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Mega RISA - Regional Investor Seminar for Awareness in Dehradun **‘Smart Nivesh – Surakshit Bhavishye ki Aur’** **(meaning ‘Smart Investment – Towards a secured future’)**

The National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) under the guidance of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) successfully hosted a Mega Regional Investor Seminar for Awareness (Mega RISA) today at Dehradun, Uttarakhand aimed at deepening financial literacy, enhancing investor awareness and protection, empowering investors with credible knowledge on financial and securities market and fraud prevention.

The Mega RISA was held in association with other key Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) – BSE, MSE, CDSL, MCX, NCDEX and AMFI. The Mega RISA was attended by over 800 existing and potential investors. This initiative brought together participants from various sections of the society, including government departments, the police and armed forces, doctors, entrepreneurs, professionals and students.

The event was graced by **Shri Sunil Kadam, Executive Director, SEBI, as the Chief Guest**. In his address, Shri Sunil Kadam underscored SEBI’s unwavering commitment to financial literacy and investor protection. He highlighted the importance of informed decision-making in light of rapidly evolving market dynamics. Shri Kadam also cautioned the audience not to fall prey to scamsters and fraud perpetrators. Investors should do their own due diligence and trade through SEBI registered intermediaries only. The seminar witnessed participation by Shri Abhinav Shah, Chief Development Officer, Dehradun as the Guest of Honour.

The seminar saw instrumental and strategic guidance from Smt. Deepti Agarwal, Chief General Manager, SEBI along with key addresses by Shri Avishkar Naik, SVP, NSE and other senior officials from MIIs.

Key Highlights & Expert Engagements of the Mega RISA:

The Mega RISA included a Keynote address by Smt. Deepti Agarwal, Chief General Manager, SEBI, a presentation on “Fraud and Scam prevention in Securities Markets”, and a financial planning session “Money Matters: Financial Planning for Financial Freedom.”

Further strengthening investor protection awareness, dedicated stalls were set up by SEBI, NSE, and other Market Infrastructure Institutions, providing on-ground guidance and support to investors.

Uttarakhand’s growing investor base:

As of December 2025, Uttarakhand has a registered investor base of approximately 13.2 lakh investors, accounting for nearly 1% of India’s total registered investors. The state recorded over 16,000 new investor registrations in December alone, contributing to about 1.1% of new registrations during the month. We also witnessed a month-on-month increase of around 9% in individual investor turnover, reaching just over ₹ 10 thousand crore. While equity AUM continues to be concentrated in a few states, Uttarakhand’s growing participation clearly signals a positive and encouraging trend.

All of this underscores the critical need for targeted awareness initiatives like Mega RISA to mobilize an investor-ready, fraud-resilient investing community.

SEBI’s Proactive Role:

Under campaigns such as #SEBIVsSCAM, SEBI continues to champion investor empowerment through public outreach, digital education, and strategic partnerships. The successful implementation of Mega RISA in Dehradun is a testament to that ongoing commitment.

About National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE):

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