

MDI Gurgaon Hosts National Symposium and Inaugurates Centre for Financial Services to Advance Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047

Gurgaon, May 27, 2025: MDI Gurgaon successfully hosted a landmark symposium titled “**Fully Banked, Insured, and Pensioned Society for a Viksit Bharat 2047: Future Road Map**”, bringing together thought leaders from the public and private sectors to deliberate on the future of India’s financial ecosystem. The event also marked the **inauguration of the Centre for Financial Services** at MDI Gurgaon — a pivotal step in the institute’s journey toward shaping national financial policy and innovation.

Held on May 27, 2025, at the MDI Gurgaon campus, the event featured a daylong series of high-impact discussions, attracting eminent policymakers, regulatory heads, financial strategists, and academic scholars. The symposium provided a platform to explore the road ahead for India’s banking, insurance, and pension systems in the context of achieving developed nation status — a “Viksit Bharat” — by 2047.

The inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by **Prof. Arvind Sahay, Director, MDI Gurgaon**, followed by keynote insights from **Dr. Deepak Mohanty**, Chairman, PFRDA, and **Shri M Damodaran**, Former Chairman, SEBI. They emphasised the role of robust financial inclusion and digital innovation in accelerating socio-economic development.

The event featured three thematic panel discussions:

- *Innovations and Strategies for India’s Banking Future*
- *India’s Fintech Revolution: Innovating Through Market Shifts*
- *Bridging Gaps: Financial Inclusion, Insurance, and Pension Coverage*

These sessions witnessed participation from distinguished leaders, including **Sh. Pankaj Sharma (DFS, MoF)**, **Sh. Manoj Mittal (SIDBI)**, **Sh. Debadatta Chand (Bank of Baroda)**, **Sh. Prithwish Sinha, Director, FS Advisory, PwC India**, **Prof. M.S. Sahoo, Former Chairman, IBBI**, **Sh. Venkatachalam Iyer, MD & CEO, Tata AIA Life Insurance** and many others who shared pragmatic insights and forward-thinking strategies.

The day concluded with the much-anticipated **Valedictory Session and the Inauguration of the Centre for Financial Services**, graced by **Shri M Nagaraju, I.A.S., Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India**. In his address, he highlighted the critical role of institutional partnerships and academic excellence in building a sustainable and inclusive financial framework.

Speaking on the occasion, **Prof. Arvind Sahay, Director, MDI Gurgaon** remarked, “*MDI Gurgaon is proud to contribute meaningfully to the national dialogue on financial empowerment.*”

With the launch of the Centre for Financial Services, we aim to catalyse thought leadership, policy innovation, and capacity building in India's financial sector."

The Centre for Financial Services will serve as a dedicated platform for cutting-edge research, executive education, and stakeholder engagement to support the Government of India's vision for economic and financial inclusion.

Prof. Manoj Anand, Dean SoMFI, briefed about the new centre, while faculty in-charge **Prof. Leena Ajit Kaushal and Prof. Neharika Sobti** hosted all the keynote and panel discussions.

The symposium concluded with a vote of thanks by **Prof. Imlak Shaikh**, Chairperson, School of Management of Financial Institutions, followed by high tea and networking.

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