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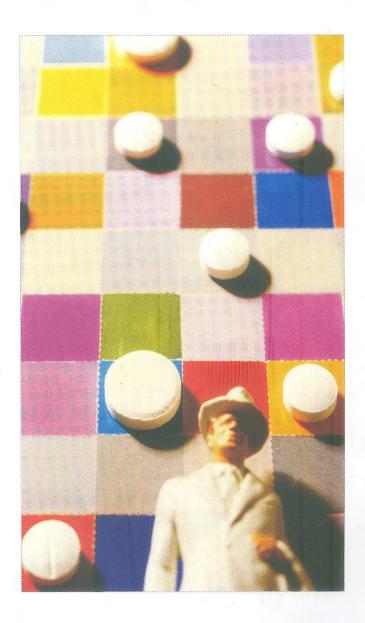
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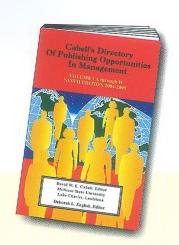


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A study of pharmaceutical industry is conducted to determine market as well as idiosyncratic risk. size, leverage and efficiency with capital excluded and size, capital and efficiency with leverage excluded are main determinant of market risk. Paper further finds out that size, earning variability are main determinants of idiosyncratic risk.



Ms. Manisha Dubey, Dr. Avdhesh Sharma & Dr. Gayatri Agnihotri

The paper proposes a damping controller for the power system, based on fuzzy logic design. The inputs are speed deviation and its derivative using genetic algorithm. The paper proves the robustness of FLDC using simulation studies.

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This interesting article categorizes people in the workplace as necessity, common and parasites. The study on 25 students of MBA is now replicated in different cultural settings of MBA students in Bangalore, India. The traits of necessity and parasite categories found to be similar in both surveys. However, traits of common workers different. The paper attempts to explain this similarity and differences.

38 Foreign Investors' Perception of India: An Empirical Survey

Dr. B.S. Bodla

The paper surveys FDI companies in India to show that their performance has improved and they plan to expand further. Bureaucracy, inadequacy, infrastructure are major hindrance











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From The Editor's Desk

"The old religion said that he was an atheist who did not believe in God. The new religion says that he is atheist who does not believe in himself." Great Indian philosopher Sri Vivekanand described religion in these words.

This faith in ourselves become all the more essential for surviving the turbulence of our time manmade or natural. The year saw global terror striking India, US, UK, Jordan and also worst devastations by hurricanes and earthquakes. Economy suffers greatly whenever any such mishap occurs. However, our salvation lies in continuous struggle to progress against all odds.

Every nation should integrate its economy into evolving global economy as globalization offers enormous opportunities in the race to leap frog in development process. Economies of most countries are witnessing a phenomenal transformation. This has great implications for India which is growing at a good pace and is moving towards internationalization of its economy. It can become a significant international economic player if it repositions itself in terms of right strategies and competitiveness. India will have to focus on producing world-class products and services at lower prices. At the macro-level it needs to develop an industrial policy and a world-class infrastructure that meets the requirement of becoming an international economic player. Further, for producing world-class products and services, it must recognize the necessity of R&D.

In this roadmap to success, it is essential that government and civil society cooperate with each other with the corporate sector also pitching in. A vibrant partnership between the government and civil society provides a durable foundation for a better future. Business organization operating in competitive environments are constantly grappling with change imperatives triggered by competitors' next move.

It is a given reality for business organizations to continually reposition themselves to enhance their competitive edge in order to thrive. The front runners have to discover new frontiers through technology and business research having a bench mark behind to judge for their followers.

Management is not a static body of knowledge. Therefore, theory development and practice need to catch up with time and the context. The challenge for management practitioners and researchers is to constantly find means and ways of addressing emerging concerns and opportunities. Contemporary research in the field of management has begun to address this in right earnest.

In this issue of DIAS Technology Review The International Journal of Business and IT we have included a carefully chosen set of papers from the field of IT and Management. The article "Perceptions of the Characteristics of Good, Bad and Ordinary Workers on the Job: The Influence of Work Experience and Culture" is an enhancement of the article "The Characteristics of Necessity in a Work Place: A Replication Study" published in October 2004-March 2005 edition of DTR. Two different articles with the concept of fuzzy logic is presented and gives a diverse application of the subject. "Foreign Investors' Perception of India: An Empirical Survey" studies the performance of FDI companies in India. A study of pharmaceutical industry determines the industrial and idiosyncratic risk in the article "Pharmaceutical Industry and Idiosyncratic Risk"

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Dr. Gin Chong, Associate Professor, Department of Accounting, Finance & MIS, College of Business, Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, USA to our editorial board. Also many esteemed academicians have joined our panel of reviewers. I am thankful to all of them for agreeing to join our editorial team in raising the standard of the journal to new levels. Raising the standard calls for greater expertise, clearer thinking and experience in steering such initiatives in the past.

DTR is indeed fortunate to have these benefits from the expanded journal advisory board. I positively look forward to benefiting from the rich experience of the advisory board in addressing various issues in the future. Last but not the least the confidence and constant support of our readers has been a great source of encouragement.



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