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What has IFSA India been like and what does the future hold?

The creation of our annual report was intermingled with a sense of nostalgia and pride. The process allowed us to realize that despite the pandemic, the seemingly unsurmountable odds proposed by an entirely online academic year, we have yet managed to uphold the ideas, culture and promise of excellence befitting an IFSA chapter.

Looking back we can't help but wonder about the interactions we had, the knowledge we gained, the relationships we built, our wide spectrum of achievements and experiences. IFSA allowed us to achieve what we thought was impossible in these uncertain times.

We started the year saying "it's only a matter of time before things go offline again". However as reality dawned on us, the new team members slowly started opening up to each other.

Together we embarked on a journey exploring each other's talents, covering for one another and supporting our fellow teammates in IFSA projects. We progressed from quickly googling creative project ideas in the middle of meetings to actually thinking out of the box. Our focus changed from simply trying to build our CVs to actually striving to make an impact. Through constant senior-junior interaction and guidance from our chapter leaders, the IFSA team of 20-21 became a close knit family.

We owe this glowing year, full of achievements, to the leaders of our chapter, to the effort of each and every member and to IFSA as a whole.

ISHAAN JAIN
CHAIRMAN
2020-21

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VICE-CHAIRMAN
2020-21

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

Over the past year, IFSA Network India has yet again persevered in promoting self-driven individuals to explore their academic interests in unparalleled ways. Their zealous spirit to push their boundaries is evidently reflected in the accolades that have decorated the trophy room over the last 12 months. Including some of the most prestigious global events such as the HSBC Investment Banking Olympiad and the CBS Case Competition, members of our network brought home almost 30 international wins in the last year alone.

As always, we continued to help our associates in expanding their horizons and widening breadth of their knowledge through both internal and external initiatives. Through informative Knowledge Sharing Sessions (KSS), we introduced the fresh batch of members to the basics of corporate finance, data analytics, technical analysis, and so on. In the same breath, this year also marked the inauguration of our flagship program 'IFSA Talks' wherein we invited industry professionals in the field of finance to lend their invaluable insights to our members and address their questions.

However, theoretical knowledge must always be accompanied by practical application. To that end, we undertook a market research project for a global health-tech firm under which our members learnt essential skills such as industry research and data analysis.



Through the annual 'Global Report', our members were also able to gain insights into macroeconomic trends in India such as the bull run of the stock market, foreign trade and the NPA crisis. The underpinning force beneath our initiatives was a desire to expand the network's collaboration within branches. To that end, we undertook a joint research report titled 'India & Switzerland' with IFSA Geneva. In this project, we analyzed the key features of various sectors of both the economies and explored the scope for future synergies.

We look forward to yet another exciting year of exploring, learning, and collaborating to take IFSA Network India to ever greater heights.

SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

WINS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Winning is not everything, but the effort to win is

60

**National & University
Level Wins**

28

**International
Level Wins**



Members of IFSA Network India have time and again proven their mettle and brought innumerable laurels. Having represented University of Delhi and India at multiple International Competitions, their achievements have brought prestige to the network and recognition to the college.

In the academic session 2020-21, members of IFSA Network India won many national and international competitions organized by reputed institutions like the Stockholm School of Economics, Copenhagen Business School, Harvard Business School, Ernst & Young, Duff & Phelps and HSBC to name a few.

MAJOR WINS



CBS Case Competition, organized by Copenhagen Business School is one of the most prestigious and sought-after international case competitions in the world.

A team comprising of 3 IFSA India members and one more participant, came 1st globally amongst 500+ teams in the preliminary round, and 6th on the list of nine teams which qualified for the semi-finals.

Duff & Phelps YOUNiversity Deal challenge teams in a broad range of skills, including mergers and acquisitions advisory, disputes, real estate, transaction opinions, and valuation advisory.

An IFSA India Member with another team member presented his solution to Duff & Phelps experts and nationally recognized professors, securing second position in the country

DUFF & PHELPS

MAJOR WINS



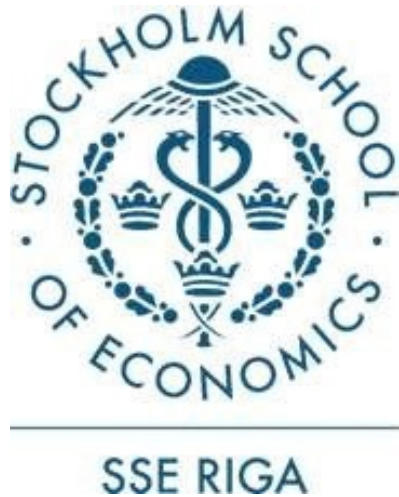
A member of IFSA Network India participated in **EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year 2021** and emerged as the National Runners-Up. The EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year is a global competition that recognizes the potential of women studying in universities to have a fulfilling career in finance. The competition consists of multiple rounds comprising of an online aptitude test, video interview, and personal evaluation.

Global Investment Banking Valuation Olympiad is one of the most sought-after investment banking competitions held worldwide witnessing 5000+ participants. After qualifying in the preliminary test round, the team was required to submit a memorandum surrounding an M&A case.

The team of IFSA India members stood in the top three teams internationally.



MAJOR WINS



Members of IFSA Network India participated in the **SSER Finance Challenge 2021**, organized by the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, and emerged as the Global Runners-Up.

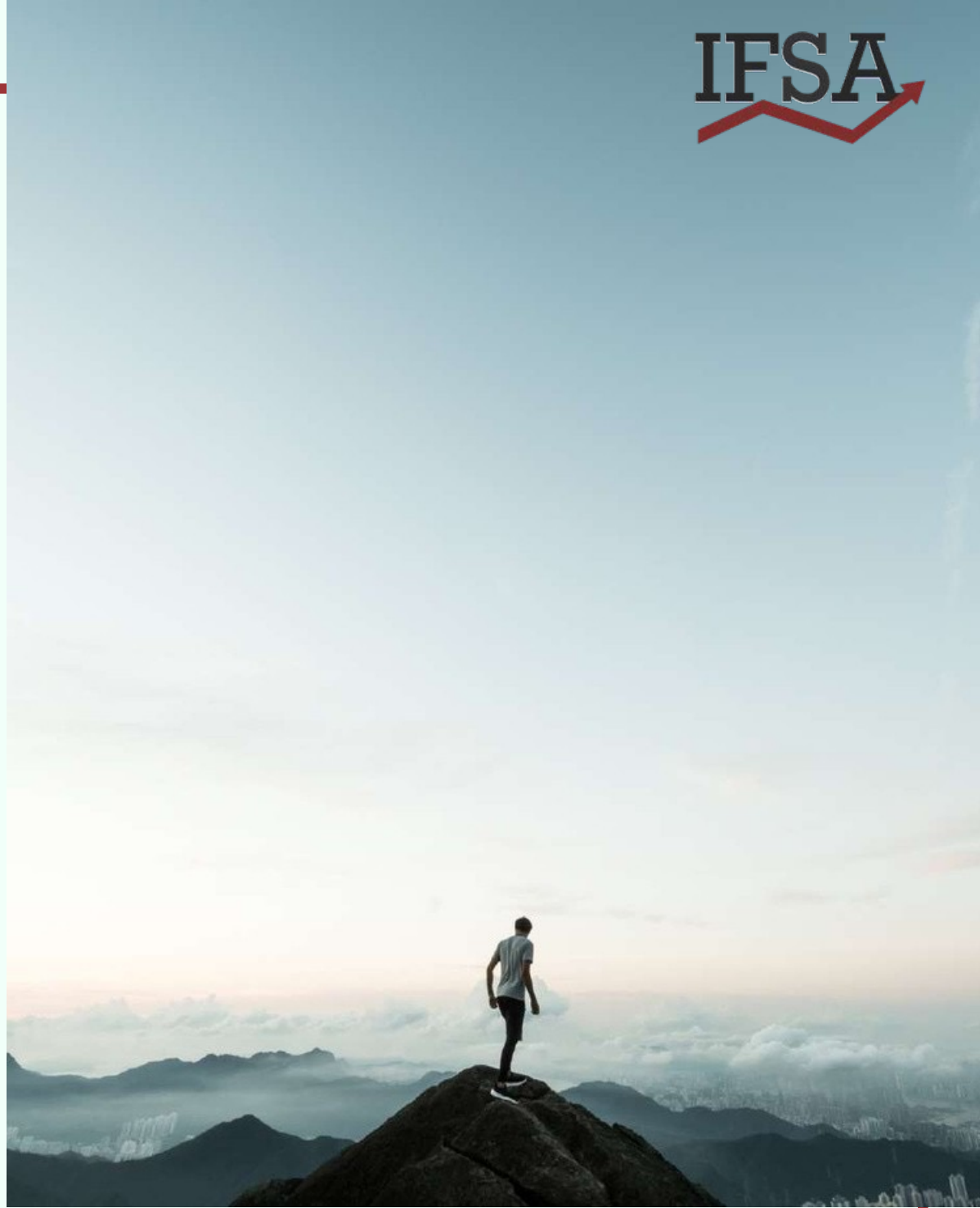
The competition required a pragmatic approach towards financial modelling combined with in-depth knowledge of valuation and corporate finance. It spanned over multiple dynamic rounds, inviting participants from 30+ countries.

World Asian Case Competition is an annual strategy case study competition organized by the Academy of Asian Business, South Korea. Team India, comprising two IFSA India Members and two other participants, became the only undergraduate college team from India to qualify for the International Finals in June 2020.

The final round was held as a virtual event on 8th August 2020, wherein Team India emerged as the Global Runners-Up.



REACHING THE SUMMIT



**No matter how much
one knows, there's
always one more thing
to learn**



MAJOR INITIATIVES

Over the past year, members of IFSA Network India have been involved in initiatives designed to not only provide them with the theoretical framework to understand the finance industry, but also imbibe in them practical and actionable skills. Through our Knowledge Sharing Sessions and IFSA Talks, we introduced students to a wide range of financial topics and career options. In order to provide our members a more hands-on experience and simultaneously boost their research skills, we undertook 2 academic projects, namely the Global Report and India& Switzerland, which helped our members learn about macroeconomic trends. To add to our list of historic achievements, we also successfully completed a live project for a major global health-tech company involving industry research and data analysis.



INDIA &

IFSANetwork India started a new initiative India& where the IFSA India branch collaborates with other branches with the primary objective of exploring in detail the economies of different countries, identifying their endemic strengths and weaknesses, and suggesting future avenues for cooperation amongst them. In our first edition, we collaborated with IFSA Geneva at the University of Geneva wherein our associates examined multiple industries like agriculture, automobile, cryptocurrency, FMCG, IT, and tourism.



MAJOR INITIATIVES

LIVE PROJECT



A consulting live project was taken up with a **\$1 Billion+ revenue company, now a subsidiary of FAANG group** (name cannot be disclosed due to contractual reasons). The project was divided into three phases. First phase included company profiling and analysis of the health-tech industry. Deliverables for the second phase included designing a survey to conduct primary market research and analysing the survey data using statistical tools such as one-way ANOVA, logistic regression and chi-square. The final phase included designing market entry strategies for the untapped demographics in India.

IFSA TALKS

IFSA Talks, started this year, is a platform that aims to **demystify the finance and corporate world**. This is a collaborative effort between our global chapters of IFSA Network to connect the young minds of the network with International working professionals and experts in the field of finance. The experts come from all over the world and have worked in reputed companies like Credit Suisse, Wells Fargo and Secretariat to name a few.

In the many fruitful sessions we've organized, the experts patiently answered all the doubts of the students attending the session from specific questions about their field of work to general questions about higher education and careers.



MEET THE SPEAKER

AJITH SUNDARESH

FINANCE LEAD FOR GLOBAL DELIVERY AND CFO FOR INDIA AND PHILIPPINES AT WELLS FARGO

DATE : 29th MAY 2021
TIME : 15:00 CET

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MEET THE SPEAKER

Mrinal Jain

DIRECTOR AT SECRETARIAT
LEADS THE FIRM'S ECONOMIC DAMAGES AND VALUATION PRACTICE IN INDIA

DATE : 11th June 2021
TIME : 15:00 CET

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MAJOR INITIATIVES

GLOBAL REPORT

The Global Report is an **international macroeconomics project** that aims to share an economic vision written exclusively by students from various finance and business student associations from the world's leading universities. The purpose behind this is to establish a periodic exchange of information, connecting five continents in a single document and providing a broad view of the economies of many countries.

IFSA Network India's contribution to the report included a detailed analysis of diverse economic issues relating to bullish trends in the Indian stock markets, the non performing assets (NPA) crisis faced by India and the impact of COVID-19 on India's foreign trade. The in-depth research on these issues helped the team to broaden the horizons and interact with student associations from all across the world.



PEER TO PEER KSS

Throughout the session, many peer to peer knowledge sharing sessions were held, where a wide array of topics ranging from finance basics to valuation were talked about. Some other topics that were covered are data visualization using Tableau, Python, Technical Analysis, Case Frameworks and Slide Structuring. This activity proved to be very beneficial for the junior members who got insights on many new fields. It was equally good a learning opportunity for the seniors who gained more proficiency while explaining concepts.



TEACHER INCHARGES

IFSA SSCBS would like to thank its Teacher In charges for their contribution and guidance throughout enabling the society to function and prosper. It is their support that has been one of the pillars for the society's growth. We again would like to give a special mention to our teacher In-charges.



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