

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, SEBI



As the famous quote goes, “Believing in yourself is the first secret of success”. This is also applicable to investment in securities market. For harnessing this belief, one has to continuously evolve in the realms of ever-changing market, with the help of continuous education and awareness.

Economic function of the securities market is to ensure that savings get channelized into the productive investment proposals, which leads to capital formation and economic growth. One of the main objectives of SEBI is to protect the interests of investors in securities. Investor Education and Awareness is key to investor protection.

Complexities of the securities market have grown manifold during last three decades with so many developments relating to market structure, newer products to name a few. These developments represent the supply side of the market. On the demand side too, newer participants have entered the market. Also, the trends in participation of the retail investors are encouraging in terms of growth in number of demat accounts as also number of portfolios of mutual funds. There is a need for the new investors to make informed investment decisions. Thus, Investor awareness and education play an important role in educating the investor. One should not get lured by false promises and by unsolicited advice.

As a Securities Market Regulator, SEBI is member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). In October every year, world over, World Investor Week is celebrated, under the aegis of IOSCO, in order to give further impetus to the various investor education and awareness initiatives. SEBI has been participating in the celebrations along with the exchanges, depositories, investor associations, commodity derivative trainers, resource persons, et al - since 2017.

This year, because of the pandemic, celebration of World Investor Week has been delayed and we will be celebrating the Week during November 23-29, 2020. SEBI is the National Coordinator for the same.

Theme for this year celebrations is “Investor Awareness: A Key to Financial Well-being”. Many activities are planned during the said celebrations such as Investor Awareness Webinars, Special Purpose Webinars, nationwide quiz competitions, digital brochures, informative videos etc.

I am sure that the investors, especially those who have joined securities market recently, will attend these programs in large numbers and get benefitted.

I wish all the best to all the participants.


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