

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

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Why in news?

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) organizes an Investor education and protection workshop for rural women SHGs.

- IEPFA For the administration of the *Investor Education and*Protection Fund of the Government of India.
- **Established** On 7th September, 2016, under section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Nodal Ministry Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Objective For promoting investor education, awareness, and protection.
- **Responsibility** It manages the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF), makes refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, matured deposits/debentures etc., to investors, and promotes awareness among investors.
- Key Initiatives to promote investor education
 - Niveshak Shivir A series of outreach programs & camps in cities with high volumes of unclaimed investments, it offers in-person assistance to investors for claiming their dues, updating details like KYC, nominations, etc.
 - "Saksham Niveshak" Campaign A 100-day campaign, empowering shareholders with awareness on dividend claims, KYC, and nomination updates.
 - Integrated Portal A unified digital platform to streamline claim processes and enhance accessibility for both investors and companies.

Quick Fact

Investor Education and Protection Workshop

- Under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- **Collaboration with** National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), SEBI, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), and Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission (HSRLM).
- Organized on 8th November, 2025 at Sangoha, Karnal in Haryana.
- Theme "Viksit Bharat ke path par Saksham Naari"
- **Aim** To promote financial awareness, safe investment practices, and economic empowerment among rural women.
- It emphasized IEPFA's flagship initiatives—Niveshak Didi and Niveshak Shivir—which equip women with the knowledge to save, invest wisely, and safeguard themselves from financial frauds.

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