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**Kohima:** The leading stock exchange in the country, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Nagaland Board of Secondary Education (NBSE) on Tuesday launched a financial literacy course for the students of class IX from the current academic year in Nagaland.

Sixty schools under NBSE have registered with the Board to make the course compulsory for all students of class IX and 5,153 students have registered already.

Speaking at the launch, Chitra Ramkrishna, MD and CEO, NSE, said, "Financial literacy is a fundamental skill and such programmes will help students understand how to manage disposable income, etc."

She said the NSE has been involved with a certification programme for market professionals in the society through school education. The programme intends to create awareness on securing personal financial savings.

While speaking in the programme, FP Solo, Nagaland commissioner and secretary, education, said, "Judicious use of individual savings can contribute to nation building. Such courses also open up career options."

Asano Sekhose, chairman, NBSE, said, "The Board will take initiatives to expand the reach of such programmes."

NSE has already conducted a teachers' training programme at NBSE, Kohima, on February 5 and 6 this year for the schools taking up this course.

The curriculum will cover income and expenditure, importance of savings, elementary knowledge about banking system, basics of financial planning, money management, setting financial goals, etc.

Students will have to complete the course within a maximum time of 25 hours. The objective is to help students grow the habit of savings from young ages and to develop financial and investment capabilities.

Earlier, NSE had signed an MoU with NBSE in June 2014 to promote financial market-related education among youngsters through schools linked to NBSE, which was launched then for the students of class XI and XII.