

National Institute of Securities Markets

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Second Annual Capital Market Conference July 22, July 23, 2021

“Investors interest and innovative instruments”

Chairman SEBI Sri Ajay Tyagi inaugurated the second annual conference organised by National Institute of Capital Markets on July 22 and July 23 2020 with the theme “Investors interest and Innovative instruments” and delivered key note address. The complete key note address may be read at SEBI site. Highlights of the key note address are given below:

- The year gone by has seen overwhelming participation by retail investors in the Indian securities market. The task before us is to sustain growing investors’ interest by maintaining market integrity, simplifying processes, ensuring proper and robust risk management, introducing new products and increasing awareness.
- The cumulative number of total demat accounts increased from 41 million at beginning of FY 21 to 55 million by the end of FY21 – an increase of 34.7 %.
- Equity cash market turnover increased from INR 96.6 trillion in FY20 to INR 164.4 trillion in FY21 – an increase of 70.2%.
- The AUM under mutual funds increased from INR 22.3 trillion at the beginning of FY 21 to INR 31.4 trillion at the end of FY21- an increase of 41%.
- FPI investment in Indian equities was USD 37 billion during FY21- which is the highest during any single financial year.
- It also needs to be acknowledged that by their very nature, the markets are forward looking and the present investments take into account future growth prospects. Add to this, the Regulator’s effort in terms of continuous dialogue with stakeholders to bring in required regulatory changes, rationalizing procedures and maintaining trust in the market.
- Along-with the robust growth, it is heartening to note that our markets are entering a new era with several new age tech companies preferring to list domestically. Our markets offer as attractive a fund raising proposition as any overseas market.

- Out of the total funds raised of around INR 900 billion by REITs and InvITs together till date, more than INR 620 billion have been raised after 2019-20. In just around 4 years from the time since the first InvIT was listed, total assets under REITs and InvITs have grown to INR 3.5 trillion.
- The number of NFOs having ESG theme shot up by 300% during FY21, while the amount mobilized shot up by 189% during the same period. As at end of March 2021, the AUM of domestic mutual fund schemes with ESG theme stood at more than INR100 billion.
- He also spoke about the SEBI initiatives that have contributed to improved Indian market attractiveness viz., Online KYC, measures for ease of capital raising, Accredited investor concept, reduction of cooling off period between two QIB placements, interoperability of clearing corporations, upfronted margins, pledge-repledge mechanism, security blocking mechanism, segregation of client margin deposits, investor awareness initiatives, etc.

Whole Time Member of SEBI and Director of NISM Sri SK Mohanty delivered the welcome address. He said that NISM, in addition to conducting full time courses viz., MBA equivalent, LLM, PG diploma in PMS/IA/RA, diploma in Data sciences also conducts executive development programs for the benefit of executives working in securities markets and public servants. NISM also focuses on research in securities markets subjects and this conference is one such effort. He said that NISM has launched a research associates program in an outcome based reward structure wherein researchers are required to conduct research on specified topics and complete the work in a stipulated time. There are 6 such project which are in advanced stages of completion. He said that NISM is able to attract researchers not only from all over the country but from abroad as well.

NISM has been conducting such research conferences consistently. NISM, earlier during February 2021 conducted an International research conference jointly with SEBI and several serious researchers, academicians and practitioners regularly participate in these conferences by contributing research papers and attending the conference. In this 2nd annual conference there are as many as 900 registration from all over the country and from abroad as well. Details of the conference can be seen on NISM website www.nism.ac.in.

NISM received 113 papers for this conference. They are peer reviewed on no name basis and 17 papers which received 'strongly accepted' rating are invited for presentation at the conference. About 27 papers that received 'accepted' rating and the 17 papers will be published as a compendium by NISM. In addition, Asia Pacific Financial Markets - a Scopus and ABDC grade research journal and FIIB Business Review – a Scopus grade journal – have agreed to bring out a special issue containing these articles as well. In addition to publication in these journals, three best papers are awarded cash prize as well.

The 17 papers cover topics viz., Mutual Funds, Commodity Markets, Stock Market effectiveness, Regulatory effectiveness (buy back and insider trading) and even a paper on impact of work from home. Papers are contributed by authors from Dubai, USA, UK, Austria, China, Australia and from IIM, IIT, NIT and other well-known and remote universities in India.

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