



Gujarat Technological University

School of Management Studies

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Report on

“FinTech Olympiad Jointly Organised by Gujarat Technological University-School of Management Studies and India Fintech Forum”

1. Title of Event: FinTech Olympiad 2025 (regional round)
2. Type of Event: Panel Discussion and Competition
3. Date: 4th October 2025
Time: 9:30 AM To 5:00 PM
4. Venue: B-0 Conference Hall, GTU
5. Experts of the inaugural session:
 - Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, GTU
 - Dr. K. N. Kher, Registrar, GTU
 - Dr Dipesh Shah, Executive Director-IFSCA, GIFT City
 - Mr. Hiren Dharmasinh, MD Cashrich and representative India Fintech Forum, Mumbai
 - Mr. Sunil Shekhavat, Founder-Saanchi Connect, New Delhi
 - Dr. Pankajray Patel, Professor and Director, GTU School of Management Studies

6. Description of the Event:

The First FinTech Olympiad in Gujarat was successfully hosted by Gujarat Technological University (GTU) in collaboration with the India FinTech Forum, marking a significant step toward fostering financial technology awareness and innovation among students.

The event commenced with the Regional Round, organized through the collective efforts of the hosts, faculty members, participants, and volunteers. From among all the participants, the top three performers were selected to represent Gujarat at the National-Level FinTech Olympiad. The Olympiad comprised two rounds of testing, thoughtfully designed to assess participants’ conceptual understanding, problem-solving ability, and analytical skills in the FinTech domain.

Between the two rounds, an insightful panel discussion was held on the theme “Can India be a Global FinTech Hub?”. The session featured prominent industry leaders — Mr. Hiren Dharmashi, Managing Director, Cashrich (Mumbai); Mr. Mudit Vijayvergia, Founder, SBNRI (Mumbai); and Mr. Sunil Shekhavat, Founder, Saanchi Connect (New Delhi). The discussion was skillfully moderated by Dr. Jasmin B. Gupta, Founder, MeitMoney, who guided the dialogue toward key opportunities, challenges, and policy directions for India’s FinTech growth.

The Olympiad began with an inaugural address by Mr. Hiren Dharmashi, Managing Director, Cashrich, and representative of the India FinTech Forum, setting an inspiring tone for the competition.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar appreciated the participation and contributions of the distinguished guests, industry experts, and organizing teams in making the First FinTech Olympiad a resounding success. She encouraged students to explore opportunities in FinTech through active learning and collaboration. Dr. Gajjar emphasized Gujarat's deep-rooted financial acumen and its potential to emerge as a leading FinTech hub. Highlighting GIFT City as a prime example of global financial innovation, she underscored the importance of integrating technology with finance to strengthen India's startup ecosystem. She also mentioned GTU's Centres of Excellence in Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Solar Energy, motivating students to leverage AI in FinTech solutions, particularly for addressing challenges faced by the MSME sector.

The event was structured into two key segments — Pre-lunch and Post-lunch sessions.

The first segment comprised the competition rounds and the panel discussion, which encouraged critical thinking and real-world understanding of the FinTech landscape.

The second segment, held after lunch, featured an enriching Round Table Discussion between Industry and Academia, aimed at bridging the gap between educational frameworks and evolving industry practices. The session brought together a distinguished panel of experts, including:

- Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University
- Mr. Sandeep Dixit, Director Project & Executive Board Member, International Fintech Institute, GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- Mr. Chandan Singh, Sr. VP and State Head, Digital Transaction Banking, YES Bank
- Mr. Hiren Dharmashi, Managing Director, Cashrich, Mumbai
- Mr. Mudit Vijayvergia, Founder, SBNRI, Mumbai
- Mr. Sunil Shekhavat, Founder, Saanchi Connect, New Delhi
- Mr. Saptarshi Das, CFA, Founder, Yottol – Multiproduct Financial Product Distribution Platform, Gandhinagar
- Dr. Bhavesh Patel, Program Chair, MBA (Family Business and Entrepreneurship), Nirma University, Ahmedabad
- Mr. Akash Parekh, Founder, ArgyleEnigma Tech Findoc, Gandhinagar, and Ex-Morgan Stanley
- Dr. Narayan Baser, Professor of Finance and Head, Department of Management, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar (Member, Global Blockchain Forum)
- Dr. Pankajray Patel, Professor and Director, GTU School of Management Studies

- Dr. Jasmin B. Gupta, Founder, MeitMoney – Moderator

The round table fostered a thought-provoking dialogue on how collaborative initiatives



between industry and academia can accelerate innovation, enhance employability, and strengthen India's FinTech ecosystem.

The event concluded on a high note, with participants expressing appreciation for the opportunity to engage with industry leaders and gain first-hand insights into the rapidly evolving world of financial technology. The seamless execution, structured sessions, and valuable knowledge exchange made the FinTech Olympiad a milestone event in GTU's academic journey toward promoting innovation and digital transformation in finance.

7. Number of participants:

A total of 260 students from various colleges & universities of Gujarat attended the event and participated in the competition.

8. Geotag Photographs of the event:



9. Flyer of the event



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ON
4th October, 2025

Chief Guest



Dr. Dipesh Shah
Executive Director, IFSCA, GIFT City

Patron



Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GTU

Invited By

Dr. K. N. Kher
Registrar, GTU

Dr. Pankajray Patel
Director, GTU-SMS

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10. Feedback of the Event:

- The event was well-organized with excellent time management and attention to detail.
- Mentors were knowledgeable, approachable, and provided valuable fintech insights.
- Mentoring sessions were well-structured, ensuring equal attention and constructive feedback for all participants.
- Execution was seamless—from registration to presentations—with strong coordination.
- Technical setup and infrastructure were efficient, enabling smooth operations.
- Jury evaluation was transparent and motivating.
- Management and volunteers offered proactive support and clear communication.
- The event fostered a vibrant learning atmosphere combining innovation, competition, and collaboration.

11. Social Media Post



Glimpse of Event:



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