

Global Fintech Fest 2023 Concludes With a Footfall of 65K From Over 100 Countries, Investment Conversations of \$ 2Bn

Mumbai, September 8, 2023: Emerging as the world's largest thought leadership platform the Global Fintech Fest 2023 (GFF 2023) concluded here on Thursday, September 7, with a promise to return in the 5th edition October 8 – 10, 2024, with an even larger agenda. The three-day conference brought together on one platform policymakers, regulators, bankers, industry captains, academicians and professionals of the fintech landscape from all over the world.

Not only insightful speaking sessions, but GFF 2023 was also abuzz with a plethora of other activities including a huge exhibition, numerous investment pitches, master classes and workshops. Numbers speak for themselves. Here is the grand scale of the world's largest fintech conference at a glance:

- **900 speakers, from 30+ countries**
- **Regulatory dignitaries from 100+ countries**
- **300+ exhibitors**
- **300+ investors – VCs, angels, PE funds**
- **\$ 2Bn Investment conversations**
- **100+ product launches**
- **80+ whitepapers released**
- **22 thought leadership report launches**
- **3 hackathons (SEBI, NABARD and SBI)**
- **65,000 footfalls from 100+ countries**

GFF 2023 was supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MietY), the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and was organized by the Payments Council of India (PCI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC).

Among the leading international agencies which partnered with GFF 2023 are the World Bank, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), and Women's World Banking. Australia, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Germany and Israel were the Country Partners of GFF 2023.

Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, GFF 2023 Advisory Board, Chairman, Axilor Ventures and Co-founder, Infosys, in his welcome address, set the context of the conference saying, that the "mission of the GFF is clear: to provide a unifying platform for fintech visionaries to come together, collaborate and chart the course of the future of our industry".

GFF 2023 was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**. In her inaugural address, she commended the Global Fintech Fest for becoming “a very powerful network of experts, both financial and also technological”.

Among other luminaries who addressed the conference were **Shri Shaktikanta Das**, Governor, Reserve Bank of India; **Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad**, Minister of State for Finance, Government of India **Smt. Madhabi Puri Buch**, Chairperson, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI); **Shri Debasish Panda**, Chairperson, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI); **Shri K Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA), and **Shri Dinesh Kumar Khara**, Chairman, State Bank of India.

GFF 2023 was also marked by a significant global presence. Among international stalwarts who spoke at the conference were **Mr. Maha Prasad Adhikari**, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank; **Ms. Soraya M Hakuziyaremye** Vice-Chairperson and Deputy Governor, National Bank of Rwanda; **Mr. Aleksi Grym**, Head of Fintech, Bank of Finland; **Mr. Eduardo Enrique Torres Llosa Villacorta**, General Manager, Central Bank of Peru; **H.E. Khaled Al Basias**, Director Financial Sector Development, Saudi Central Bank; **Ms. Doris Dietze**, Head of Digital Finance Division, Payment Services and Cybersecurity, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany; **Mr. Masaki Bessho**, Head of FinTech Centre, Payment & Settlement Systems Department, Bank of Japan; **Mr. Andy White**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Payments Network (AusPayNet) and **Mr. Thomas Kurian**, Chief Executive Officer, Google Cloud.

Instituted under GFF, the Global Fintech Awards 2023 recognised and celebrated outstanding accomplishments of individuals and entities in the fintech ecosystem around the globe. The awards were given away at a gala ceremony on September 5 in three categories, divided into 15 subcategories.

To sum it up, GFF 2023 arrived on the international map of fintech conferences with a huge bang, reflecting India’s leadership in the global fintech ecosystem.