

## Faculty Development Series

### Investment Landscape and Role of FinTech in a Pandemic World

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The FDP on “**Investment Landscape and Role of FinTech in a Pandemic World**” was organized in online mode by CMS Business School, (Deemed-to-be University) which was held on **26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

#### Session 1

The first session was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, which was divided into two segments. On the first segment the topic of discussion was “**Passive Investment Strategies**” Dr. B R Rao, Professor and Head (Finance Department), CMS Business School, Jain (Deemed-to-be University) was the resource person. Dr. Rao discussed the art and science of passive investing required to be deciphered for the benefit of individual investors. With the examples of the investment gurus like Benjamin Graham (father of value investing), Warren Buffett, Jack Bogle, John Templeton, and Peter Lynch, who advocated passive investing, He stressed on the importance of Mutual funds and exchange trade.



He was introduced to the participants by Dr. Ajay Massand, Assistant Professor, CMS Business School, who moderated and hosted this segment. Dr. Ajay Massand, also gave the welcome speech on the occasion and welcomed all the participants, director, faculty members and Dr. Harold Andrew Patrick, Professor and Dean, of CMS Business School.

The second segment of the first session was conducted on the topic **“Option Trading Strategies”**. Dr. Avijit Bakshi was the resource person who highlighted on key concepts such as Option trading is more complicated than trading in stocks. He elaborated the methods by which a retail investor can leverage the benefit associated with options in terms of cost efficiency, the potentiality to deliver higher percentage returns, etc. This session was hosted and moderated by Dr. Chaya Bagrecha.

Both the segments were enriching with wide spectrum of knowledge and gave a great learning experience to all the participants.

## Session 2

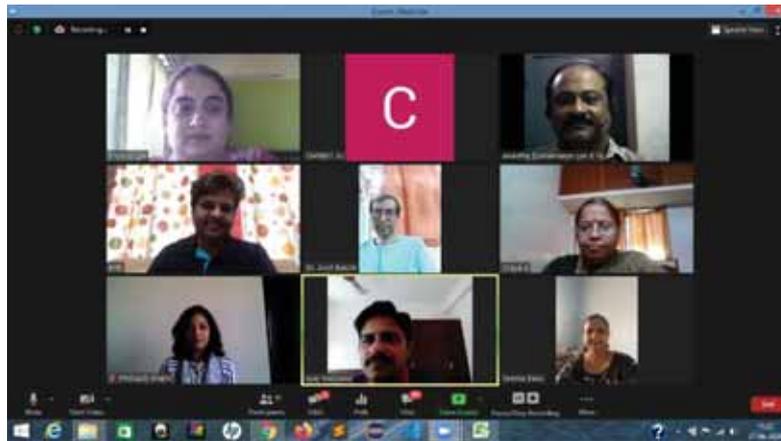
The second session of the FDP was conducted on 27 June, 2020 which was also divided into two segments.

The topic of the first segment was **“Blockchain Technology Applications in Finance”**

Dr. Preetha Chandran the resource person gave an overview of Blockchain Technology. She threw light on concepts like decentralization, immutability, and transparency, which made it appealing for business sectors and domains across the world. She also spoke on the uses of Blockchain in the banking and finance industry. This session was hosted and moderated by Dr. Shakeela Banu.



The topic for the second segment was **“Decisions in Turbulent Times - Understanding Behavioural Biases”** Prof. Priya Angle and Prof. Firdaus the resource persons for this segment spoke on the biases which affect the decision making of investors, and elaborated about the understanding of these biases that will enable investors to be better prepared for effective an decision making approach. This session was hosted and moderated by Prof. Ananth Subramanya Iyer.



At the end of this two day FDP spanning over four segments, feedbacks were also taken from the participants. The results of the feedback reflected the contentment of participants who expressed their desire for such fruitful programs in future.