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The FinTech Conference: A Game Changer for Financial Sector

School of Management, GD Goenka University 's virtual conference sees a galaxy of speakers from Ministry of Finance, NASSCOM, CII, TRAI, academia and FinTech entrepreneurs

Gurgaon, Nov 18, 2021: In keeping with the technological revolution that is taking place in the financial sector in India and around the world today, School of Management (SoM), GD Goenka University Gurugram, organized its first FinTech Conference on 18th November 2021 through the virtual mode. SoM, GDGU, with its top-rated MBA program among emerging business schools found FinTech as the most exciting start-up sector in recent times and therefore appropriate for a dedicated conference on its game-changing nature. The conference was conducted via Zoom and was viewed live on Facebook page of GD Goenka University from 10 am to 3pm on Thursday, November 18th.

Hon. Vice Chancellor of GDGU, Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmed inaugurated the conference by highlighting the importance of Fintech research. **Dr. Alok Pandey**, the Dean of SoM welcomed the speakers and the audience to the conference. **Honorable Chief Guest Shri Saurabh Mishra Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India** addressed the gathering about digital literacy, adoption and implementation of new technology, the role of Fintech in financial inclusion. He mentioned how initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana in tandem with development and implementation of digitalization like UPI will further fuel the FinTech sector. The **Guest of Honour, Inaugural Session was Mr. Abhilash Misra, CEO of NSE Academy, a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange Ltd.**

The first Panel Discussion on **Inclusiveness Through FinTech** included esteemed panelists : **Prof. Dr. Madhu Vij** from FMS Delhi, **Prof. Dr. A Vinay Kumar** from IIM Lucknow, **Mr. Karun Thareja**, CMPO, Faircent.com, **Mr. Santosh Nair**, Sr. VP, a prominent Dubai

Bank, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Co-Founder, Sqrrl FinTech, Mr. Rishikesh Patankar, COO, CSC Academy and Mr. Sougata Basu (Founder CashRich). The panelists shared their thoughts on the opportunities and challenges in FinTech, issues of demand and supply, lending and borrowing and how FinTech is helping unbanked people, empowering women, rural entrepreneurs and MSMEs.

The second Panel Discussion themed as **Regulatory Environment for FinTech**, saw the participation of distinguished panelists: **Prof. Dr. Prabina Rajib, IIT Kharagpur, Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, NASSCOM, Ms. Richa Mukherjee, Director, PayU, Mr. Utkarsh Saxena, Sr V.P RBL Bank, Prof. Dr. Amitabh Gupta, Delhi University, Mr. Pramod Gupta, CFO, ARCIL, Prof. Dr. Anshul Verma, SPJIMR) and Mr. Deepak Mehta, Head, UTI Asset Management.** The panelists urged regulatory authorities to protect the public money and consumer rights, while creating a “regulatory sandbox” for FinTech entrepreneurs and help them to co-exist with Banks and NBFCs.

Shree Anil Bhardwaj, Advisor, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) presided as Chief Guest of the Valedictory Session exhorted the FinTech sector to adopt a problem solving mentality to innovate on products and services. He also highlighted the purpose of regulation for FinTech and how it shall influence the entire financial services ecosystem. **Prof. Dr. Sheri Markose of Essex University, United Kingdom** was the **Guest of Honor for the Valedictory Session.** She shared her latest research and interesting insights on High Frequency trading, the Crypto Currency Puzzle and Performance of Robo-Portfolios.

The conference aimed at demystifying the sunrise sector of FinTech. It achieved this purpose and acted as a knowledge sharing and dissemination platform for all those interested in the FinTech sector including students, faculty and other academia, founders/co-founders and senior managers of FinTech firms and aspiring entrepreneurs.

ABOUT GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

The GD Goenka Education City is spread across 60 acres with the ancient and picturesque Aravalli hills as a backdrop. The high-tech Millennium City, Gurgaon and the National Capital Region are just a stone’s throw away. GD Goenka University is guided by the philosophy that new thinking in the areas of teaching, learning, research and training are pivotal to making students tomorrow’s leaders and giving them a world view. The knowledge

and proficiency of the students make them assets to any domain in today's world. Over the years GD Goenka University has established itself as one of the centres of academic excellence in the field of management education.

GD Goenka University has joined the ranks of elite universities in India. The University has accorded an overall 'Gold' rating and 'Diamond' rating in five of the seven key areas including 'Teaching and Learning', 'Employability', and 'Facilities' in the highly prestigious 'QS I-GAUGE College and University Assessment 2019'.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

The School of Management (SoM) in G D Goenka University (GDGU) offers high quality education in diverse areas of management at undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels with an objective to develop innovative, principled, and insightful business leaders and entrepreneurs with a global perspective. The school differentiates itself from other Business Schools by providing its students with a culture of innovation, creativity, strategic thinking, problem solving ability and team spirit. The school comprises a highly qualified and internationally trained group of academicians and professionals who adopt the best of the contemporary curriculum and pedagogy in view of the dynamic changes in economy and industry needs. SoM is connected with several top business schools of the world through MoUs. Most recently, the School of Management has been ranked among the best emerging business and management institutes according to Times B School Survey 2021.

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