



21ST ANNUAL SUMMIT & AWARDS
BANKING
AND
FINANCIAL SECTOR
LENDING COMPANIES
“Resilience, Reinvention and India’s Rise”

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ABOUT SUMMIT & AWARDS

The ASSOCHAM Annual Summit & Awards on Banking and Financial Sector Lending Companies, themed “Resilience, Reinvention and India’s Rise,” is a distinguished platform that recognizes excellence, innovation, and sustainable growth in the financial ecosystem. It brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to share insights and celebrate achievements.

The initiative honours organizations demonstrating strong performance, customer-centric innovation, and responsible governance, while contributing to economic growth. It also serves as a forum to discuss emerging trends, regulatory developments, and key sector challenges.

Overall, the summit aims to promote best practices, recognize outstanding contributions, and support the evolution of a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready financial sector in India.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Policy Makers, Regulators & Government Representatives
- Chairpersons, Managing Directors, CEOs, Executive Directors & CXOs of Banks and Financial Institutions
- Public Sector, Private Sector, Foreign and Small Finance Banks
- Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) & Infrastructure Finance Companies
- Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) & Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs)
- FinTech Companies & Digital Lending Platforms
- Digital Payments, Banking Technology & Financial Technology Service Providers
- Chief Risk Officers (CROs), Chief Technology Officers (CTOs), Chief Digital Officers (CDOs), Chief Information Officers (CIOs) & Chief Financial Officers (CFOs)
- Credit, Risk, Compliance, Fraud Management & Cybersecurity Professionals
- MSMEs, Start-ups, Entrepreneurs & Business Community
- Investment Banks, Venture Capital Funds, Private Equity Firms & Institutional Investors
- Rating Agencies, Research Analysts, Economists & Academicians
- Consultants, Advisory Firms & Professional Service Providers
- Legal, Audit & Governance Professionals
- Industry Associations, Trade Bodies & Think Tanks
- Technology Innovators working in AI, Data Analytics, Cloud, Automation & Customer Experience Solutions
- Media Representatives covering Banking, Finance & Economic Affairs

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- **Gain Strategic Insights:** Hear from eminent policymakers, regulators, industry veterans and thought leaders on the latest trends, regulatory developments, economic outlook and the future of banking and financial services.
- **Explore Emerging Opportunities:** Understand the evolving dynamics of digital lending, fintech innovation, artificial intelligence, data analytics, sustainable finance, financial inclusion, risk management and customer-centric banking solutions.
- **Engage with Industry Leaders:** Interact with Chairpersons, MDs & CEOs, CXOs and senior executives from leading banks, NBFCs, fintech companies and financial institutions.
- **Strengthen Professional Networks:** Connect with key decision-makers, investors, technology providers, consultants and ecosystem enablers to foster collaborations and strategic partnerships.
- **Discover Innovative Solutions:** Explore cutting-edge technologies, digital transformation initiatives and next-generation solutions that are reshaping the banking and lending landscape.
- **Understand Regulatory & Market Trends:** Gain perspectives on changing regulatory expectations, evolving credit ecosystems, cybersecurity challenges, compliance frameworks and the future direction of financial markets.
- **Recognise and Celebrate Excellence:** Witness the prestigious awards ceremony that honours outstanding achievements, innovations and best practices across banks, NBFCs, housing finance companies, fintechs and other financial sector lending institutions.
- **Benchmark Best Practices:** Learn from successful case studies and industry experiences that are driving efficiency, resilience, growth and customer excellence in the financial sector.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E
- Best Performance Overall - Bank - Best Performance Overall - NBFC	ESG & Financial Inclusion	New-Age Customer Experience	Digital & AI-led Banking	Risk, Compliance & Cyber Security Excellence

CLASSES

BANKS	NBFCs	Digital Payments and Lending Firms
- Public Sector Banks (Large Banks • Mid Size Banks • Small Banks) - Private Sector Banks (Large Banks • Mid Size Banks • Small Banks) - Small Finance Banks • Foreign Banks - Regional Rural Banks • Co-operative Banks - Payments Banks	- Upper Layer NBFCs & HFCs - Other NBFCs and NBFC-MFIs	

SEGMENT	CLASS	CLASSIFICATION
Banks	Large Banks	Gross Advances > INR 10 lakh crores
Banks	Mid-size Banks	Gross Advances > INR 3 to 10 lakh crores
Banks	Small Banks	Gross Advances < INR 3 lakh crores
Banks	Small Finance Banks	Licensed by RBI under "Guidelines for Small Finance Banks"
Banks	Rural regional Banks	Established under RRB Act, 1976 for rural credit delivery, agriculture financing, etc.
Banks	Co-operative Banks	Registered under Co-operative Societies Act and regulated by RBI (banking functions). Includes Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-ops
Banks	Payments Bank	Licensed under RBI guidelines to provide payments/remittance services, deposits (≤₹2 lakh), but cannot lend
NBFCs	Upper Layer NBFCs & HFCs	Defined under RBI Scale Based Regulation (SBR) framework and Housing Finance Companies with enhanced regulatory supervision (NBFC-UL)
NBFCs	Other NBFCs & NBFC-MFIs	Includes NBFC-D, NBFC-ND-SI (>1000cr), NBFC-CIC, NBFC-IDF, PSU-NBFC-ND-SI. Includes NBFC Middle Layer + Base Layer + NBFC-MFIs under SBR framework. Covers most lending NBFCs, microfinance institutions, and smaller NBFCs
Digital	Digital-first (Digital Payments & Lending Firms)	RBI-regulated digital ecosystem entities such as - Payment Aggregators (PA), BBPS, PPI issuers, Digital Lending Apps (RBI DL Guidelines 2022)

NOMINATION

FEES (Per Category) For Submission of Nomination Forms

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
BANKS	
Large Bank	Rs.25,000/- + GST
Mid Size Banks	Rs.20,000/- + GST
Small Bank	Rs.15,000/- + GST
Small Finance Banks	Rs.12,500/- + GST
Regional Rural Banks, Co-Operative Banks and Payments Banks, Foreign Banks	Rs.10,000/- + GST

NBFCs	
Upper layer NBFCs & HFCs	Rs.20,000/- + GST
Other NBFCs and NBFC-MFIs**	Rs.15,000/- + GST
MFIs	Rs.10,000/- + GST
Digital Payments and Lending Firms	Rs.12,500/- + GST

EVALUATION PROCESS ASSESSMENT & JURY ANALYSIS

The process of identifying and finalising the Award Winners and Runners-up is designed to be highly rigorous, transparent, and impartial, ensuring that only the most deserving organisations and individuals are recognised for their outstanding contributions, innovation, and excellence in the sector. The entire evaluation framework is structured to uphold the highest standards of credibility, integrity, and objectivity throughout every stage of the assessment process.

The evaluation journey commences with a detailed scrutiny and comprehensive assessment of all nominations by ASSOCHAM's esteemed Knowledge & Evaluation Partner. Leveraging their domain expertise, industry knowledge, and robust evaluation methodologies, the partner undertakes a thorough review of each entry against pre-defined parameters and performance indicators. This initial assessment involves analysing the nominations on various qualitative and quantitative aspects, including innovation, impact, business excellence, strategic initiatives, operational effectiveness, customer-centricity, and overall contribution towards the growth and development of the industry.

Following this extensive evaluation process, a list of shortlisted nominations is prepared and submitted before an independent and eminent Jury Panel comprising seven distinguished personalities drawn from diverse domains, including industry leaders, policymakers, academicians, regulators, and subject matter experts. The jury members, renowned for their credibility, experience, and unbiased perspectives, conduct a detailed review and deliberate upon each shortlisted nomination.

During the Jury Meeting, the panel undertakes a comprehensive assessment of the shortlisted entries, considering their achievements, innovations, measurable impact, and overall excellence in their respective categories. Through in-depth discussions, objective analysis, and collective wisdom, the Jury Panel identifies and finalises the most deserving Winners and Runners-up.

This robust two-tier evaluation mechanism, involving an independent Knowledge & Evaluation Partner followed by the assessment of an eminent Jury Panel, ensures complete transparency, fairness, and neutrality in the selection process. The awards thereby stand as a true recognition of exemplary performance, path-breaking initiatives, and exceptional achievements that are shaping the future of the industry.

EMINENT JURY



Mr. R. Gandhi
Former Deputy Governor
Reserve Bank of India



Mr. Rajkiran Rai
MD, National Bank for
Financing Infrastructure
Development (NaBFID)



Mr. Dinesh Khara
Former Chairman
State Bank of India



Mr. Atul Kumar Goel
Chief Executive
Indian Banks Association



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Partner &
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