMC, Mr Madan Sabnavis – NCDEX, Mr Kushal Thaker – BRICS Commodities, Mr K. Vishwanathan – BPCL, Mr Dharmesh Pandya – Indian Infoline Commodities, Mr Pritam

Patnaik – Kotak Commodity Services and other Eminent speakers from National Exchanges, MCX, as well as from Corporates and Brokerages were among the dignitaries who shared their experiences and guided participants on career opportunities.

ICFAI Business School Alumni Federation (IBSAF) organized a Panel Discussion on the Union Budget 2006-07 on March 4, 2006, at IBS Mumbai. The session was chaired by Prof Y.K. Bhushan, Sr. Advisor, IBS-Mumbai. Prof Kanu Doshi, a leading Chartered Accountant of Mumbai and well-know academician, and Mrs. Manju Godke, Chief Economist, Larsen & Toubro Limited were the guest speakers and panelists.

PAKISTAN

LUMS, Pakistan

SDSB-LUMS, Pakistan awarded SAQS Accreditation

The Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) has awarded the South Asian Quality System (SAQS) accreditation to the Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) at LUMS. This award, valid for 5 years, will entitle the School to use SAQS Accreditation Quality Label, signifying the continuous quality improvement system at LUMS.

AMDISA is the only association that networks management development centers across seven nations and promotes partnerships between business schools, business leaders and policy administrators for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of management education in South Asia.

As of now, the award bestowed upon SDSB stipulates that the School will need to prepare an institutional

development report to be submitted by June 2008 and through it seek accreditation in January 2011 for the next five years. In the meantime, Suleman Dawood School of Business is expected to uphold the quality standards enunciated by AMDISA.

The AMDISA-SAQs award will be formally given to Suleman Dawood School of Business in a public ceremony at a later date.

Entrepreneurship & SME Centre (ESMEC) – An Update

The Entrepreneurship & Small and Medium Enterprise Centre (ESMEC) at LUMS has been re-branded and revitalised to promote entrepreneurship and assist in the development of the SME sector in Pakistan under the leadership of its new Director, Mr Amer Qureshi. ESMEC hosted an official LUMS Entrepreneurial Society (LES) launch ceremony on 5th January 2006, which was attended by over two hundred people, comprising mainly a large number of industry leaders, LUMS students, alumni, faculty members and the management. The occasion was graced by the presence of a leading entrepreneur, Syed Babar Ali, as Chief Guest.

With the aim of providing owners and managers of small and medium enterprises with the required business skills, and to reduce the risk of new business failure, ESMEC conducted three, two-day training programs, namely:

- The A to Z of Healthy SMEs: Business Skills for Entrepreneurs
- Entrepreneurial Marketing: Integrated Marketing Communication Plan for SMEs and
- Financial Management for Entrepreneurs: Finance and Accounting for SMEs.

The programs enjoyed an overwhelming response from the SME sector and aspiring entrepreneurs.

LUMS Students at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad

LUMS MBA students, Faisal Saleem and Mian Usman spent two semesters at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. This is the first time that Pakistanis have come across the border for an exchange program. Referring to the Indian Business School, Faisal said, "You have the best professors teaching. I don't see why anybody would want to go to Harvard or Stanford." According to Usman, "The amount of business opportunities between the two countries is immense once borders open." Well said!

University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore

UMT Campus Project near Completion

The University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan will be shifting to a new 155 kanal purpose built campus later this year. The campus which is near completion, will cater to 5000 students. It will have five academic blocks, a library, an auditorium, exhibition center, laboratories, research and development block and separate hostel accommodation for male and female students.

At present, more than 2000 students are enrolled in various campuses in the city. During the initial shifting phase, they will be moved to the newly constructed building. The campus project is a milestone in the short history of the University. It will go a long way towards establishing a unique culture of academics and will nurture a spirited campus life.

NEPAL

Management Association of Nepal (MAN)

Art and Power of Meditation

MAN had organized a Round Table Discussion on "Art and Power of Meditation". The program was organized in association with The World Bank Public Information Center (PIC), Kathmandu. Swami Sri Dhruv, Prabandhan Acharya led the interactive program. Acharya Shree Swami Dhruv is an Astrologer, Motivator, Counselor And Corporate Trainer by profession. He has written more than 200 articles on Yoga, Astrology science, Meditation, Success and Health. He is the Founder president of Srishti Sadhana Kendra Nepal, Universal Spiritual Center (P) Ltd. and Indian Institute of Mind Management. Many leading Industrial Houses of India and Nepal have benefited from his Self Development and Spiritual Workshops for executives and staff.

E-Governance for Good Governance in Nepal

A presentation on E-Governance by Mr Rajesh Kumar Shakya, was organized by MAN with the support of the PIC, World Bank on May 26, 2006.

E-government is the use of ICT, notably the Internet, to promote more efficient and effective government by making government information and services accessible to citizens, businesses, and government itself. Changes in global economy because of internet have changed how government views citizens, employees and businesses.

E-Governance helps build a citizen-centered, service-oriented, public-participated government with efficient, accountable, transparent and performance based government system. The use of ICT brings about the possibility to reform governance,

making it more efficient, transparent, accountable and effective. The end result is good governance with increased quality and speed of services at lesser cost.

Besides regular government operations and services, e-Governance can also be useful in ensuring active citizen participation in political and development processes, by electronically informing, consulting and involving citizens in these activities.

MAN Initiatives

"Meet the MAN Members" is a program in which MAN members share various issues on management. Interested MAN members lead the program by sharing experiences. The objective of the meet is to explore new ideas, knowing each others, and help management professionals to stay updated. MAN also provides Asian Management Review and Indian Management Journal to members. MAN has been organizing 'Friday Management Talks' regularly with the support of the PIC, World Bank. The MAN Executive Committee has decided to offer MBA (Masters of Business Administration) from the forthcoming session. To discuss such and other issues, MAN has its Special General Meeting on Friday July 21, 2006 at 3:00 pm at Hotel Del' Annapurna at Kathmandu.

News from Networks

The 18th AIMS Annual Convention 2006

The Eighteenth AIMS Annual Convention 2006 is being held at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Lucknow, UP, on August 25-27, 2006. This convention's theme is "Management Education in Globalized Context: Opportunities for Corporates and B-Schools".

Economic liberalization, de-regulation, and privatization policies of the Government of India have led to dismantling of barriers and global trade and capital flows. Today's corporate managers have to work in this globalized environment with entirely new competitive landscape. In order to meet demands of the dynamic business environment, managers need to possess appropriate skills and capabilities for developing competitive strategies. Management Education, therefore, can not afford to remain insensitive to changes in the role the managers have to play.

The focus of the Management Education should largely be on producing managers for a globalized economy and generating tailor made packages for meeting the prerequisites of survival in the ultra-dynamic competitive environment.

Over the past few years, Management Education in India has been undergoing radical changes to meet the corporate demands. The main objective of

this year's AIMS convention – Management Education in Globalized Context: Opportunities for Corporates and B-Schools – is to bring together industry leaders, academicians and administrators by providing a common platform to exchange views and latest advancements in the field of management. Nearly 500 delegates comprising Directors, Deans, Faculty, Students, Industry leaders, and Invitees from across the country and abroad will discuss emerging opportunities for the Indian management education in the postliberalized era of global economic order and how we can hone it to meet future challenges.

The Keynote Speaker on the topic of 'Emerging Global Opportunities: Leadership and Action' will be Mr. Arun Maira, who has a combination of hands-on leadership experience, consulting experience to leadership teams, and thought-leadership as an author and speaker on the subject of organisation transformation. He is presently the Chairman of Boston Consulting Group India.

To recognize the best talent in Management Education, awards will be given away in following competitions:

- a. Best Case Study Presentation
- b. JL Batra Best Research Paper
- c. Best Student Paper
- d. Ramaswamy P Aiyar Best Young Teacher Award
- e. ICFAI Best Teacher Award

For detailed information about these awards please visit www.aims.org.in

Honours and Awards



Professor YK Bhushan – Sr Advisor, IBS-M and President Emeritus ISTD has been honored with appointment as 'Senior Enterprise Fellow' of the well known University of Essex in UK for 2 years. He shares this honor with a number of noted scholars and practitioners in the field of Entrepreneurship Studies across the world. Congratulations, Sir!

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