

**Dr. Rakesh Agarwal (12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010)**

Dr. Rakesh Agrawal, Technical Fellow and Head of the Search Laboratories of Microsoft Research U.S.A, who has been conferred with the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Institute this year visited the department and delivered a technical talk to the students and faculty on “Data Externality” on Friday, November 12, 2010

Dr. Agrawal is a renowned researcher in the field of Computer Science and Engineering and has made groundbreaking contributions in the area of databases and data mining. Dr. Rakesh Agrawal, 1974 alumnus of the department, and presently Technical Fellow, the highest technical position in Microsoft and Head, Search Laboratories of Microsoft Research, United States, has been honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the 10<sup>th</sup> annual convocation held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010.

Dr. Rakesh Agrawal is one of the leading Computer Science researchers. He is considered to be a founding father of the critically important and thriving field of data mining and is known world-wide for his groundbreaking research in the field of databases and data mining. Many of his papers, especially on association rule mining, are foundational and amongst the most cited papers in the field of Computer Science. He has been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in recognition of a lifetime's worth of accomplishments. He is also a Fellow of ACM as well as a Fellow of IEEE.