Faculty of Commerce and Management, Savitribai Phule Pune University AND School of Commerce & School of Economics, NMIMS Navi Mumbai "Emerging Trends in Finance" on July 10, 2021 (9am to 1pm)

Dr. Parag Kalkar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management, Savitribai Phule Pune University and Dr. Salim Shamsher, Associate Dean, School of Commerce inaugurated the event with their presence and Student Council President Ms. Sunjana Srivastava (SOC-NMIMS) introduced the Deans of Respective Colleges and guest speakers to the students.

The session had three topics:

Topic 1:

Emerging Investment Avenues (Commodities and Currencies) was conducted by Mr. Prashant S. Baman -- Associate Vice President at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited.

The lecture began with a brief introduction about the basics of Emerging Investment Avenues (Commodities and Currencies) by Mr. Prashant S. Baman which was followed by him sharing his incredibly useful and practical insights on the topic.

He also engaged the audience with relevant factual data w.r.t Trading strategies in Commodities and Currencies and help familiarize w.r.t the practicality in the domain. He further explained how in today's day and age educational qualifications have also come to be superseded by relevant expertise and experience.

Mr. Baman started by explaining the basic structure of trading and the market, the returns expectations one should have and evaluating risks. A graphical comparison between the Global and Indian Trading

Scenario was given. The speaker then elaborated on Agro and Non-Agro commodities and on how to trade them via channels like ETF or exchanges like MCX. The various indexes for commodity trading were introduced. Further, the fundamentals of the currency market were elucidated which included the drivers of the market and some analytical foundations.
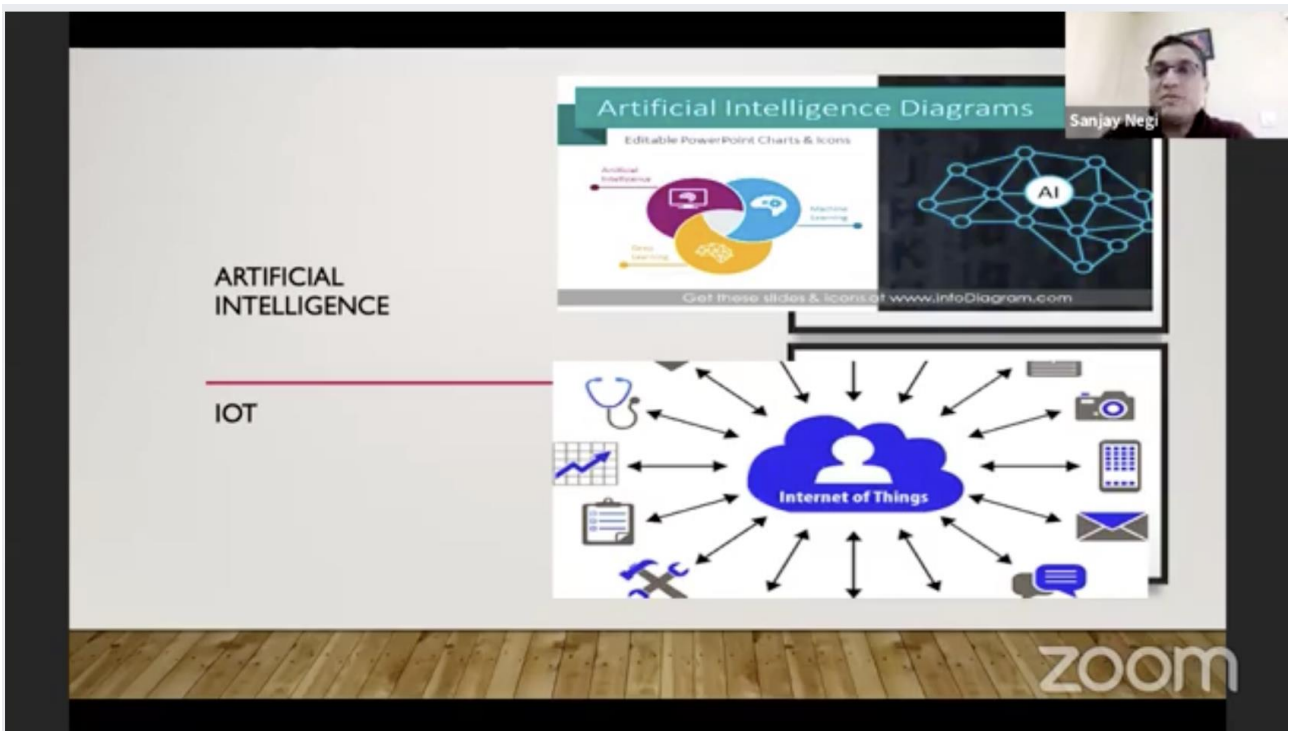
Topic 2:

FINTECH (Financial Technologies) was conducted by Sanjay Negi Business Head - Prime Solutions Financial Services & Systems.

The lecture began with a brief introduction about the Emerging Trends and Technologies in Fintech by Sanjay Negi Business Head - Prime Solutions Financial Services & Systems. which was followed by him sharing latest videos on the topic.

He also engaged the audience with relevant practical insights which helped students relate better to the current trends in Fintech. He further explained how in today's day and age Fintech is the need of the hour.
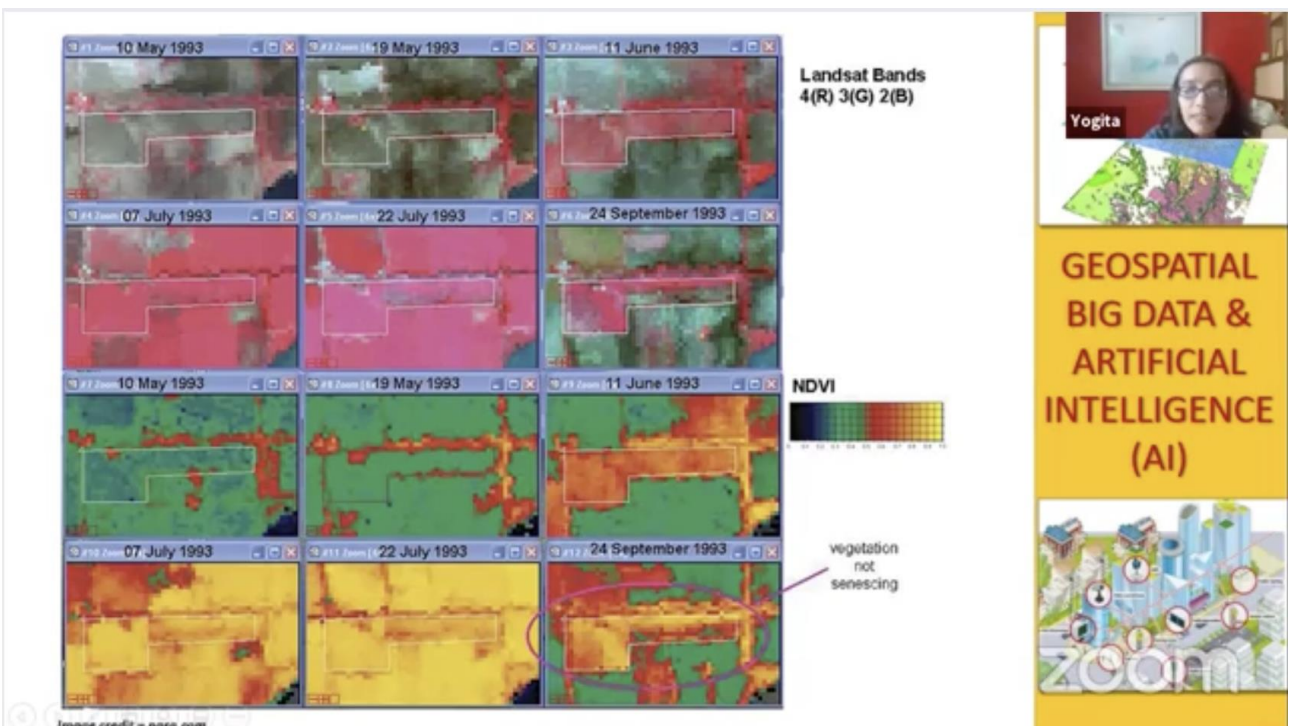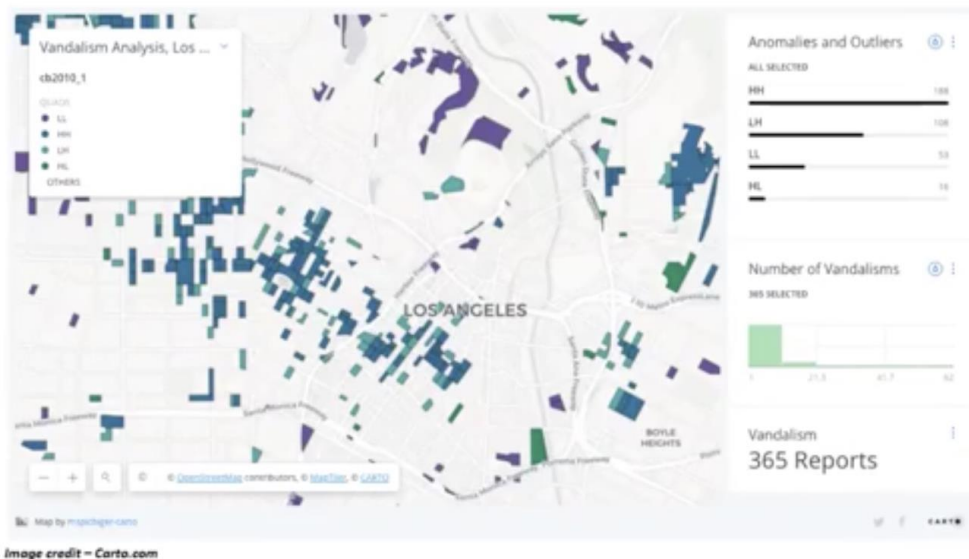
Topic 3:

Spatial Technologies in Finance was conducted by Dr. Yogita Shukla - Founder and Principal Scientist – Re-invigorating Science for Himalayas (RISHI)
The lecture began with a brief introduction about the basics of Spatial Technologies in Finance by Dr. Yogita Shukla - Founder and Principal Scientist – Re-invigorating Science for Himalayas (RISHI), which was followed by her sharing latest applications of Spatial Technologies across domains and its application in Financial Services in the Future.

She engaged the audience and helped bring a new perspective and a totally new outlook w.r.t Application of Spatial Technologies in Finance.

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Ms.Shukla explained all transactions are tied to a location or space and spatial technology comes into the picture. Geospatial technology has the common denomination of is location and space. It's a suite of multidisciplinary technologies. It is the science of where. It comprises of

- Earth observation,
- GIS and
- Analytics and modelling.

The fundamental understanding of AI via masking and marking generated through deep learning was given.

Further, the need, applications and impact of this innovation were explained.

Ms Shukla expounded on where the analytics from this technology can be used. The themes covered included - insurance, loans and mortgages, banking and financial services, commodities trading, energy market, economic activity indicators, underwriting and accurate pricing, catastrophe modelling, exposure management, portfolio risk analysis, policy pricing optimization, human resource management, ATM optimization, geomarketing. The use of this technology in the financial services sector was expounded upon touch basing on the following topics
1)white space analysis
2) trade area analysis
3)data monetization
4)consumer profiling for credit
5)transaction analysis

Finally, a case study on retail stores consolidation concluded the session to give the session a touch of reality.

The ground was opened to questions from the audience at the end of the session which were answered ardently by all the individual esteemed speakers.

Finally, Prof. Gaurav Shetty presented the Vote of Thanks and expressed his gratitude to our esteemed Deans, Guest Speakers, Management of Faculty of Commerce and Management, Savitribai Phule Pune University and NMIMS Navi Mumbai, students and staff members for such a remarkable session with the students of NMIMS Navi Mumbai and Faculty of Commerce and Management, Savitribai Phule Pune University.