The annual IT seminar **Aprendemos** was held on **October 20, 2012 (Saturday)** at **MERI Auditorium**. The theme for this year’s seminar was **Open Source Technology – An Indispensable Tool for Business Development**”

The seminar started with the lighting of the lamp by Honorable **Chief Guest Sh. Yashpal Soni**, CIO, **Everest Industries** and other dignitaries namely, **Sh. I.P Aggarwal**, President, **MERI**, **Prof. Lalit Aggarwal**, Vice-President, **MERI**, **Prof. Y.L. Grover**, Director, **MERI**, **Shri. S. K. Aggrawal**, CFO, **MERI** and **Prof. A. K. Agarwal**, Dean (Management),MERI.

The welcome address was given by Sh. I.P Aggarwal. The seminar was graced by the thoughts of Sh. Yashpal Soni. He emphasized on the benefits of using open source technology for business development. Android development is where the majority of future growth lies. He added that, in future Android will be like today Windows desktop platform. He also did a comparison among licensed and open source software’s.

The first technical session started at 1130 hrs. It was presented by **Mr. Ranvijay Singh**, GM-Product & Project Development, Travel Boutique online. He discussed about the LAMP concept behind the open source technology.

The second technical session started at 1230 hrs. It was presented by **Mr. Rambabu Nimmala**, Asst. Vice President Genpact and **Mr. Vineet Dhaiya**, Co-Founder & Director, InfoAxon Technologies Ltd., which is India’s first open source integration company. They discussed the existing flagship developments in open source technology. They discussed about the latest trends in the open source market, business models, concept of Licensing, and why we should use Open Source software’s.
The third session started at 1415 hrs. It was presented by Mr. Deepak Sharma, Android Developer, Classic Informatics Limited. He discussed in detail about the developments in android. He gave a live demonstration on developing an android application using Eclipse IDE for Java.

The last session was an inter College IT Quiz ‘CATECHIZE-2012’. Teams from different colleges including MERI participated. MERI won the quiz and got a cash prize of Rs.1500. The second prize of Rs. 1000 was won by MERI-CET.

Faculty Members and students from different colleges participated in the seminar. The general response has been very positive and the seminar was a great success.

The seminar was coordinated by Mrs. Ritu Aggrawal, MCA-Coordinator, MERI and Mr. Sumit Chauhan, Faculty, MERI.