

Headline: Around 1.4 lakh students benefitted from NSE's Funancial Quest program

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In a first, the winners rang the closing bell at NSE on Friday.

KOLKATA/MUMBAI: India's leading stock exchange National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has concluded the fifth season of Funancial Quest - an event that connects NSE directly with school children across India. Such large scale engagements are expected to make students financially literate. This year, NSE has been able cover 225 schools across India. The program was conducted diverse in places like Amritsar, Bengaluru, Baroda, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Kolkata, Nagpur, Shillong, Trivandrum, Surat etc, among others. Every year 15 cities are chosen as part of the program. It is estimated that till date, the program has touched the lives of around 1.4 lakhs students of 8th and 9th standards through direct participations. Students were given several



projects as part of this innovative program. For example, the 8th standard project "My Hero" was all about writing a project on financially less privileged people and it ends with writing a report on their financial

behavior & money management skills. Some of them have submitted projects covering milkmen, auto-drivers, maids, security guards etc. Similarly, the 9th standard project - Career and beyond was about writing a project

trying explore career paths; seek counseling on career planning; and report on career choices, colleges and costs. "I hope such projects help all to be more aware, more compassionate and help young people to grow up as concerned citizens who also financially literate. Such financial knowledge and skill are invaluable life skills" said Ms ChitraRamkrishna, MD & CEO, NSE. She distributed certificates today to the students in a function held at NSE and participated in an interactive luncheon session with them. Winning students from 15 schools came to NSE on Friday along with their teachers and parents. They gained a real life experience of an exchange's functioning and rang the closing bell at NSE. As part of the ceremony they played the gong which is otherwise used to announce the listing of a new company.