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Kochi: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Thursday entered into a tie-up with Muthoot Securities Ltd to launch a post graduate certification course in financial sector management (PGC-FSM) through the Muthoot Management Academy in Kochi.

"For financial inclusion to reach all in the country, we need qualified intermediaries. It is estimated that within 8 to 10 years' time, we need 50 lakh more qualified professionals," said Ravi Varanasi, chief-business development, at the NSE. The exchange has trained 18 lakh professionals through its certificate courses. "The PGC-FSM programme is a specially designed management programme for students to build a career in finance and have the edge over their peers in today's highly competitive world," said George Alexander Muthoot, managing director of the Muthoot Group. Varanasi also said that the NSE is in talks with Kerala government to offer financial

awareness courses to class 8 and 9 students in the state. "Tamil Nadu, Assam, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra already run this financial literacy courses. Gujarat is ready to launch it," he said.

NSE also opened its regional office in Kochi on Thursday. Kochi is the 15th regional office of the NSE. In last fiscal, Kerala registered Rs 4,000 crore trade in cash market and Rs 400 to Rs 500 crore in derivatives, Varanasi said. TNN