

More than 100 start-ups attended the orientation workshop organized by MSSIDC, AIAI and WTC Mumbai

By A Business Reporter

An orientation workshop for start-ups was organized by Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC) in association with MVRDC World Trade Centre Mumbai and All India Association of Industries (AIAI) on October 12th, 2017 at WTC Mumbai. The workshop was conducted by Shivaji R. Daund, IAS - Managing Director, MSSIDC. More than 100 start-ups across Maharashtra attended the workshop. The objective of this workshop was to brief about the upcoming India International Trade Fair and accelerate start-ups participation.

The event was marked as a prelude to the India International Trade Fair (IITF) which is being held from November 14 - 27, 2017 in New Delhi. On behalf of the Government of Maharashtra, Maharashtra Small Scale

Promoting start-ups for economic growth



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Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC) is organizing the Maharashtra Pavilion at the annual India International Trade fair (IITF) during November 14- 27, 2017 at New Delhi. All India Association of Industries and MVRDC World Trade Centre Mumbai are the valued partners of this event.

This year the theme is 'Start-

ups' to promote start-ups and their contribution to overall economic growth. This is an excellent opportunity for start-ups to showcase and market their products and services to various state governments, overseas investors and people at large. MSSIDC will offer stall free of cost and will help in travel and accommodation to shortlisted start-ups.

Investing: Experience versus temperament



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When friends introduce me as someone in the market for the last two decades, I often wonder: Does mere tenure imply proficiency? In the initial years, I oscillated between trading in stocks based on technical and fundamental analysis, before giving it up around 2002 — after losing a lot of money.

It was truly frustrating to see the index triple from 1990 to 2002 — without me really making anything out of it. In fact, for around eight years beginning 1997, I benefited more as a sub-broker, earning commissions, rather than as an investor. I then realised, the limitation lay in my temperament, and began investing through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) in mutual funds. This has stood me in good stead.

through loads of data (turning over rocks, to quote Peter Lynch) in order to discover hidden gems.

I think a person who is at it for many years, but who lacks the temperament, need not necessarily be better than a beginner who begins on the right foot. For instance, while 'investing' may lack a formal body of knowledge, and is never taught in classrooms, there are several good books written on valuation and investing by industry stalwarts. A beginner who devotes time to read the basics before beginning her journey as an investor may do as well (if not better) than a person possessing years of experience but lacking the temperament.

At best, having some experience may prevent you from making certain mistakes. However, it is not necessary that certain events will have the same outcome at different points in time. Many a time, history won't repeat — but may rhyme.

For instance, from 2003 to 2007, many experienced market participants made less money than newcomers because they were unable to fathom the extent of the bull run in stocks, as their vision was distorted by the market correction

Dec rate cut likely post Sep's soft CPI inflation print: BofAML



The Reserve Bank is likely to go for a 25 bps rate cut at its next policy review meet on December 6 after September CPI inflation came in at a soft 3.3%, says a report.

"We grow more confident in our call of a 25 bps RBI rate cut on

December 6 after September CPI inflation came in at a soft 3.3%, the same as August's downwardly revised 3.3%," Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML) said in a research note.

The Reserve Bank at its policy review meeting earlier this month kept the key interest rate unchanged at 6%, citing upward trend in inflation. As per Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, retail inflation came in at 3.28% in September, unchanged from August, despite softening of vegetable and cereal prices.

According to the global financial services major, the October CPI

inflation is expected to be around 3% following the drop in tomato and onion prices and government cutting the excise duty on petrol and diesel.

"Against this backdrop, we expect the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to cut in December to signal a bank lending-rate cut before the 'busy' October-March industrial season intensifies," the report noted.

India's economic growth slipped to a three-year low of 5.7% in the first quarter of the current fiscal, leading to calls by the industry for a rate cut.



In the world of science, law or performing arts, experience and practice play a pivotal role. That is why experienced doctors and lawyers are accorded a lot more importance than greenhorns. In these disciplines there is a formal body of knowledge which one must master first. After that, it is a matter of keeping oneself updated and building one's contacts. For instance, a lawyer who is a constitutional expert needs to keep track of the amendments without revisiting the basic body of knowledge too often. This may apply to performing arts too, albeit to a lesser extent. For instance, you do not become an acclaimed opera singer or Indian classical singer without years of *riyaaz*, unless, of course, you are a prodigy.

I wonder if experience can be accorded the same significance in a field as dynamic as 'investing'. I, for one, never consider myself a good stock picker, despite my years of experience. I simply lack the temperament for it. While I do enjoy reading books on investing, I do not have the patience to ferret

which took place in the years immediately preceding. They were bearish merely because indices were moving quickly towards the highs attained in the year 2000. They ignored several fundamental changes which were driving stocks. On the other hand, newcomers, who were armed with the knowledge of valuation metrics, plunged in, as valuations were compelling during the first half of this bull run. Unlike other disciplines, the market does not lay great store by historical performances (both good and bad).

Since past experience need not necessarily help us in predicting the future, mutual funds (and mutual fund advisors) always stress that investing through Systematic Investment Plans is preferable to lumpy investments predicated on market timing.

I, therefore, feel that knowledge and temperament play a greater role in success rather than mere tenure or experience. Hence, younger investors could beat older hands at the game.

-The views of the author are personal

FinMin may finalise capital infusion plan for PSBs by Dec

The finance ministry is working on capital infusion strategy for the public sector banks (PSBs) and it is expected to be finalised by December, according to official sources.

The Department of Financial Services is assessing the capital needs of various banks based demands made by them, sources said.

There are various parameters which are being looked at for capital infusion exercise, including NPA ratio, credit growth, insolvency proceeding etc, sources said, adding that the second quarter result would also give clarity on the capital requirements for the current fiscal.

Various factors are being considered before arriving at the exact number and the final output is likely by next month or December, they said.



Besides providing capital for meeting regulatory requirements, the ministry is looking at providing capital to performing state-run banks to boost credit disbursement.

One of the options on the table is issuance of capitalisation bond for meeting their capital needs but no final decision has been taken yet.

The government followed a similar strategy in 2008 when it sold bonds worth about Rs 10,000 crore to subscribe to nearly 60% of State

Bank of India's rights issue.

Last week, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the government, faced with a 'catch-22 situation' over the issue of non-performing assets, is working on a plan to rebuild the capacity of India's banking sector so as to support growth.

Banks are facing mounting non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans to the tune of Rs 8 lakh crore of which PSBs alone account for Rs 6 lakh crore. The bank NPAs are skirting the double digit mark at present and expected to grow further.

Although the Indradhanus scheme has assigned Rs 10,000 crore for the current fiscal, it may prove insufficient due to high provisioning requirement for bad loan resolution through various processes, including insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.