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### “Session on Lateral Thinking”

<b>Topic :</b>	Session on Lateral Thinking
<b>Date of event :</b>	March 11,2011
<b>Aim of the Event :</b>	<p>We encourage our students to think creatively and genuinely in their thinking, assignments, projects, answer sheets and so on. But the fact remains that thinking out of the box is never easy and does not come naturally to all. Like all other habits, thinking creatively also has to be developed, nurtured and encouraged.</p> <p>This session aimed at informing students what lateral thinking was all about and also encouraging them to change tracks to gain new insight. After all creativity asks for breaking of old paradigms and scouting for the new.</p>
<b>Event Report in brief:</b>	<p>According to Edward De Bono, the originator of Lateral Thinking, Lateral Thinking is about reasoning that is not immediately obvious or about ideas that may not be obtainable by using only traditional step-by-step logic.</p> <p>In other words, it is about using our creative (right) brain to help solve problems or come up with new ideas that one wouldn't normally be able to do using our logical (left) brain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For example:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How many sides does a circle have? Two sides..... The inside and the outside!!!!!!</p> <p>The first thing which would strike us is that the circle has no sides. But future pondering would tell us that there could be different dimensions to this aspect. That's Lateral Thinking!</p>

The session started with interesting puzzles being asked by the instructor...to which the answers were equally nerve racking and challenging. This was followed by a presentation on the concept of Six Thinking Hats, developed and propagated by Edward De Bono. The students then played an absolutely creative game in which their thinking skills were put to test ...test of creativity and spontaneous thinking.

All said and done...the session was enjoyed by the students as well as the instructor. Come on readers.....join us in thinking out of the box!!!