



Student Affairs Highlights

APRIL 2022 EDITION



tedx

A TEDx event is a local gathering where live TED-like talks and performances are shared with the community. TEDx events are fully planned and coordinated independently on a community-by-community basis. TEDxIIITD 2022, on behalf of IIITD, was organised by a team of passionate students on 16th April 2022. Being the 6th of its kind, TEDxIIITD 2022 was one of the biggest offline events held on campus this year.



It consisted of a panel of inspiring speakers, including Actor Mr Atul Srivastava, Actress Ms Bhagyashree, and Social Activist Ms Shabnam Hashmi, to name a few. The star-studded event was a seven hour-long opportunity to get inspired, network and be entertained, all under one roof. The event witnessed nine speakers and two performances, one of which was done by a speaker.



The panel of speakers included actress Ms Bhagyashree, actor Mr Atul Srivastava, social activist Ms Shabnam Hashmi, mental health activist Ms Anna Chandy, journalist Mr Anshul Bhagi, comedian Papa CJ, Camp K-12 CEO Mr Arun Singh, ScoreMe VP Mr Praveen Khanna and Singer-Songwriter Arko, along with performances from Ritesh Singh and a standup bit from Papa CJ himself! The topics of the talks ranged from personal growth and trauma to the metaverse, all revolving around the theme of “Found Missing”.



The set and sound design complimented the event perfectly. A huge accent piece in an “x” shape took centre stage. It had an overlaid map with cleverly placed lights which denoted paths. A red circle placed on the ground is where the speakers stand and deliver their talks.

This has been a staple tradition of TEDx events. Hall C-101 was doused in

red and blue lights to create beautiful hues on stage and around the audience. The event’s ambience was unmatched and received praise from many audience members and guest speakers. It did become a hotspot for people to get professional-looking pictures clicked once the talks were over.



The audience enjoyed good company, but they were also greeted with fantastic food and multiple snack breaks from reputable big names such as Burger King and Pind Baluchi. The first snack break included bottomless unlimited wraps and volcanoes from Burger King and multiple sides of snacks and beverages that included fizzy drinks, coffee, tea, lassi, fruit juices, etc.

The lunch was a thali served by Pind Baluchi, complete with aerated beverages. Munchies included chips, biscuits, etc., and coffee, tea and energy drinks like Red Bull were offered around the clock.



TEDxIIITD 2022 saw many happy faces excited to attend an offline event after so long, one which resonated with them. The feeling of Finding something they had been Missing. More than 100 people attended the event, from students to working professionals; they were delighted to listen to the incredible speakers while enjoying the ambience and food.



The team at TEDxIIITD also organised an exclusive experience in collaboration with Delhi Rock. This was done to take a break from our ever so busy schedules and enjoy a short and fun adventure. With a footfall of around 100 people again this time, the experience event was a success.

From climbing to the highest point possible to establishing balance on the tightrope, we all made memories to last!



Sports Karwaan



The Sports Council had conducted its iconic Sports Karwaan in April as well. The event had teams from different branches competing among themselves in a wide variety of sports : football, badminton, cricket etc. The overall winner for the tournament was . The total cash pool -

Along with the Sports Karwaan, the Council had conducted auctions for Joga Bonito and IPPL, with an advanced planning for the events in coming weeks. But more about this - in the next Highlights!

SPORTS
KARWAAN

BRANCH	BADMINTON	SQAUSH
CSE	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Gold</i>
CSAM	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>
CSD	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
CSB+CSAI	-	-
CSSS	<i>Bronze</i>	-
ECE	-	-



BRANCH	Cricket	Chess
CSE	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>
CSAM	-	<i>Silver</i>
CSD	<i>Bronze</i>	-
CSB+CSAI	<i>Bronze</i>	-
CSSS	<i>Gold</i>	-
ECE	-	<i>Bronze</i>



BRANCH	TT-Men	Football
CSE	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>
CSAM	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
CSD	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Gold</i>
CSB+CSAI	<i>Gold</i>	-
CSSS	-	-
ECE	-	<i>Bronze</i>



BRANCH	Lawn Tennis	Volleyball
CSE	-	Gold
CSAM	Gold	Silver
CSD	Bronze	Bronze
CSB+CSAI	Bronze	-
CSSS	Silver	-
ECE	-	Bronze



BRANCH	Basketball- Men	TT-Women
CSE	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
CSAM	-	-
CSD	<i>Silver</i>	-
CSB+CSAI	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Gold</i>
CSSS	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>
ECE	-	-



Medal	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Points	5	3	1

BRANCH	Points
CSE	33
CSAM	21
CSD	16
CSB+CSAI	13
CSSS	13
ECE	3



Expressive Art Therapy

There is no better tool than the artistic process to instantly put us in a relaxed, playful state and help us express all those feelings and emotions for which words are often not enough. To this end, the well-being cell organised a day workshop (in

person) on "Expressive Art Therapy" on 07th April 2022 (04:00 PM - 05:30 PM), Thursday.

The well-being cell onboarded with them Expressive Arts Therapy Practitioner Ms. Vasvi Srivastava, who conducted the desired workshop. The workshop was a success, and many students benefitted from the expressive arts therapy.

Wellbeing Cell presents

EXPRESSIVE ARTS THERAPY

These are fun, playful and non-judgemental sessions that will help you:

- release stress
- express yourself freely
- create meaningful connections with your peers
- find clarity and shift in perspective



Each Expressive Arts Therapy session involves some of the following art forms:

- Painting, claywork, collage work
- Dance, body and breath work
- Music
- Drama
- Storytelling, creative writing, poetry
- Meditation

*No prior experience in any art form required

April 7
4:00 - 5:30 PM



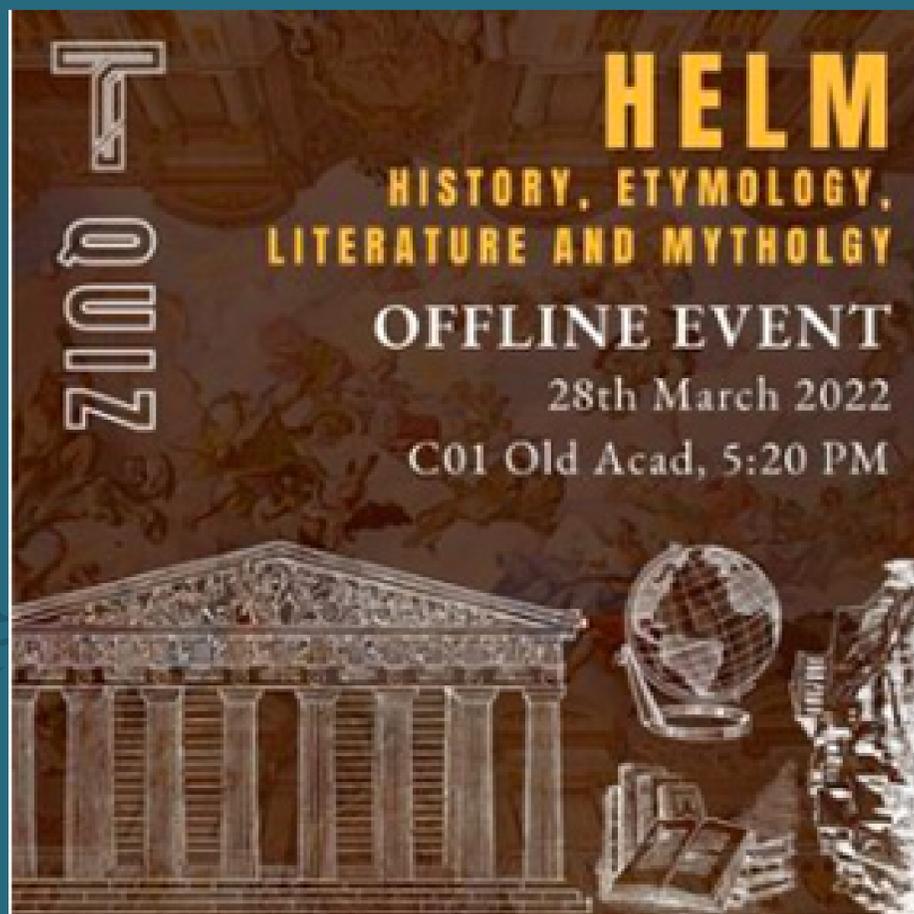
Vasvi Srivastava is an internationally certified Expressive Arts Therapy Practitioner, Psychologist and certified Sivananda Yoga Teacher. She is co-founder of Abhyaantar Healing Arts, an organization dedicated to making healing through the arts accessible to individuals, groups and communities. Vasvi's intention through her practice is to empower individuals and groups to unlock their inner wisdom with creativity, spontaneity and mindfulness.

Clubs Events

Trivialis

Realm of HELM Quiz

An offline quiz presented by Trivialis is the H.E.L.M. Quiz, a quiz on History, Etymology, Literature, Mythology. The topics ranged from fun origin stories of idioms and phrases, to myths we read in Percy Jackson books, to the French Revolution.



LDA

Anime night

LDA conducted an amazing anime night where they took on an overnight adventure basking in the artform of Anime.



65th Square

Over The Board Tournament

65th Square hosted the 2nd edition of the Over The Board Tournament. Refreshments and cash prizes were given out by the club.



Salt n Pepper

The club organised a Food Stand

Fundraiser during karwaan where they sold refreshing drinks and a few delicious snacks at affordable prices

right inside the sports block. All the profits from the endeavor went to an orphanage where the money was used to buy those little children a few meals.



Audiobytes

Indian Classical Music Session

Indian classical theory lessons and riyaz sessions taken by Audiobytes member, Aniket, every week. This would be suitable for both beginners and people who have been learning classical music.



IEEE

Switch The Pitch

IEEE IITD presented Switch The Pitch, a unique experience for all those who have fancied the idea of being on either side of a pitch

in a tank full of sharks, or better yet, being the perfect pitcher and the smartest investor at the same time.



Research Talks

As part of "Research Talks", IEEE IITD are having S. Mohana Sundari, a scientist working for CVRDE of the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

She would talk about the design, development, and production of manned and unmanned variants of Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Aircraft Combat Systems, Drones and other vehicular electronic technologies.



ACM

TechnoDraft

TechnoDraft ACM's first blogging event for all IIITD blog and tech enthusiasts out there.

Participants were required to write a tech blog in about 700-800 words in about 5 days worth of time. They were given the option to choose from six subjects like nanotechnology, Captcha etc., but you should be expecting a fun twist on these soon enough.



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IIITD

TECHNO DRAFT

— A Tech Blogging Event

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION-
APRIL 19, 11:59 PM

You can choose any one of the subjects provided below.

Choose wisely, because once locked, these can't be changed!

Subtopics will be released by April 20, Wednesday.

LAST DATE OF BLOG SUBMISSION-
APRIL 25, 11:59 PM

For details, visit:  acmiitd  acmiitd

FooBar

Prosort

FooBar



organised a prosort in BTech Labs at IIITD. The students solved interesting problems.

For Div1 participants - There were cash prizes for the winners.

For Div2 participants - Top performers stand a chance of being offered FooBar membership

Astronuts

Watch Party

Astronuts organised a watch party on the Students' Centre Roof. Four planets- Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn, will align that week, and they observed them via a telescope.



DesignHub

EREVNA

DesignHub in
**collaboration with
Team Meraki from
Banasthali**

Vidyapith presents

to you - EREVNA where you'll get to embark on a journey to become a great designer. From learning about the tools used in UI/UX designs and its principles to crafting your very own UX portfolio, you'll get to know it all, one step at a time. The collaboration EREVNA will be a 4 day event packed with insightful beginner friendly talks and workshops from professional designers. These talks will be followed by a competition that promises exciting prizes.



Enactus

Movie Night

Enactus IIITD conducted a movie night with refreshments where they showed Zoya Akhtar's 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara', a movie of critical as well as commercial success, talking about the need for well-being, the need of taking time out for ourselves and the motivation to live life with no fear and seizing the day like there is no tomorrow. They got a total participation of more than 180 students.



Machaan

Movie Night

Machaan

Conducted a movie night where they showed Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani.



They provided refreshments and a great experience to the attendees.

The Witness for the Prosecution Audioplay

Machaan
Presents
**Witness
for the
Prosecution**
A Murder Mystery Audio Play
**22.04.22
ONWARDS**
USE HEADPHONES
FOR BETTER
EXPERIENCE

Machaan brings to you a never tried before, Audioplay. The Witness for Prosecution which is a short story by Agatha Christie. The First part of the Audioplay releasing on the Machaan Youtube Channel

Fan fiction Writing Contest

The Theatre Club of IITD organised its first-ever FanFiction Writing Contest, an excellent chance for students of IITD to write their adaptation of the original.

Street play

Machaan was back with another experience for IITD students to witness live. Machaan performed its all new self written and self produced street play, Kya Khelein in front of the canteen. The play portrays problems faced by young India after Independence.



Madtoes

Flash Mob

Madtoes organised an exciting flash Mob in front of the canteen building. Students gathered around to watch a wonderful dance performance which ended with the audience dancing with the Madtoes crew membership.



D4rkC0de

Bug Smash

The club organised a event where one could learn about common bugs and vulnerabilities by fixing them. Participants were given codebases which they had to search through to find the bug and fix it.



The Monthly Interest

by Finexia

How to make money with Web3.0?

Web 1.0 was from 1991-to 2004 when we had static read-only pages with little to no user interaction.

Web 2.0 from 2004 to Now, we live in it, which is a ton of user experience. The applications provide us with the most engaging content and information. We can only buy and own domain names on the internet. Corporations own everything else. The services of these web giants are free, but by using these web giants, we offer up an enormous amount of data unwittingly. These companies then repackage and sell this information for a variety of purposes.



This leads us to Web3.0. This economic engine for the internet is decentralized. The most important thing we can do with it is own parts of the internet. Everything we make, buy or sell on the internet will be ours. This system helps preserve data privacy, creating opportunities for average users to find value, interact with data, and, most importantly, make more money with the internet, redistributing many of the online wealth-generating opportunities which had consolidated in the hands of the very few.

This happens because of blockchain and the non-fungible token (or NFT).

Blockchain is owned by the people who own the platforms on which the blockchain operates — average folks rather than Silicon Valley tech gurus — and this way, the data generated on blockchain stays with the people who are generating it.



Through this, we can make our own personal tokens or cryptocurrency. By assigning a dollar amount to these tokens, they can be distributed to our social media following or via some other networking system. Those produced can then be used to pay the content creator for their product or service.

Based on the quality of the content, the bigger the following, the more personal tokens in circulation, and the more transactions occur.

With more transactions, the value of the personal token increases, as does demand.

Best of all, the creator remains in control of the overall supply of these tokens, something like company currency or scrip. Those who have tokens of their own are incentivized to share the content they purchased with the tokens in order to increase demand and, therefore, the value of the tokens they own.



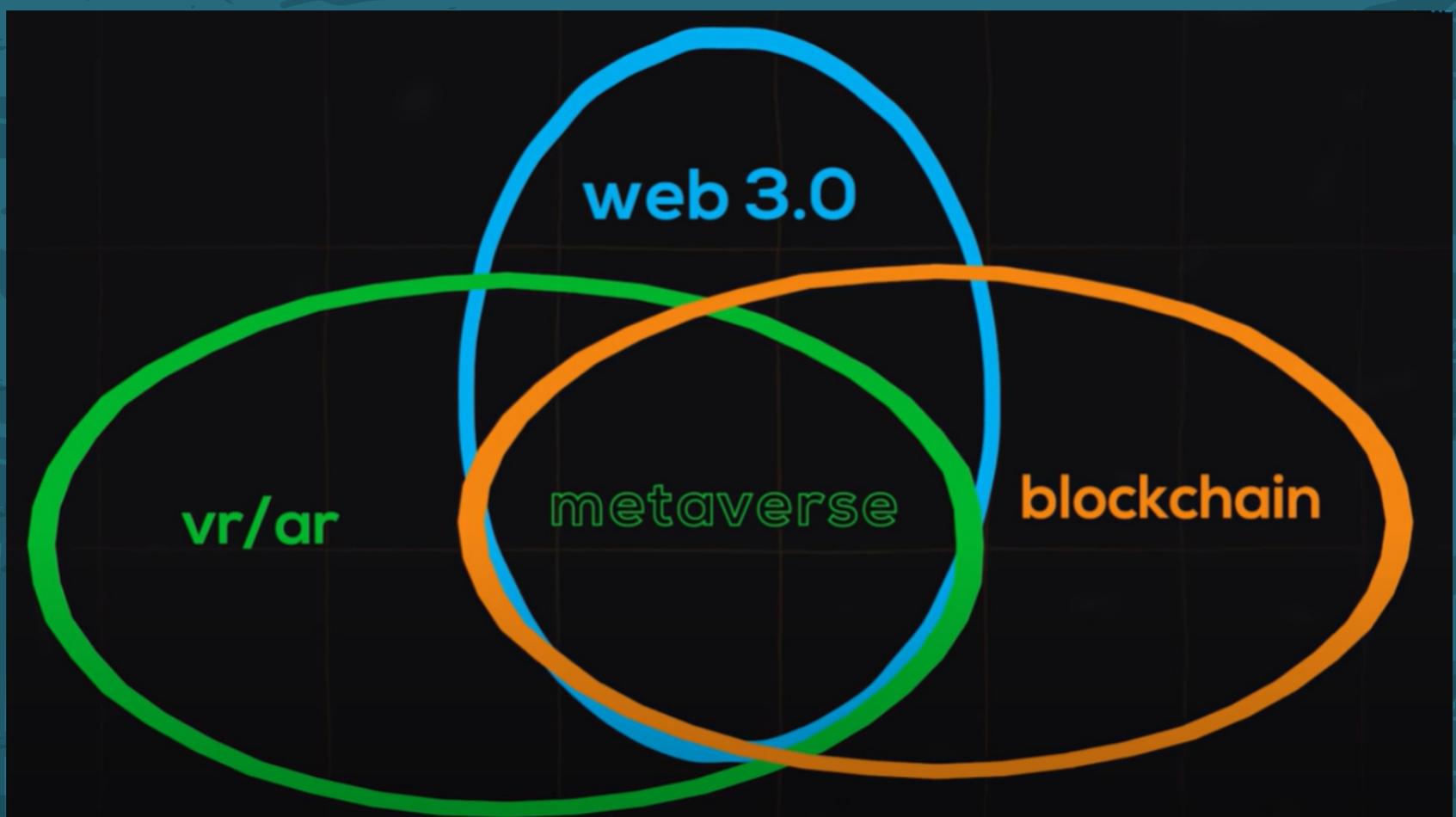
These days, people spend millions of dollars buying virtual land in a virtual world to make virtual money. Over 400 million dollars have been dropped on the metaverse's chosen currency, the NFTs. So how are these people making money? Who is selling this land, and where can we buy it? These things are hard to wrap our heads around.

Upland and Decentraland are decentralized applications for buying, selling, and trading virtual real estate linked to accurate maps. Players begin by purchasing their native token with fiat money to buy their first properties. As Upland becomes more and more popular over time, market prices for these properties organically rise. Virtual landlords can hold or cash out for fiat again. So while the properties may be virtual, they are nonetheless very real investment assets.



These metaverse jobs like-metaverse research scientist, blockchain engineer, NFT Strategist, Ecosystem Developer, Cybersecurity officer, Data scientist, Cloud Expert, etc., for the future, will prove beneficial for tech enthusiasts who are interested in this domain. Game, Graphics, and Fashion Designers have already begun contributing to the metaverse.

- Sidhant Kumar Agrawal



What's going on with Infosys?

What is it?

Infosys is an Indian information technology company that provides business consulting, information technology and outsourcing services. It is headquartered in Bangalore, India. It was founded in July 1981 as Infosys Consultants Pvt. Ltd. The firm was formed by seven engineers, including N. Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekani, S. Gopalakrishnan, and S. Shibulal. The IT firm is India's second-largest after TCS. Infosys crossed \$100Bn market capitalisation in August 2021 and featured in the Fortune Global 2000 ranking. N. Narayana Murthy was the first CEO of the firm and served the position for 21 years. The promoters held the position of CEO till 2014. The present CEO is Salil Parekh.



Going back in time

In Feb 1993, Infosys floated an Initial Public Offering (IPO) at the price of ₹95 per share against a face value of ₹20 per share. Although the IPO was undersubscribed, American investment bank Morgan Stanley rescued the firm by picking up a 13% equity stake at the offer price. When it was listed on the exchange in June 1993, trade opened at a premium of ₹50, i.e. the listing price was ₹145 per share. In 1999, Infosys became the first Indian firm listed on the NASDAQ. The listing price was 73 cents and soared to \$10 for a brief period making it the erstwhile costliest stock. At that time, Infosys was among the 20 biggest companies by market capitalisation on the Nasdaq. Since 2003, Infosys has acquired many firms with a payout ranging from \$10Mn to \$345Mn. Infosys became the first Indian registered company to list Employees Stock Option scheme in 1999. The share price recently dropped to a six month low. Let us find out why.



Infosys and British Politics

Rishi Sunak is the current Chancellor of the Exchequer of Britain. Simply put, he's the Finance Minister of England. He has been a popular figure in British politics since he assumed office in Feb 2020. He is married to Akshata Murthy, the daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayan Murthy. As of April 2022, Akshata holds about a 0.9% stake in Infosys with an estimated valuation of \$900Mn. She is also the Director of her father's investment firm, Catamaran, worth about \$430Mn. Murthy has a non-domiciled status which voids her of a tax obligation in the UK on income earned from abroad. Rishi has also been under rounds for Russia issues and alleged links with Vladimir Putin. He was under pressure for the presence of Infosys in Russia amid the invasion, which led to the closure of Infosys office in Russia.

Infosys

Employees quitting the firm

As of 2021, Infosys has about 260,000 employees. There is a high buzz in the town regarding high attrition rates in the major IT firms in the country. Infosys reported a 27.7% rate over the last 12 months in the March quarter. The constant high attrition has led to the firm taking up unconventional tactics to prevent employees from leaving. Thus, Infosys management enforced a Non-compete clause for employees. This barred employees from accepting offers from some rival companies for six months after leaving Infosys if the new role concerns working with a client the employee had served during the last 12 months of their term with Infosys. The barred firms include rival companies like TCS, Cognizant, Accenture, IBM, Wipro, and HCL. But as per Section 27 of the Indian Contracts Act, Non-competes are not enforceable.



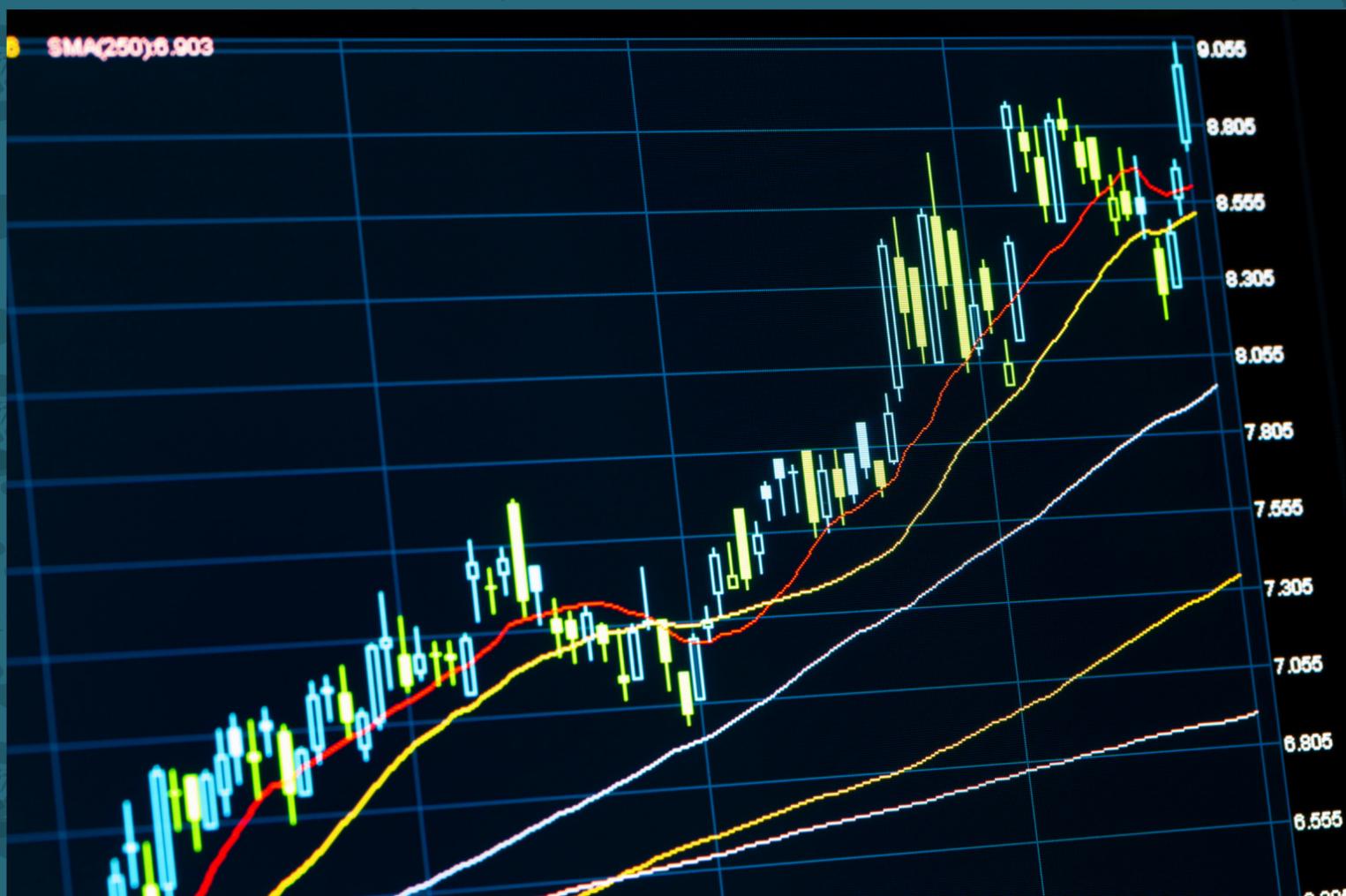
Courts have quashed many instances that included such clauses and have held the post-termination non-compete clauses invalid. An IT workers' union has written to the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs seeking intervention. It would be interesting to see how it turns out.

Q4 Results: The major culprit?

Infosys reported a net profit of ₹51.8 Bn in the Q4 for 2021-22. This is an almost 12% drop in profit from the last quarter's yield. Although the profits have been steadily rising since July 2021, the net gain was less even after a higher revenue. This was majorly due to higher than expected operating expenses. The announcement of results led to a sharp drop in the share price of Infosys. All the factors were adding up the problems for Infosys.



The share price was volatile whenever there was a development in the Rishi Sunak and Akshata Murthy matter, either positive or negative. The announcement of financials triggered the floodgates to a plunge. Investors' fortune dropped by about ₹400Bn in a handful of trading sessions. The decline followed a course on 18-20 April, with the share touching its six month low of ₹1562 on April 19. NSE: INFY traded at 1587.65 at the time of writing the article. Many experts have suggested buying the dip, with 2022 being regarded as the year of consolidation.



What explains the instability in South Asia?

An update on the Sri Lankan Crisis

In the September edition of the newsletter, the Sri Lankan economic crisis was discussed. At that time a shortage of essential commodities was expected, however, this crisis has spiraled into something far more severe. After all, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent spike in fuel prices were not imminent.

Just like in India, Sri Lanka's economy is deeply affected by the global prices of imported oil. Add to it the downward spiral of the Sri Lankan rupee to the dollar and the dwindling foreign exchange reserves, now down 70% in the last two years.



Foreign exchange reserves are used to import goods, as well as stabilize one's own currency (by generating artificial demand). Sri Lanka's foreign reserves are currently about half the total sovereign debt due this year and have defaulted for the first time since independence (a very negative outcome).

Other extrinsic reasons behind the crisis are the effects of covid-19 and the easter bombings on the tourism industry, as well as the effects of the war on the export of tea to Russia (2nd Largest importer of Sri Lankan tea). One of the main reasons behind the depletion of foreign reserves is lower exports. A sudden compulsory move toward organic agriculture hit tea production worth \$425 Million, it also added to the cost of importing rice for consumption (Sri Lanka was long self-sufficient in rice production and other crops). This, along with populist policies pushing for tax cuts and freebies hit Govt. revenue and hence their credit ratings.



A Brief on Nepal

Nepal is also said to be moving in the direction of Sri Lanka. Although the situation is not as dire yet, there are similarities. Tourism accounts for 7.9% of Nepal's GDP. To add to it, Nepal is landlocked and imports essentials. High levels of debt from infrastructure projects have also added to the strain in forex reserves. The Govt. banned the import of luxury items and has also requested the expat community to park their savings in the local banks, so as to maintain forex reserves. Nepal has a very large expat community (about 14% of their population).



Is there a connection between the Economic crises and political instability?

We have seen political instability and change in Nepal(Communist block was replaced by the Nepal congress), Maldives(Pres. Yameen being replaced by Pres. Ibrahim Solih who is said to be more favorable to India as opposed to China) and Pakistan(where Imran Khan was replaced). The ongoing protests in Sri Lanka seem to be moving in the same direction.

A common thread between all these political dispensations was that they were all seen to be pro-china. They supported taking high-interest Chinese loans with terms that may infringe on their country's sovereignty(Hambantota in Sri Lanka, CPEC in Pakistan and Trans-Himalayan corridor for Nepal). While the magnitude of the loans alone are not the cause of the economic crises, a combination of covid, fuel price spike due to the Russian invasion and other flawed policies have led to such instability.

-Ashwin Ram Natarajan



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