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N.L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research organized its flagship event, "Shikhar", a national-level B-school paper presentation competition on 26th September 2021 via zoom. The topic was, "**Gati Shakti Master Plan: The Game Changer for the Economy.**"

The panel of judges included Dr. Brinda Jagirdar, retired General Manager and Chief Economist of the State Bank of India, who is also an independent consulting economist and member of many committees. The second judge was Dr. Ganpati Rathod, Assistant General Manager at Karnataka State Finance Corporation, who has over 25 years of experience in performance management, executive coaching and mentoring. The third judge was Dr. Mrinalini Kohojkar, Economic advisor to Design Excellence India and Structecon Pvt ltd. She also worked as a professor and director at Thakur Institute of Management Studies & Research. The fourth judge was Mr. Shashank Mendiratta, Economist at IBM's public policy and cognitive practice, with prior experience as an economist at ANZ.

This year we received an overwhelming response to Shikhar 2021 with 240 entries and 120 teams from some of the top institutes in India. 6 best teams were chosen as the finalists. The presentations and respective question-answer session for each team were conducted.

Team A, started with an introduction about the topic, followed by benefits of the project, strategies concerning the Global Infrastructure Hub, Supply Chain and Logistics and the urban approach. Team B elaborated on the need for the Gati Shakti Master Plan highlighting where India is and what infrastructure is needed, sectors benefitting and they also discussed the Blue and Green economy. Team C gave an insight into how the government is planning to invest. They presented a clear picture of the current world scenario, scope for improvement, and comparison with other countries. Team D explained the Gati Shakti Model, the current scenario of the Indian manufacturing sector. They also discussed its impact and links with other projects, sectors and challenges faced. Further, Team E started by sharing new insights like working in silos vs. adopting a holistic approach. Also, a glimpse of the National Master Plan and its impact. Lastly, Team F discussed the Gati Shakti Plan as multi-modal connectivity to more than 1200 plus industrial and two defence clusters model, regression in the aviation sector, blue economy, and challenges faced followed by solutions.

We had an interesting poll and the results for the online quiz conducted on our institutes' social media handles were announced. The panellist shared their insights with the students. Brinda Ma'am, discussed how India is a young country, the enabling Indian environment, and emerging digital infrastructure. Further, stating the challenges of corruption and judicial and legal restraint. Also, the strengths of Sino-culture, self-sufficiency, efficiency, and contributions to the production sector. Ganpati Sir shared, how India is looked upon by world, the potential that lies in the youths, the new deal policy. He also praised all the six teams for their excellent presentations. Mrinalini Ma'am appreciated the entire Dalmia team and the analysing-skills of students. She discussed the importance of the FMCG sector and the potential of our diverse cultures. Lastly, we had Shashank Sir, who threw light on the things India can achieve and how it is home to leading mobile phone manufacturers, net exporters, and its praiseworthy recovery from the pandemic. Further, he highlighted the challenges, the solutions, and the emerging potential of the young generation.

After fruitful insights shared by our judges, the results were declared by our Director, Prof. Vijay Ramachandran.

The winners were Team C, Javed Sheikh, and Azim Bawa from N.I., Dalmia Institute of Management Science and Research.

The First runner-up was Team D, Arpita Sen, and Deepansh Jagotra from NMIMS Mumbai.

The Second runner-up was Team E, Chirag Bhati, and Amit Borade from the National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai.

We congratulate all the winners and participants for their enthusiastic participation and wish them good luck in their future endeavours!

Following this, we had the Vote of Thanks for all four panellists and the token of appreciation ceremony. The event was a success, and it was well-organized by the excellent teamwork of the entire Dalmia parivar.

