

Naresh Aggarwal

Leadership Award in the United States



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, son of Marulal Aggarwal and Durga Devi Aggarwal of M.G. Marg and a former school captain, topper and best all-round student of Tashi Namgyal Academy, has been named the winner of the James M. Cretsos Leadership Award for 2012 by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). Naresh is an Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts. After a Bachelors in Applied Science (Computer Engineering – Honours) from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and six years in the industry, Naresh earned his Ph.D. from the National University of Singapore (NUS)’s Department of Information Systems, School of Computing. Naresh’s research area is Information behavior - the way people look for information and the contextual factors that impact their choice of information sources.



Karma Bhutia

Presents paper at WTSA

Karma Bhutia, Co-founder and managing director of SourceN, was in Dubai recently to unveil a mobile e-Governance solution pioneered by SourceN. Mr. Bhutia presented “Citizen Initiative System”, a mobile e-Governance solution, at the second of the three events at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly on 22 November at the Dubai World Trade Center. WTSA is held every four years and defines the next period of study for International Telecom Union. The event draws on the findings of ITU Focus Group by discussing international standards to capture the best of innovations rooted in developing countries that positively impacts lives. The Citizens Initiative System is a “participatory Mobile eGovernance solution” which allows Governments to empower citizens (using smart-phones) in identifying and reporting issues that require the government’s attention/ action.



Student Film Fest

MONTAGE 2012, a student documentary film festival was held at St. Joseph’s College, with a theme ‘Together, we build the new’. The program was organized by St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling, Mass Communication & Journalism Department and Darjeeling Goodwill Centre. Chief Guest of the festival was Rt. Rev. Bishop Stephen Lepcha and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Bhanu Pratap Rasaily, President Sikkim Hotel & Restaurant Association. Sunil Lama was also invited as a special judge from Sikkim. 15 Documentary Films were shown in which “AUTISM – Not a Curse” by Hope Production bagged the first prize.