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Department of Financial Studies, University of Delhi, proudly crowned as India Today's #1 choice for MBA colleges in India with low fees and excellent placements in 2023. Our institution has clinched the top spot nationwide, underscoring our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional value in education. Experience the unparalleled advantage of our meticulously curated programs, designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's competitive landscape. Our renowned faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and extensive industry connections ensure that every student receives a holistic and enriching learning experience.

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FROM THE DESK OF PROGRAMME COORDINATOR



PROF. SANJAY SEHGAL
PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

Since the time of its inception, DFS has supplied the industry with capable, skilled, and committed finance experts who have refined their abilities through the comprehensive two-year MBA (Finance) Program.

The flagship MBA (Finance) program, formerly known as Master of Finance and Control (MFC), is a specialized finance course tailored to address the evolving demands of the corporate landscape. This underscores the department's emphasis on the significance of establishing a unique identity.

A thorough and demanding selection process ensures that only the most talented and committed individuals from across the country qualify, enabling us to compete with the top B-schools nationally and internationally. The collective efforts of students, faculty, staff, and alumni aim to blend extensive academic knowledge with practical application in the financial sector.

While mastering technical language and skills is important, true success comes from holistic growth, encompassing analytical prowess and social adeptness. The MBA (Finance) program fosters such comprehensive development, equipping students with the skills and awareness needed to thrive in the corporate world. Through internships, guest lectures, seminars, and case studies, students gain invaluable exposure under the mentorship of experienced faculty. The success of our alumni in various economic and financial fields worldwide is a testament to the quality of the MBA (Finance) program and its significant impact on the country's financial sector.

We warmly invite you to join our growing community and look forward to establishing a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with you.

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT



MR. ANKIT KUMAR
PRESIDENT

**"SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL:
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT
COUNTS." - WINSTON CHURCHILL**

As we embark on a new academic year, I am honored to serve as your Student Body President and extend a warm welcome to all of you. Together, let us seize the countless opportunities and experiences that await us at DFS, setting the stage for a year of growth, collaboration, and achievement.

Building upon the rich legacy left by our predecessors, I am excited to announce an array of events and activities designed to enrich your academic journey and foster connections within our esteemed community.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to invite you to our eagerly anticipated alumni meetups in Delhi and Mumbai. These gatherings serve as invaluable platforms for networking, mentorship, and inspiration. Furthermore, our convention promises to be a highlight of the academic calendar, featuring dynamic panel discussions on finance led by industry experts. Additionally, we are excited to host a series of guest lectures by distinguished speakers from various disciplines.

As champions of holistic development, we recognize the importance of nurturing both the mind and body. That is why I am delighted to announce our lineup of sports events

As your Student Body President, I am committed to supporting your academic, professional, and personal growth. I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the opportunities available to you, whether through participating in events, joining student organizations, or engaging with our vibrant community. Together, let us embrace the spirit of excellence and innovation that defines DFS, setting the stage for a year of unparalleled success and achievement.

FROM THE DESK OF VICE PRESIDENT



MR. PRAVEEN YADAV
VICE PRESIDENT

**"SUCCESS IS NOT ABOUT THE DESTINATION, BUT
THE JOURNEY." - ZIG ZIGLAR**

As I take a moment to reflect on my time as Vice President of our esteemed student society, AFCON, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and pride. It has been an incredible journey, one filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences.

Throughout our tenure together, we have worked tirelessly to foster a sense of community, support, and excellence within our department. From organizing engaging events to facilitating insightful workshops, each moment has contributed to our collective growth and development.

Indeed, it's the journey with AFCON that has been truly rewarding. Together, we have overcome challenges, celebrated achievements, and forged lifelong connections. Our dedication and passion have not only enriched our academic experiences but have also left a lasting impact on our department.

As I transition from my role as Vice President, I am filled with optimism for the future of DFS. I have full confidence in the capabilities of our incoming leaders to continue our legacy of excellence and innovation. To them, I offer my wholehearted support and encouragement as they embark on this exciting chapter.

As we continue to chart new paths and embrace new opportunities, let us carry forward the invaluable lessons and memories we have shared. Together, we have proven that through collaboration, determination, and passion, we can achieve great heights.



OUR HONOURRED GUESTS





MR. MANEESH SRIVASTAVA
CO-FOUNDER & DIRECTOR,
ALPHAVALUE CONSULTING PVT. LTD.

Topic: Valuations, Angel Investing and Merger & Acquisitions

Mr. Srivastava shared practical insights and expertise, providing attendees with a deeper understanding of these topics. His presentation served as a source of motivation, inspiring participants to excel in the finance domain. Overall, the session broadened perspectives and equipped attendees with valuable knowledge for their academic and professional journeys.



MS. ARATI PORWAL
COUNTRY HEAD, INDIA,
CFA INSTITUTE

Topic: CFA Program & Investment Management.

The session led by Ms. Arati Porwal focused on providing insights into the CFA program. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of the program's significance within the finance industry and received valuable guidance on navigating the CFA journey. Ms. Porwal's expertise illuminated the complexities of the qualification, offering aspiring finance professionals clarity and direction for their endeavors.



MR. HARISH GOEL
DIRECTOR - INVESTMENT RESEARCH AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
EVALUESERVE

Topic: Investment Research - A Paradigm Shift into the Real World

The session was about the distinctions between buy-side and sell-side research reports, career progression, and the diverse landscape of investment research. Practical examples involving companies like Tesla and Paytm. Mr. Harish brought these concepts to inspiring participants to engage in case studies and broaden their horizons in the field.



MR. PRIYANKAR BISWAS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
BNP PARIBAS

Topic: Finance in Practice in Equity Research

The session provided students with a deep understanding of the dynamics and career path within equity research. The session highlighted the intricacies of the profession, emphasizing the qualities and skills required for success. A question and answer session further enriched the learning experience, focusing on objectivity and thorough research.



MR. SANDEEP BAGLA
CEO,
TRUST MUTUAL FUND

Topic: Perspectives on Indian financial markets

Mr. Sandeep Bagla delivered an insightful session on the Indian financial market for the students of DFS. His discussion on Fund Management, supported by real-world examples, provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of market intricacies. The session not only served as a valuable learning experience but also offered practical advice and career insights to inspire and guide students in their academic and professional pursuits.



MR. ABHISHEK LUTHRA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PORTFOLIOS &
PRODUCTS,
KAIMA ASSET

Topic: A Decade of Decadal Growth

Mr. Abhishek Luthra delivered an illuminating presentation on the decade of growth in the financial industry at DFS. His insights provided a profound understanding of industry evolution, showcasing exceptional expertise and enriched attendees comprehension. His ability to communicate complex financial concepts clearly was commendable and greatly appreciated. The session concluded with a detailed Q&A session.



MR. SOURABH MOULICK
HEAD-PARTNER BUSINESS,
LARSEN & TOUBRO REALTY

Topic: Evolving landscape of real estate sector and current market trends

Mr. Sourabh Moulick delivered a captivating guest lecture on real estate sector for the DFS students. His insights into the intricacies of the luxury real estate market, delivered with passion, provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the subject. The session was informative and engaging, focusing on the luxury real estate sector, enriching students' knowledge in this area.



MR. GUNJAN BHAGOWATY
MANAGER, ASSET MONETIZATION TEAM,
SBI CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED

Topic: Investment Analysis of Infrastructure Projects

The session delved into India's Infrastructure outlay and the National Infrastructure Pipeline, covering business models, financing structures, and the Public Private Partnership model. Practical insights on parameters like Internal Rate of Return and Debt Coverage Ratio were provided, alongside real-world examples. Career opportunities and forward-looking approaches like InvITs were also discussed.



MR. SUMAN CHOWDHURY
CHIEF ECONOMIST & HEAD - RESEARCH,
ACUITÉ RATINGS & RESEARCH LIMITED

Topic: Credit Ratings in India's Financial Sector

The session highlighted the importance of credit ratings, their impact on markets, and assessment factors. Attendees learned how ratings influence investments and financial stability. The session included a detailed discussion and a Q&A session enhancing participants' understanding of credit ratings in India.



MR. ANUJ BANSAL
VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE,
LIGHTSPEED INDIA

Topic: Valuations and Their Impact in Private and Public Markets

The session explored the significance of valuations across both market sectors. The session covered valuation methodologies, their implications in private and public markets, and the factors influencing them. A Q&A session concluded the discussion, providing further insights and clarification on valuation-related topics. Attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of the role of valuations in investment decision-making across different market contexts.



MR. KUMAR GAURAV
VICE PRESIDENT
(ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT),
FUTURE GENERALI INDIA LIFE INSURANCE

Topic: Balancing Risk and Reward: Optimizing Strategies Across Different Risk Types

The session delved into the intricacies of risk management, covering market, liquidity, and credit risks. Through real-life examples, attendees gained insights into how theory translates into practice in finance. The speaker's integration of academic and military experiences offered a unique perspective on risk, showcasing transferable skills across diverse domains. Participants engaged in interactive dialogue, enriching their understanding and fostering deeper insights.



MAJOR EVENTS



APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL

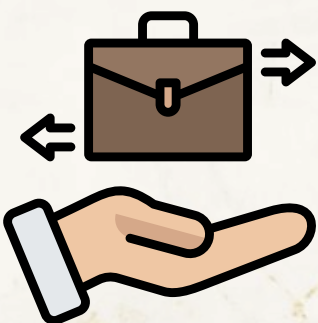
Students play a pivotal role in shaping the identity and reputation of our institution, acting as ambassadors who embody its values and ethos. Since its inception, our institution has embraced a student-centric approach, entrusting students with the responsibility of making key decisions that impact both themselves and the collective community.

Our Esteemed Student Body - **Association of Student Control (AFCON)**, elected through democratic processes, serves as the face of the institute, bridging the gap between management, students, and the broader community. Their mandate includes fostering innovation and championing new initiatives to maintain relevance and visibility in the public eye.

In the latest election, **Mr. Ankit Kumar** was elected **President**, with **Mr. Praveen Yadav** as **Vice President**, and **Mr. Dileep Allanka** as **Treasurer**, representing the student body (**AFCON**) for the term (**2023-24**).

The **Corporate Relations & Placement Committee** is dedicated to securing outstanding placement opportunities for students while fostering strong relationships with industry stakeholders. Their efforts are aimed at ensuring students have access to promising career prospects and establishing enduring connections with corporate leaders.

In the latest election, **Ms. Tanya Verma** was elected as **Secretary**, while **Mr. Aman Beniwal** and **Mr. Jivanshu Pratap Singh** assumed the roles of **Joint Secretaries**, representing the committee for the current term (**2023-24**).





APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL

The **Corporate Communications & Public Relations** Committee plays a crucial role in ensuring a seamless admission process and enhancing the department's visibility in the public sphere. The CC&PR team diligently upholds the esteemed brand image of the college. Spearheading the promotional efforts, the Public Relations division orchestrates vibrant campaigns for college events and activities.



In the latest election, **Ms. Shivani Mehta** assumed the role of **Secretary**, while **Mr. Tushaar Chaudhary** and **Mr. Digvijay Sharma** were elected as Joint Secretaries, representing the committee for the current term **(2023-24)**.

The **Alumni Committee** serves as the vital link between current students and former Students of Department of Financial Studies, facilitating connections and knowledge exchange. Through alumni meetings, mentorship sessions, and other initiatives, students benefit from the wealth of experience and expertise while forging enduring relationships.



In the latest election, **Ms. Yashika Garg** was elected as **Secretary**, while **Mr. Pratik Prasad Sah** assumed the role of **Joint Secretary**, representing the committee for the current term **(2023-24)**.



APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL

The **Organizing, Logistics & Convention Committee** is entrusted with the meticulous planning and execution of every event, ensuring a high standard of professionalism and attention to detail. One of their key responsibilities is orchestrating DFS's flagship event, the **Annual Convention**, which brings together distinguished figures from the realms of Finance, Analytics, and Economics.



In the latest election, **Ms. Chandrika Bharti** was elected as **Secretary**, while **Mr. Piyush Kumar** assumed the role of **Joint Secretary**, representing the committee for the current term (2023-24).

The **Entrepreneurship & International Relations Cell** endeavors to cultivate an entrepreneurial atmosphere by offering students various relevant opportunities, such as mentorship sessions and interactions with accomplished industry entrepreneurs.



For the term **2023-24**, **Mr. Vishwas Tomar** assumes the role of **Secretary**, while **Mr. Sai Kishore** serves as the **Joint Secretary**, continuing the cell's mission of empowering students with entrepreneurial skills and global perspectives.

The **Department of Financial Studies, University of Delhi**, extends its heartwarming congratulations to all the Office Bearers from batch 2022-24.



APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL



**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS
& PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**



ALUMNI COMMITTEE



**CORPORATE RELATIONS &
PLACEMENT COMMITTEE**



**ORGANIZING, LOGISTICS &
CONVENTION COMMITTEE**



**ENTREPRENEURSHIP &
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CELL**

OFFICE BEARERS



MR. ANKIT KUMAR



MR. PRAVEEN YADAV



MR. DILEEP ALLANKA



MS. TANYA VERMA



MS. SHIVANI MEHTA



MS. YASHIKA GARG



MS. CHANDRIKA BHARTI



MR. AMAN BENIWAL



MR. TUSHAAR CHAUDHARY



MR. PRATIK PRASAD SAH



MR. PIYUSH KUMAR



MR. JIVANSHU P. SINGH



MR. DIGVIJAY SHARMA



MR. VISHWAS TOMAR



MR. SAI KISHORE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

THE 36TH

ANNUAL CONVENTION



Association Of Finance And Control (AFCON)
STUDENT BODY OF
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36th Annual Convention 2023

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OPENING CEREMONY

At the commencement of the 36th Annual Convention on Green Building in Finance, distinguished guests received a warm welcome from the Professors and the student body AFCON. The primary focus of this event was to delve into the essential link between finance and sustainable building methods under the theme "Green Footprints in Finance".

Mr. Sanjiv Saraff, boasting over 27 years in investment banking, currently holds the position of Joint Managing Director at BOB Capital Markets Ltd. His extensive expertise spans multiple sectors including Conglomerates, Banking, Aviation, and Renewable Energy.



OUR CHIEF GUEST



OUR GUEST OF HONOR

Prof. Florent Deisting, Director of Social Transition at TBS Education, holds a PhD in Economics and is renowned for his publications on financial markets and derivatives, positioning him as a prominent academic in his field. He focuses on integrating Sustainable Development Goals into business school curriculum to foster future leaders capable of driving positive change.

PANEL DISCUSSION - 1

"CONSULTING"

At the 36th Annual Convention on ESG, industry experts convened to discuss the impactful role of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors in finance. Moderated by Mr. Pankaj Wadhwa, the panel explored how sustainability is reshaping the financial landscape, particularly in addressing climate risks and promoting ethical financial practices.



Ms. Barkha Chabra, with over 20 years of experience in finance, currently serves as Director at ONEtoONE ILO Consulting and Venture Partner at Ekle Ventures. She specializes in diverse functions including resource raising, venture capital fund management, and restructuring of under-performing loans.

Mr. Pankaj Wadhwa, a distinguished finance professional with extensive experience, currently serves as Deputy Director General at the Indian Sugar Mills Association. He brings expertise in financial management from his tenure at organizations like GAIL (India) Ltd, Petronet LNG Ltd, and ONGC Petro Additional Ltd,





Mr. Labanya Prakash Jena, CFA, SCR, is a leading expert in sustainable finance and climate policy, currently heading the Center for Sustainable Finance (CSF) at Climate Policy Initiative in India. With vast experience at esteemed organizations including the Commonwealth Secretariat, Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), and UNDP, Mr. Jena brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his role.

Mr. Aman Gambhir, a seasoned professional with over 15 years of experience and a distinguished CFA credential, currently serves as Principal Consultant at Caston Corporate Advisory Services. His expertise spans various services including trade finance, financial restructuring, distressed asset investments, growth private equity, joint ventures, M&A.



Mr. Pulak Mishra, a seasoned Climate Change Professional, currently General Manager at Enen Green, previously Senior Manager at the Foundation for MSME Clusters. He collaborates with international organizations to promote low-emission technologies and enhance MSMEs' participation in India's NetZero mission.

The panel discussion delved into the pivotal role of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors in shaping the finance landscape. Emphasizing the necessity for prioritizing sustainability, panelists highlighted the dynamic evolution and increasing significance of ESG in finance. Governance's vital role in ensuring business sustainability within ESG frameworks was underscored, alongside addressing urgent climate change challenges. The importance of MSMEs adhering to sustainability norms for funding access and the expanding consulting opportunities in ESG were also discussed. Overall, the panel underscored the imperative for stakeholders to integrate ESG considerations into decision-making processes for positive environmental and financial outcomes.

TECHNICAL SESSION

“BANKING AND CREDIT RATING”

In a thought-provoking session on Banking and Credit Rating at the 36th Annual Convention on ESG, discussing the evolving landscape of green finance and the vital role of financial institutions in driving sustainability.

Dr. Muneesh Kumar, a distinguished academician and advisor, renowned for his expertise in e-governance and B2B e-commerce, has authored 7 books and over 55 research papers. Currently serving as Advisor, International Relations, at the University of Delhi, he also holds the Chancellor's Nominee position at Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Assam, exemplifying his illustrious career in academia and advisory roles.





Mr. Rahul Agrawal, with over a decade of experience, excels in treasury, credit, and strategy functions, currently serving as Deputy General Manager at IFCI LIMITED. He is known for his expertise in economics and finance, particularly in sustainability and impact investments.

Mr. Nishant Bansal, an Associate Vice President at EY, boasts a distinguished career in corporate banking, specializing in debt and special situations. With over a decade of experience, he excels in credit rating management and holds an MBA in Finance from DFS, demonstrating extensive expertise in his field.



In a comprehensive discussion on green finance, experts highlighted the pivotal role of financial institutions, particularly banks, in driving sustainability initiatives. Mr. Muneesh Kumar emphasized a bottom-up approach and the significance of ESG factors in mitigating balance sheet risk. Mr. Rahul Agarwal underscored the threat of climate change to global GDP growth and questioned investor willingness to accept lower returns for green investments. Mr. Nishant Bansal provided insights into India's green financing market and discussed various ESG bonds' roles in improving environmental performance. Overall, the experts stressed the importance of financial institutions in fostering green finance for sustainable development.

PANEL DISCUSSION - 2

“GREEN BUILDING IN FINANCE”

The panel discussion on Green Building in Finance , moderated by Mr. Mridul Upreti, shed light on the promising intersection of real estate development, environmental sustainability, and financial investment.



Ms. Neha Kumar is a leading authority in ESG disclosures and responsible financing guidelines, shaping sustainable business practices nationally and internationally. Currently, she plays a pivotal role in a policy advisory group dedicated to advancing the green economy.

Mr. Rakesh Bhatiya, CFO of Tata Capital, has 25 years of extensive experience across diverse sectors, starting from an articleship at EY. With a strong foundation in finance, he has led teams across multiple domains including business strategy, finance, tax, audits, IT, regulatory compliance





Mr. Mridul Upreti, Sector Lead for Tourism, Retail & Property at IFC, boasts 20+ years of portfolio management expertise. With a background in architecture from SPA Delhi and a distinguished alumnus of the DFS. His leadership was evident as CEO at JLL's Segregated Funds Groups, cementing his stature in real estate investments.

Investments in India's real estate sector are set to soar, especially in offices and residential development, over the next decade. Ms. Neha Kumar highlighted how technology integration is driving sustainability and efficiency in construction, leveraging India's strong tech landscape. Climate finance initiatives, like the Climate Bonds Initiative, championed by Ms. Kumar, aim to fund renewable projects and sustainable infrastructure for resilient real estate. Mr. Bhatiya underscored Tata Cleantech's dedication to renewable financing, alongside advocating for green building initiatives and eco-friendly materials, vital for promoting sustainability in construction practice.

PANEL DISCUSSION - 3

“MUTUAL FUNDS AND ESG INVESTING”

The discussion revolved around the significance of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors in investing, their impact on businesses, and the rise of ethical and impact investing. All panelists brought their years of experience and insights to the discussion, providing valuable advice to the audience and its current scenario in India.

Ms. Priyanka Dhingra is working as an ESG analyst at SBI Mutual Funds. She has an experience of more than 10 years in responsible investment and ESG engagement. She has done her Bachelor of Science (Hons), in Biotechnology from Banasthali Vidyapith and Master degree in environmental studies from TERI School of Advanced Studies



Mr. Abhishek Das is currently working as Chief Investment Officer-Pramerica Life Insurance. He brings an experience of nearly 20 years in the Indian Capital market and Fixed Income Investments. He has done his schooling from St. Edmund's school, B.E., Electronics & communication from Sir. M Visvesvariah Institute of Technology, and MBA in Finance from Delhi University.

Amit Malhotra is currently, working as a vice president of DSP mutual funds, he has been actively involved in Mutual funds and the stock market for many years. He has done his schooling from St. Conrad Inter College, Agra, and an MBA in marketing from Lucknow University.





Mukesh Jindal is working as a partner at Alpha Capital, he has over 17 years of experience in setting up and managing family office services. He also has a Ph.D. in Asset Allocation - Portfolio Management, and holds the CFA, CAIA, and CFP credentials, demonstrating his deep knowledge and skills in various aspects of investments, alternative assets, and financial planning.

Mohit Sharma, a seasoned director at Franklin Templeton Investments, boasts over 24 years of experience in finance. Through active engagement in conferences and seminars, he shares invaluable insights, guiding professionals and enthusiasts toward informed investment strategies.



In this session, emphasis was placed on the limited adoption of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles in India, despite global trends indicating its importance. It was noted that ESG investing in India remains in its infancy, with only 12 mutual funds collectively managing around 11 thousand crore in assets under management (AUM). The discussion highlighted the significance of recognizing all three components of ESG equally, with governance being particularly crucial within the investment domain. Moreover, the panel delved into how ESG practices reflect a shift in consumer preferences towards conscious purchasing decisions, underscoring a broader societal trend towards sustainability and ethical considerations.

Alumni Meet

The **Department of Financial Studies** hosted memorable gatherings of esteemed alumni at its Annual Alumni Meets, held in both Mumbai and Delhi. The events served as a poignant reunion for past and present members of DFS fraternity, facilitating connections and celebrating achievements.

The meet commenced with a heartfelt welcome from, Ms. Yashika Garg, Secretary of the **Alumni Committee**, who underscored the importance of maintaining ties with our alma mater and fostering a robust network among fellow alumni. This sentiment resonated deeply with all attendees, setting the tone for a day filled with nostalgia and camaraderie.

Adding to the grandeur of the occasion were notable alumni, including luminaries such as **Ajay Tyagi**, Head of Equity at UTI AMC; **Ashish Khetan**, Founder of Serenity Funds; **Sanjeev Saraf**, Jr. Managing Director at BOB Capital; and **Anand Jha**, Vice President of Corporate Banking at HDFC. Their participation added significant value to the event, inspiring current students and reinforcing the department's commitment to nurturing future leaders in the financial industry.

Physical gatherings offered a unique chance for alumni and current students to engage in meaningful interactions. Through exchanging anecdotes, insights, and aspirations, both parties benefited from each other's experiences. Alumni expressed eagerness to contribute to the development of their alma mater, offering guidance and mentorship to the next generation of financial professionals.

The success of the **Annual Alumni Meet 2023** reaffirmed the enduring bonds of fellowship and support within our community. Looking ahead, we anticipate further opportunities to celebrate achievements, foster connections, and uphold the spirit of excellence that defines our institution. As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain grateful for the unwavering support of our alumni, who serve as beacons of inspiration for generations to come. Here's to many more memorable reunions in the years ahead!

Alumni Meet





FINANCE INSIGHTS



PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: Alternative Real Estate Investments - Diverging from Conventional Real Estate

Date: 10 February, 2024



MR. ASHWIN CHADHA
CEO,
INDIA SOTHEBY'S
INTERNATIONAL REALTY



MR. GAUTAM BABBAR
HEAD - ACQUISITIONS AND
INVESTMENTS (NORTH),
GODREJ PROPERTIES



MR. SOURABH MOULICK
HEAD-PARTNER BUSINESS,
LARSEN & TOUBRO REALTY



MR. MANOJ DUA
PRESIDENT AND CFO,
OMAXE LIMITED

The discussion meticulously explored the disparities between structural ownership and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) within the real estate investment arena. While structural ownership empowers investors with direct control and customization over assets, REITs offer a compelling blend of liquidity and diversification by aggregating capital into a diverse portfolio of income-generating properties. REITs notably furnish investors with a spectrum of benefits, including reliable income streams, broadened exposure across sectors and geographies, enhanced liquidity, and access to seasoned professional management. The imperative of innovation, particularly through the infusion of technological advancements, emerged as a resounding theme for navigating the dynamic real estate market landscape. This underscores the pivotal role of adaptability and forward-thinking in investment strategies.

Furthermore, the transformative potential of alternative vehicles like REITs in reshaping the industry cannot be understated, accentuating the significance of embracing flexibility and foresight in investment approaches. As investors traverse the evolving terrain of real estate, a keen eye towards innovation coupled with a nuanced understanding of the advantages inherent in both structural ownership and REITs will be instrumental in charting a course towards sustained growth and success.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: Diversification and Portfolio Management - Strategies for Weathering Market Storms

Date: March 16, 2024



MR. SANJAI SETH
CEO,
MY MONEY SECURITIES



MR. GAURAV RUSTAGI
SENIOR PARTNER,
MOTILAL OSWAL FINANCIAL
SERVICES LTD.



MR. KUNAL JAIN
PARTNER,
ALPHA CAPITAL



MR. MONISH GANGULI
FOUNDER,
KG CAPITAL

The discussion featured professionals from diverse finance sectors. Attendees gained insights into portfolio construction, risk management, family office services, and investment dynamics.

Mr. Gaurav Rustagi highlighted the iterative nature of portfolio management, stressing objectivity and robust risk management frameworks. Mr. Kunal Jain, from Alpha Capital, shared expertise in family office services, emphasizing client-centric approaches in portfolio construction.

Mr. Monish Ganguli, founder of KG Capital, provided insights into investment banking and mutual fund dynamics, advocating for structured conversations and informed decision-making.

The panelists' expertise captivated the audience, offering actionable strategies for navigating financial complexities. Each expert contributed a unique perspective, enriching attendees' understanding of contemporary financial practices.

The Department expresses gratitude to the panelists for their invaluable contributions, leaving a lasting impact on students and inspiring continued exploration into the evolving realms of financial stewardship.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: Fueling the Fire - How VCs and PEs Ignite Startup Success

Date: March 16, 2024



MR. V SWAMINATHAN
STARTUP INVESTOR,
DIRECTOR,
SURYA HERBAL LTD.



MR. SAURABH JAIN
CO-FOUNDER,
FOUNDERS SPHERE VENTURE
CAPITAL



MR. RAKESH SINHA
FOUNDER & CEO,
QUINTES GLOBAL PVT. LTD.



MR. MANISH JOHARI
CONSULTING DIRECTOR,
MAPLE CAPITAL ADVISORS

The panel discussion featured insights from seasoned professionals. Mr. Swaminathan emphasized strategic investment decisions and prudent portfolio management for startups' long-term sustainability.

Mr. Johari, a Consulting Director at Maple Capital Advisors, stressed timing and innovation's significance in driving sustainable growth for startups. Providing practical examples from his entrepreneurial journey, he offered insights into effective market opportunity identification.

Mr. Sinha, a trailblazer in Advisory & Management Consulting, underscored purposeful fundraising aligned with strategic objectives, urging startups to articulate their unique value proposition.

Mr. Jain, renowned for expertise in investment banking, shared insights on optimizing capital deployment and maximizing shareholder value. Real-world examples from his tenure at Solis Capital & Ventures and VentureGarage provided attendees with practical strategies for navigating the investment landscape effectively.


The discussion equipped attendees with invaluable insights into startup finance intricacies, enriching their understanding and offering practical tools to navigate the dynamic business landscape. Gratitude was extended to the panelists for their contributions, fostering continued learning and growth opportunities.

Play time!

INAUGURAL EVENT

SARC





"True treasures of competition emerge not from the medals won, but from the bonds of camaraderie forged amidst the heat of athletic battle. Friendships endure, while accolades fade into memory."

To bridge the gap between newcomers and seasoned members of the DFS community, a Cricket Tournament was organized. This event served as a platform for both the junior cohort of batch (23-25), and their senior counterparts, of batch (22-24), to come together at the outset of the new session.

It wasn't merely about determining a winner and distributing awards; rather, it provided a glimpse into the forthcoming two years at DFS. The tournament aimed to acquaint participants with life at DFS, fostering connections not only among peers but also with seniors, thereby setting the tone for a cohesive and supportive community experience.



The eagerly anticipated cricket match between the First and Second year MBA finance students culminated in a thrilling victory for the first-year cohort. Amidst the spirited competition, characterized by strategic plays and remarkable displays of skill, the first-year team emerged triumphant, showcasing their determination and teamwork. However, beyond the final score, what truly shone was the exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated by both sides throughout the match.



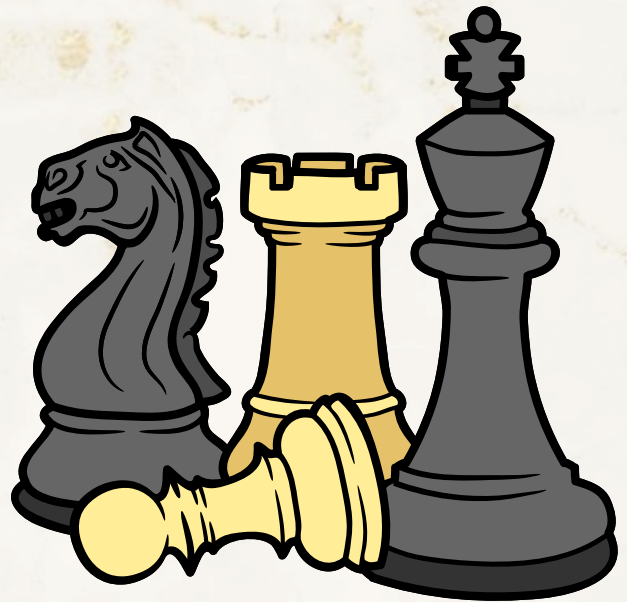
BADMINTON MATCH



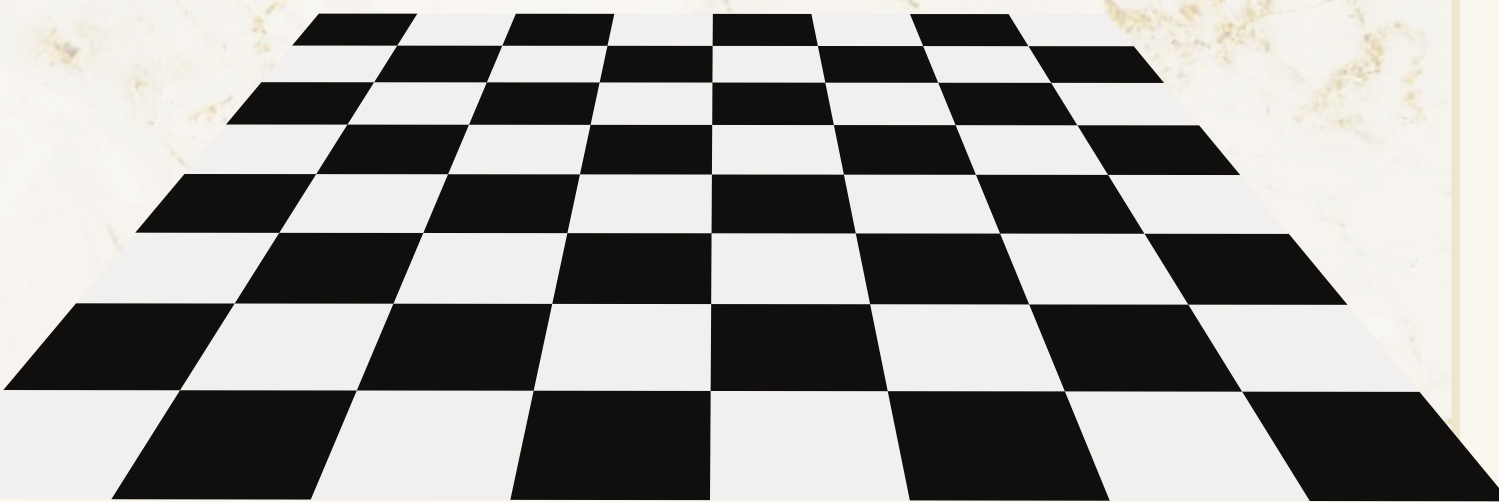
The college's badminton tournament, featuring men's singles, women's singles, and mixed doubles categories, captivated the audience with its thrilling matches. With 16 players in the men's singles, 8 in the women's singles, and 8 teams in the mixed doubles, the competition was fierce, and participants displayed their prowess with passion and determination.



CHESS



The eagerly awaited chess tournament between first and second-year students concluded with an intriguing blend of online and offline matches, culminating in the crowning of our deserving champions. Pratik Prasad Sah emerged as the undisputed victor, showcasing his strategic prowess and determination throughout the competition. As the recipient of the winner's title, Pratik Prasad Sah was awarded the coveted prize of Rs. 1000, rightfully earning his place at the top. Ankit Kumar demonstrated exceptional skill and resilience, securing the runner-up position and claiming the prize of Rs. 500.



FOOTBALL FANS

The football match between first and second-year students was a riveting display of skill, teamwork, and competitive spirit. With both sides eager to claim victory, the atmosphere on the field crackled with energy and anticipation. Despite the formidable challenge posed by the second-year students, it was the first-year cohort who emerged triumphant, showcasing their resilience and strategic prowess throughout the game.

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FINANCE

Abhivyakti

DFS Students' Corner

Abhivyakti, the students' corner of DFS, was initiated with the aim of disseminating awareness and fostering knowledge in the realm of finance. Our aim is to foster a community of finance enthusiasts who are eager to share as well as consume Insights.

The page's content encompasses four main domains: crafting articles on finance, dissecting equity research reports, highlighting current global financial events, and producing engaging short videos elucidating financial terminologies in an intriguing manner. Each student in every batch actively participates in these activities, contributing to the success of this initiative.

The page maintains a presence across various social networking platforms, such as LinkedIn, facilitating easy access for anyone interested. Content is consistently shared across these platforms, enriching the knowledge horizons of all students engaged with the Abhivyakti page.



GROW TREES

"Your actions shape the world around you, so choose wisely what legacy you wish to leave." - Samantha Johnson

Human-induced climate change is the most significant and pervasive threat to the natural environment and societies the world has ever experienced. And what's worse is the fact that we often don't fully appreciate that it is genuinely an issue of grave concern. Most of us still believe it to be a problem waiting to happen.

In light of this accelerating peril, the Department of Financial Studies, under the 'Grow Trees' movement, took on an initiative in 2020 to plant more and more trees. The step, still going strongly, aims at contributing to a safer environment and, ultimately, better health.

The trees are planted in the names of the speakers hosted at multiple events organized by the department. The guests are presented with a certificate stating the same, using which one can track the exact location of the tree whenever one wishes.

Since its inception, More than 100 trees have been planted under this initiative. A large number of these are planted at the Sundarbans National Park, West Bengal, India, under the 'Trees for Tigers' project, with others being at places like Kashmir, Mussoorie, etc.

In the hope of helping improve the current climate crisis prevailing throughout the world, we intend to continue our little yet extremely vital movement.

CFA AFFILIATION

THREE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CFA SCHOLARSHIP.



MS. NIKITA CHUGH
MBA(F) -2025



MR. ARYAN SINHA
MBA(F) -2025



MR. ANURAG MALHOTRA
MBA(F) -2025

We're thrilled to share that Department of financial studies is part of the prestigious CFA University Affiliation Program. As a testament to this commitment, the department has proudly granted CFA scholarships to three outstanding MBA Finance students.

This affiliation underscores the department's dedication to aligning its curriculum with industry standards, providing its students with a significant advantage in the finance sector. These scholarships not only celebrate academic excellence but also offer tangible support for those pursuing the coveted CFA designation.

Heartiest congratulations to the recipients! The department urge all students to seize this opportunity for their professional advancement.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CLEARED THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE CFA L-1 EXAM CONDUCTED BY THE CFA INSTITUTE



MR. SHOBHIT GUPTA
MBA(F) -2025



MR. AKSHAT DALMIA
MBA(F) -2024



MR. NAMAN GUPTA
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How important is networking in your field, and what tips you would like to give for building and maintaining professional relationships?

Networking is crucial in the insurance industry for career advancement and knowledge sharing. It's essential to engage with peers, mentors, and industry professionals through platforms like LinkedIn and industry events. Building genuine relationships, offering support, and embracing technological advancements are key.

How has DFS helped you shape your career? And how was your experience in DFS

DFS provided me with a solid foundation in finance, essential for my career growth. It equipped me with theoretical knowledge and practical skills, enabling me to understand financial markets, risk profiles, and networking opportunities. My experience at DFS was transformative, transitioning from a mathematics background to a comprehensive understanding of finance while forming lifelong friendships. Since graduating from DFS, I've had a dynamic career journey spanning 25 years in leadership roles. I began with credit analysis at HUDCO, followed by international experience at Employers Reinsurance Corporation. Upon returning to India, I contributed to organisations such as - Kotak Life Insurance, Tata AIG General Insurance, Aon Global Insurance Brokers and Aditya Birla Capital .

How do you advise students to make the most out of the 2 years of their MBA college Life?

I advise students to embrace practical learning, explore diverse career paths, and leverage networking opportunities. They should actively engage with coursework, seek internships, and attend industry events. Embracing technological advancements like AI is crucial. Also, failure should be seen as part of learning, and students should strive for continuous growth. Additionally, seek out leadership roles in student organizations or volunteer activities to develop your leadership skills.

Where do you see the future of the insurance industry heading, and what opportunities do you foresee?

The future of the insurance industry holds immense potential, driven by technological advancements, evolving risk landscapes, and changing consumer needs. Opportunities abound in areas such as digitalization, data analytics, personalized insurance products, and emerging risks like cyber threats and climate change. Embracing innovation and adaptation will be key to unlocking these opportunities.



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What opportunities for career advancement exist within the credit rating agency, and how does one typically progress in their career? And what advice would you give to someone considering a career in the credit rating industry?

A credit rating agency typically provides a great congruence of Living-Learning-Livelihood.

Career advancement within a credit rating agency can include roles such as senior credit analyst, team leader, manager, director, and even executive positions such as Chief Credit Officer or Chief Risk Officer. Learning advancement, which is key to an employee in a credit rating agency involves gaining expertise in credit analysis, developing managerial skills, and demonstrating a strong understanding of financial markets and regulatory requirements

How do you advise students to make the most out of the 2 years of their MBA college Life?

Set clear goals and define what they want to achieve during the program. Participate in group projects and extracurricular activities to maximize learning and networking opportunities with classmates, professors, alumni, and industry professionals. Finally, don't underestimate the importance of soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, as they're often just as crucial as technical knowledge.

How has DFS helped you shape your career, And how was your experience in DFS?

At DFS, I was exposed to high-quality faculty and course study coupled with competitive and friendly co-students. With their benefaction I was able to gain concepts in financial management, market analysis, time value of money, evaluating investment opportunities, application of risk-return framework, understanding different types of financial markets, portfolio theory, valuation techniques, financial statement analysis, derivatives, corporate finance and financial modeling etc. Therefore, with such learnings and backings, I could build a career in banking & finance with patronage of DFS. DFS is an extremely credible institution that provides a comprehensive learning approach with great faculty and strong alumni.

What do you look for when you hire students from colleges?

Analytical Skills to analyze financial data, assess risk, and make informed judgments are crucial for roles in credit rating agencies. Having clear communication skills are important for conveying complex financial information effectively to stakeholders. In addition, ability to collaborate with team members and adherence to ethical standards are paramount.



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What are some emerging trends or developments in your industry that you think will have a significant impact in the future?

Some emerging trends in the venture capital (VC) and investment banking industry are reshaping the future of investing. AI and data analytics revolutionize decision-making, while tech-driven platforms democratize investment opportunities. ESG criteria guide ethical investing, and a focus on diversity and inclusion enhances perspectives. Remote work and virtual deal-making streamline operations, while alternative assets and investments in healthcare and education offer growth potential. Navigating regulatory changes is crucial for success.

What do you look for when you hire students from colleges?

When recruiting students, we seek a blend of technical expertise and interpersonal skills. Candidates must have industry-specific knowledge, communication, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, and time management abilities. Relevant internships and work experience illustrate practical application of skills. Leadership and active involvement in extracurricular activities demonstrate initiative and motivation. We value professionalism, cultural fit, and favorable recommendations from mentors. Well-rounded candidates aligning with our needs and ethos are preferred.

How do you stay updated on industry trends and developments?

Venture Capitalists and Investment Bankers stay updated through financial newspapers like The Economic Times and The Wall Street Journal, and specialized platforms such as Bloomberg and CNBC. Reading recommended books and accessing research reports offer deeper insights. Attending industry events and networking helps maintain awareness of trends and opportunities. Sharing expertise in talks and webinars enhances their perspective and connection with peers.

How was your experience at DFS?

My DFS experience was defined by a rigorous curriculum in financial analysis, investment management, risk assessment, and corporate finance, challenging my analytical and quantitative abilities. Interactive learning through case studies and group projects translated theory into practice. Networking with peers, alumni, and industry experts led to internships and job opportunities, including an offer from PwC. Career support services facilitated placement at SBI Capital. The top-class faculty, like Dr. Girish Ahuja, provided world-class education. Peer learning environments enriched the experience through knowledge sharing and debates. Also I found my Life Partner at DFS as well!



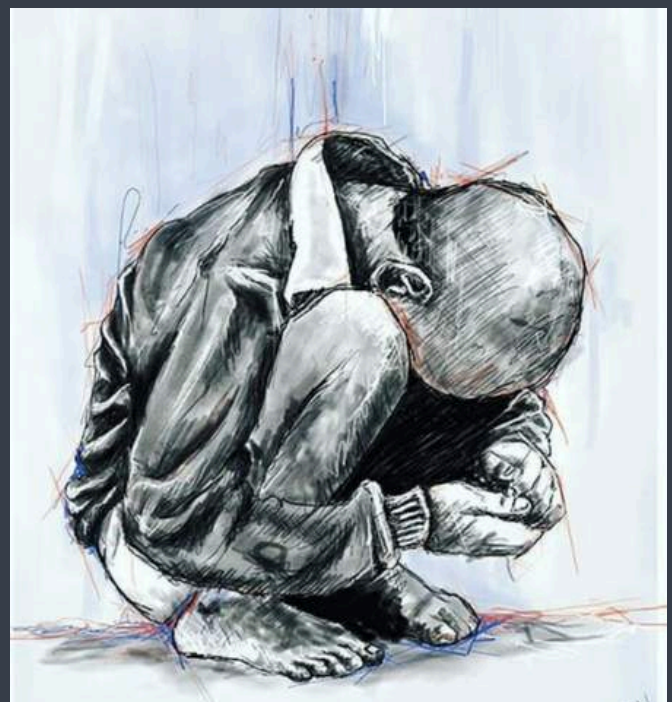
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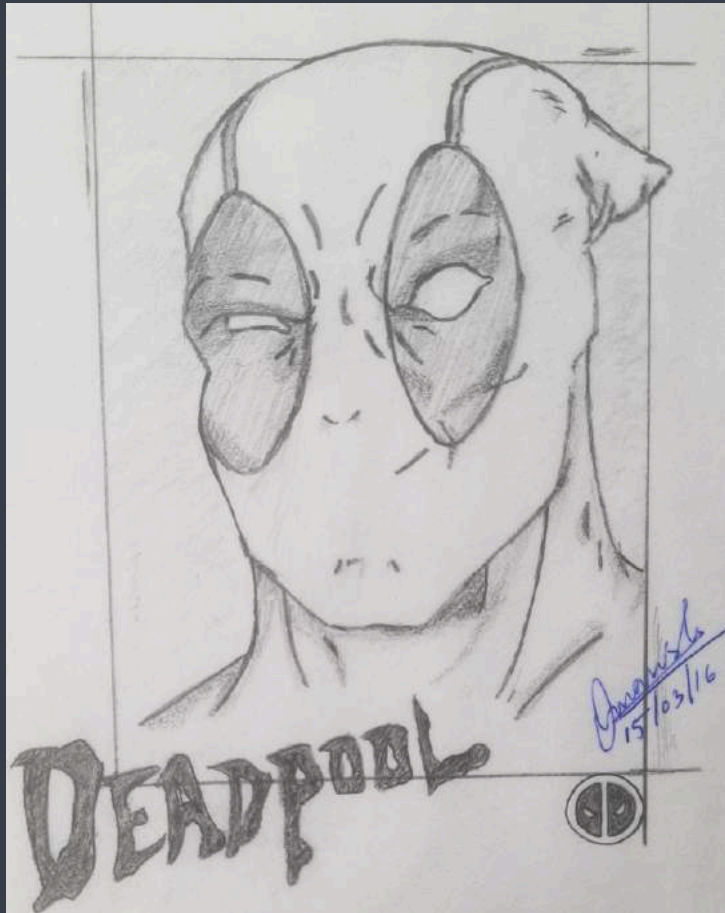
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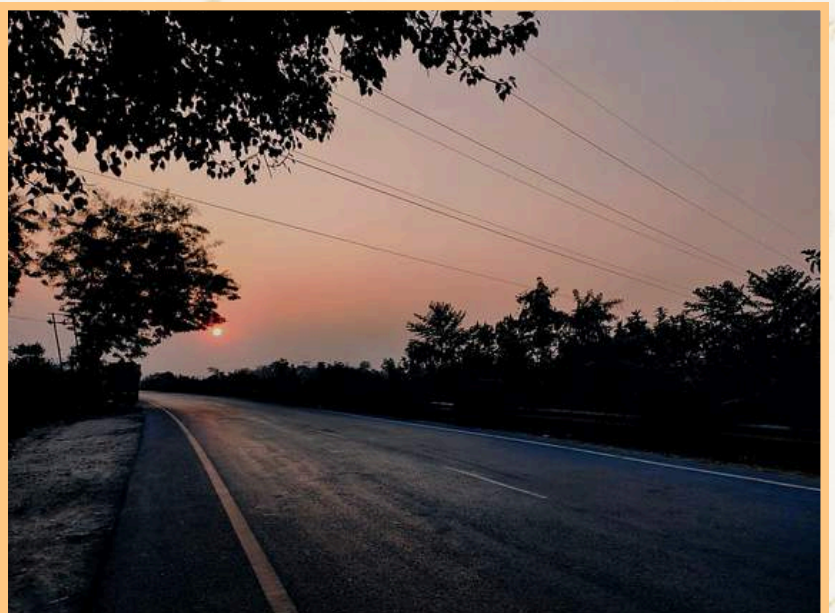
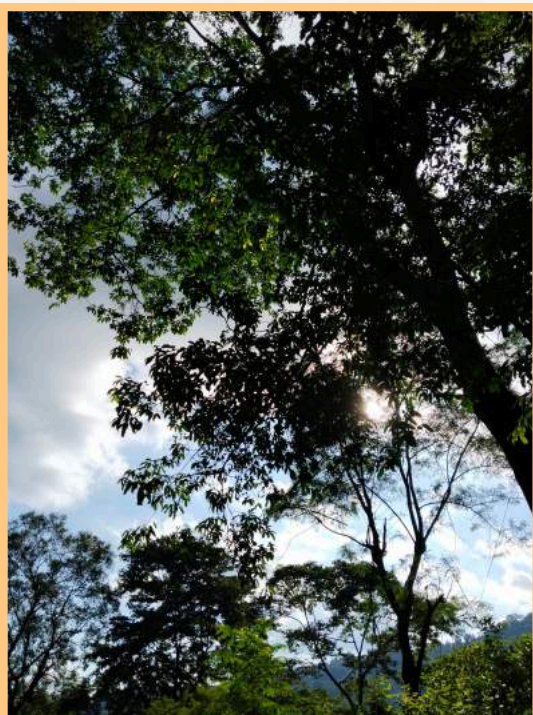
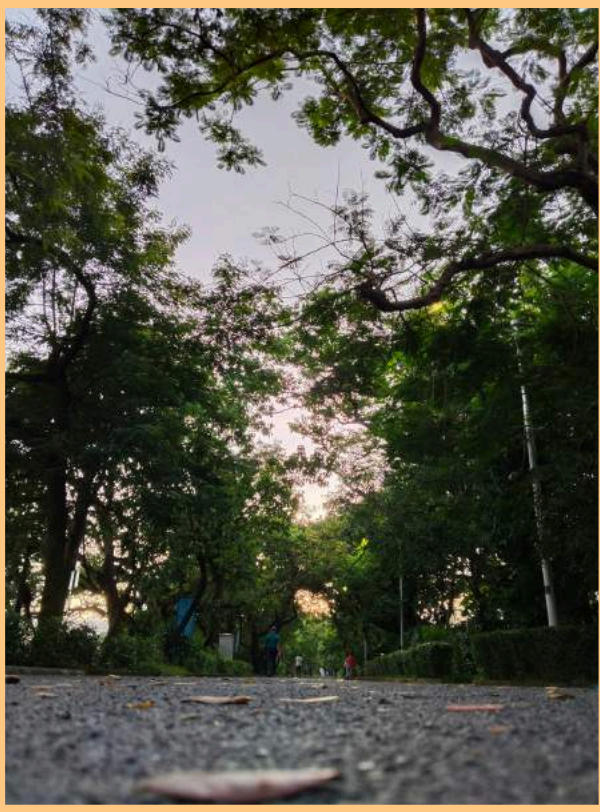
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Through The Lens
The DFS Photography Talent

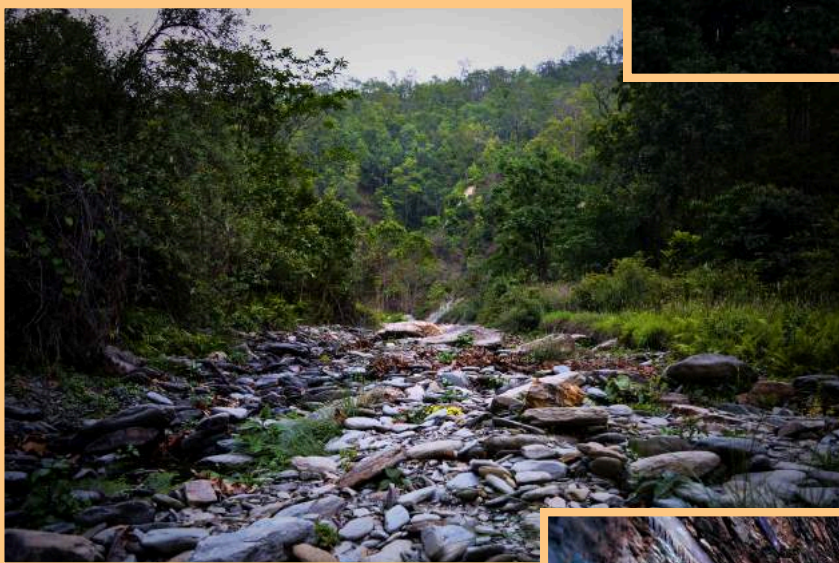
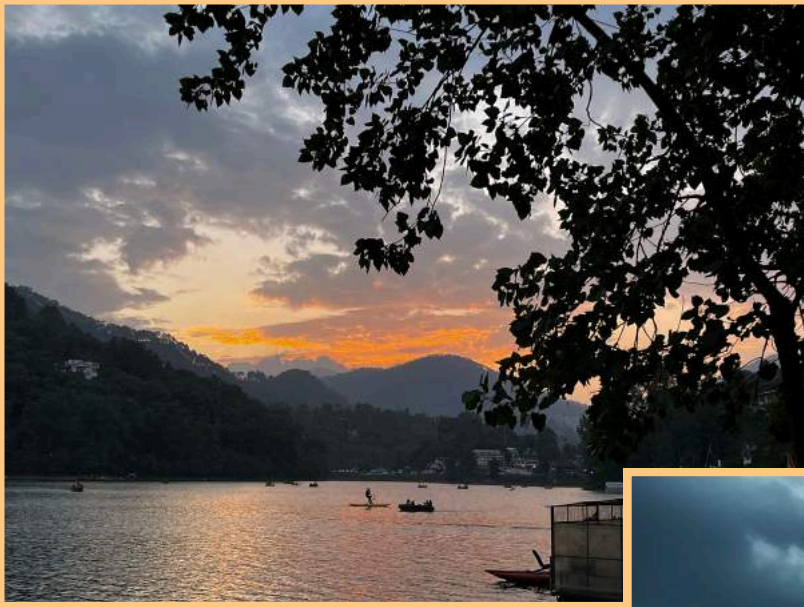
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EMPOWERING MINDS: SUCCESS STORY FROM THE NATIONAL DEBATE ARENA

We are thrilled to spotlight the remarkable achievement of one of our esteemed students, **Kartikeya Sinha**, who recently showcased exemplary talent and prowess at the **National Inter-University Debate**. Kartikeya represented the Department of Financial Studies - University of Delhi (erstwhile MFC) alongside the Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi, at this prestigious event organized by the **Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development**, New Delhi, on March 1st and 2nd, 2024.

The central theme of the debate revolved around India's demographic dividend, a topic deeply intertwined with the dynamics of our nation's business sector. Kartikeya's participation in this intellectually stimulating forum not only provided him with a platform to articulate his views but also offered an invaluable opportunity to engage with diverse perspectives from fellow scholars across the country.

Reflecting on his experience, Kartikeya expressed his gratitude for the enriching opportunity, emphasizing the significance of sharpening his research skills and honing his ability to formulate logical arguments. He remarked on the privilege of interacting with bright minds and exchanging ideologies, envisioning this experience as a stepping stone towards his aspirations as a finance professional. As Kartikeya's alma mater, we take immense pride in his achievements and commend his dedication to academic excellence. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kartikeya Sinha on this outstanding accomplishment and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.





Spotlight: **Mr. Reshabh Sharma** **(Batch of 2025)** **- A Student Entrepreneur** **Extraordinaire**

A dynamic entrepreneur and a bright student of our college, has been making waves in the world of digital marketing and entrepreneurship. Let's take a closer look at his remarkable journey:

Entrepreneurial Ventures:

- Founded SPAROW, a platform dedicated to sustainable products, achieving impressive sales figures and scaling the app to 5,000 Playstore Downloads within the first year.
- Fostered collaborations with influencers like Sidhu Moosewala and Somya Singh to promote the brand effectively.
- Sold equitable shares of the business and relocated to Andheri East, Mumbai, to explore new opportunities and maintained relations with existing clients.

His entrepreneurial ventures encompass a wide array of services, including:

- Providing comprehensive solutions in Digital Marketing, Public Relations, Content, Analytics & Technology Services.
- Effectively managed a team of 6 individuals, focusing on client reporting, budget management, and timely delivery of campaigns. Collaborated with more than 20 partners and handled affiliate marketing for prominent brands like Nissan, ABLWorkspaces, and many more.
- Spearheaded brand consultation initiatives, crafting engaging subject lines and conducting A/B testing to enhance conversion rates.
- Successfully handled the India and APAC region, ensuring smooth operations and identifying areas for improvement.





TRAILBLAZER'S TRIUMPH

THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP QUIZ



On August 21, 2023, the **Entrepreneurship & International Relations (E&IR) Cell** at **DFS** and the **ConsultBE** consulting club at **DBE, University of Delhi**, collaborated to host 'Trailblazer's Triumph: The Entrepreneurship Quiz' on **World Entrepreneurship Day**. The event featured four rounds: **Pen and Paper**, **Pass The Question**, **Rapid Fire**, and **Pass The Question** again.

In the **Pen and Paper** round, teams tackled multiple-choice questions on company knowledge, leading to the elimination of 9 teams out of 24. The **Pass The Question** round, with questions on founders, resulted in the elimination of 5 more teams out of 15.

The **Rapid Fire** round took the excitement to the stage, with tasks like identifying logos within a minute, leading to the elimination of 5 teams out of 10. Finally, in the last **Pass The Question** round, conceptual questions required quick thinking for one-word answers.

Despite challenges, a team Consisting of Sagar, Jai, Praveen and Sweekrit from **DFS** emerged **victorious**, with **DBE** teams securing **2nd** and **3rd** place. The event showcased collaboration, innovation, and the entrepreneurial spirit, leaving participants eager for future endeavors.

Holi Party



The **Sports and Recreation Club (SARC)** organized the highly anticipated Holi Party on **March 17, 2024**, at a lovely farm house in **Chattarpur**. This **poolside event**, a cherished annual tradition at DFS, brought together students from both batches for a day of vibrant celebration.

Organic colors, delectable food, and the **pulsating beats** of the **DJ** created an electrifying atmosphere that kept everyone on their feet throughout the festivities. The party, held against the backdrop of the picturesque farm, was a resounding success, with students reveling in the joyous spirit of Holi alongside their friends.

Once again, the **Holi Party** proved to be a highlight of the academic year, fostering camaraderie and unforgettable memories for all who attended.



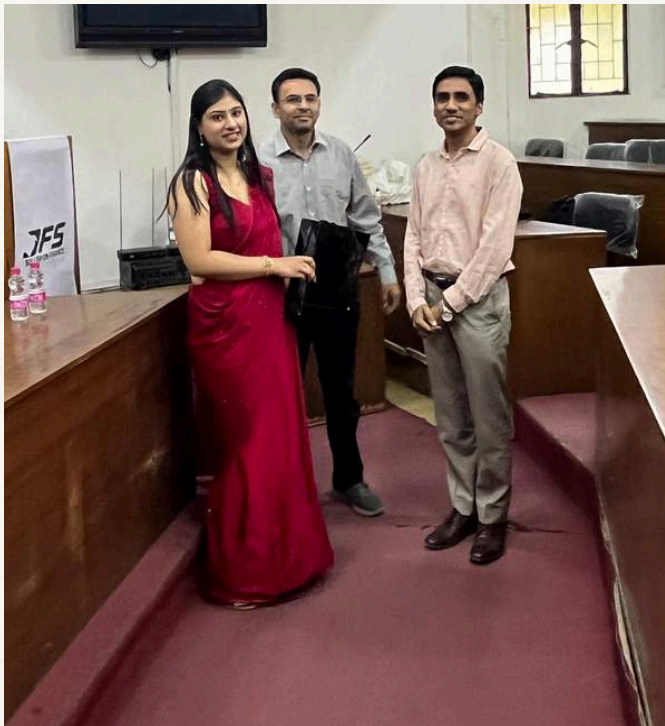
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