

Headline: NBSE, NSE launch Class-IX Financial Literacy Course

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(L-R) Asano, Chitra and F.P. Solo during the launch of financial literacy text book in Kohima on Tuesday. (NP)

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KOHIMA, MAY 10 (NPN): As announced earlier, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) in collaboration with National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Ltd has launched financial literacy course for class IX students of Nagaland here on Tuesday.

More than 60 schools including four government schools under NBSE have registered with the Board to make the course compulsory for all students of class IX. About 5,153 students have already enrolled for the course.

It was informed that since financial literacy programme is

not a part of the NBSE syllabus, it would not be accessed through the board's examination.

The curriculum comprises of 25 periods of 45 minutes each. On completion, the students would appear an offline examination for the paper.

The aim of financial literacy programme is to create awareness on how to secure personal financial savings for the long run. The programme is also to encourage people, especially the youth, about economics and business setup.

Speaking as chief guest at the launching programme, the commissioner and secretary SCERT and school education,

F.P. Solo, expressed happiness over the launching of financial literacy course and said it would benefit the students.

Solo appealed to heads of the institutions in the state to introduce the financial literacy course, which, he said, would do a great service to the state and the nation.

Urging the people to inculcate the habit of savings, Solo said individual saving could contribute to the nation building and it also open up career options. He lamented that many people tend to spend more than what they earned.

The chief guest also released class IX text book "Concepts of Financial Literacy".

MD and CEO of NSE, Chitra Ramkrishna, in her address as guest of honour, said this launching programme was a milestone engagement for both NSE and Nagaland.

Stressing the need of finance literacy, CEO reminded that "we need finance as long as we are earning and spending", adding that it had to be sown at the high school level.

She also said that the knowledge of how to save at an early stage of life would make a big difference in later part of one's life.

Ramkrishna said Fi-

nance literacy educated a person on how to have improved quality of life with same amount one earned.

CEO informed that NSE was committed to give its full support in finance literacy in the state and country.

In her welcome address, NBSE chairman, Asano Sekhose, said in 2015 the NSE gave a proposal to the board for introduction of financial literacy programme in class IX.

She said that NBSE realising the need to inculcate an important life skill in students at a younger age decided to launch financial literacy programme as a pilot programme in selected schools in Kohima Dimapur and Mokokchung.

Earlier, programme was chaired by NBSE chairman Asano Sekhose, invocation prayer was said by Fr. John P.M., principal St. Mary's Cathedral HSS Kohima, while vote of thanks was proposed by controller of examination NBSE Rangumbing Nsarangbe.

The programme was attended by director SCERT and department officials, additional director of school education department and officials, NSE officials, school principals and headmasters, NBSE officials and others.