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## Churning Out Financial Wizards

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**F**OUNDED in the year 1987, Indian Institute of Finance (IIF) has emerged as a leading centre of excellence in the area of finance. It has pioneered in finance education in the country and contributed tremendously towards suggesting policy prescriptions to the governments. In the last 15 years it has developed various theories and principles of financial management. It has also been ranked 9th Best Sectoral Business School by MDRA- Outlook Survey 2001

16000 pages of text in last 15 years. He is often invited to chair technical sessions, review papers and deliver keynote speeches all over the world. He has had chance to address more than 150 such gatherings nationally and internationally and organised more than 160 expert techniques in the last five years.

"The Institute has emerged as a base for scholarship, high quality professional education and research internationally" adds Prof. J.D. Agarwal.

wares, supported by latest peripherals and Internet facilities. Besides, it has a centralised computing facility to complement the teaching and research functions of the institute.

The institute has already signed MOUs with a number of universities abroad and is setting up an Uzbekistan-Indian Business School in Tashkent.

Vinay Gupta, MBF 2000 batch says with pride "The high standards of education in finance, imparted at IIF, both in terms of knowledge and comprehensiveness are highly commendable. I will owe an in-depth, gratitude towards IIF throughout my life, for the vital role it has played in my career."

According to Piyush Chaudhary MBF 2001 batch "This tailor made course has provided me competence and has helped generate a holistic financial acumen that I think will evolve me as a perfect finance professional in the years to come."

Sharing his experience at IIF, Shashank Shekhar Panda MBF 2002 batch said "IIF is not just an institute, It is an experience. Unique in its culture and philosophy; it easily qualifies to be the one of the world's best training grounds, not only in the field of finance, but also in the field of real life. It intends to groom you to be a manager par excellence and a good corporate citizen. It has forever been the institute's endeavour to instill confidence in the students. One thing that is really visible is the sincerity with which any task is taken up and taken to its logical conclusion. The rigor and the tough schedule stretches one to one's limits and compels one to challenge one's domains. This is the time when we learnt the true meaning of team work."

"It is extremely painful process to develop an Institute of international repute from scratch starting from a room in his house in 1987 without any government support and against all odds. However, finally it has been done and reached a level of high reputation internationally. It is academically sound and financially strong" But still feels that "there is a long way to go but we are prepared to meet successfully the challenges which lie ahead," concludes Prof J D Agarwal.



Prof. J.D. Agarwal, Chairman and Director, Indian Institute of Finance

and 45th World Wide by American Statistical Association based on ratings for maintaining financial databases.

Prof. J.D. Agarwal, Chairman and Director, Indian Institute of Finance (IIF) is an outstanding educationist and financial expert, who is known internationally for his research, teaching and editing. His linkages with Nobel Laureates, financial experts and leading economists world over and other leading personalities in India are a matter of pride for IIF. He has authored more than 10 books, 70 research papers (more than 4000 pages of text material) and edited more than 60 volumes of Finance India i.e

It's quarterly journal 'Finance India' is an intensive theoretical and policy based research with publication and dedication of most distinguished internationally recognised faculty and unique method of teaching.

The institute is well equipped with over 35000 collections, 550 technical journals and other research material received from international agencies and the Government, as a great resource. "There is no outer limit for budget for purchasing library books and other material," adds Prof. Pushpender Singh.

The computer centre provides latest Pentium II & III IBM servers, licensed soft-