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IFC-2023: Report

N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research successfully organized and hosted the 12th edition of the India Finance Conference 2023 in collaboration with IIM-A, IIM-B, and IIM-C. The conference is organized from 21st to 23rd December 2023, with a pre-conference tutorial held on 20th December 2023. During the conference CA Prafulla Chhajed, Executive Committee of World Congress of Accountants, Director of State Bank of India, and Ex-President of ICAI addressed the audience as the chief guest and Dr. Arun Verma, Head Quant Research Solutions Team, Bloomberg, USA graced the inaugural ceremony as the guest of honor. Prof. (Dr.) Robert Faff, Bond Business School, Australia. Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Radhakrishnan, Distinguished Professor, Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, USA, Prof. Sabri Boubaker, EM Normandie Business School, France and Prof. Sanjay Kallapur, Professor, ISB Hyderabad were the keynote speakers in four different plenary sessions.

In the pre-conference tutorial, a total of 96 participants attended the 3 different sessions whereas a total of 114 participants registered for the main conference, including participants from overseas. The diverse participant pool included doctoral students from prestigious institutions such as IIMs and IITs, Ph.D. students from various universities, and professors from management institutes, including IIMs, IITs, and university-affiliated institutes. Highlighting the global dimension of the event, overseas participants joined from countries such as the USA, UK, Canada, China, and Norway. The conference also welcomed the valuable presence of industry experts. Initially for the conference a total of 268 papers were received. After a meticulous review, 149 papers were shortlisted and accepted for the presentation. Across 28 diverse tracks, distributed among 5 concurrent sessions, each aligned with distinct themes. A total of 90 papers were presented during the conference. All the presentations were critically reviewed by discussants and session chairs.

At the conference, four prestigious awards were bestowed for superior research work. The NL Dalmia Best Paper Award in the accounting and finance domain was granted to Santosh Dutta, a Ph.D. Scholar from IIM Ranchi. Eshwar Venugopal, an Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida, USA, clinched the IFA Best Paper Award, while Shantaram P. Hegde, a Professor from the School of Business at the University of Connecticut, received the IFA Best Paper Award in the investment management category. The IFA Doctoral Symposium Award was conferred upon Rusha Nandy, a Ph.D. Student at NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Kolkata. The conference strictly adhered to an offline mode, with no provision for participants to present their papers online. This approach ensured a comprehensive and engaging exchange of ideas and insights among the participants throughout the conference.

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