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# 52. A STUDY ON "AWARENESS ON FINANCIAL LITERACY OF WOMEN STUDENTS IN WANAPARTHY DISTRICT, TELANGANA"

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### INTRODUCTION

Money makes many things and in today's society all the relations are creating for and destroying for money only. Everyone wants money but very few know how to create and manage money. Financial well-being is very important for leading a peaceful life. Having money is different from managing money in a proper way. Especially when a woman is aware of financial discipline and management her family will also get the same and thus it leads to financial wellbeing of families as well as economy. Financial literacy is applying skill and knowledge in managing money, financial planning and creating the wealth. Financial literacy is nothing but knowledge of financial products, savings, banks, investment options, insurance, taking loans from banks, repayment of interest and principal on time, payment of taxes etc. In this study we are discussing the basic financial literacy of woman students i.e. the awareness on savings. banks, postal schemes, mutual funds etc. Financial Literacy empowers women taking decisions. improves their purchasing power and they can have better control over their expenses, credit cards and loans. They can know more investing options rather than simply saving in bank. They can choose suitable options for saving and investing their money and they can avoid financial risk as well. A person who has no financial literacy can easily become victim of financial frauds. A person who has financial literacy knows the importance of time value of money, importance of compounding interest and diversifying risk into different financial products.

Financial literacy is common for everyone but applying the knowledge is depends on their individual conditions like age, income, expecting return, time period etc., A person who starts financial planning in the early age will more beneficial than a person who starts in late age.

### STATEMENT OF THE STUDY

The problem selected for investigation is the basic awareness of financial literacy among 300 UG woman students whose age is between 18-22 in Wanaparthy district, Telangana.

#### NEED FOR THE STUDY

As India is emerging country and moving towards digitalization which will create more employment opportunities for youth in different areas, whether private or public sector in near future. Most of the students will become job holders and job creators. Hence financial literacy is

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very essential for youth especially for women. And also recommended suggestions for creating rety financial literacy awareness among woman students.

the questions.

- Why should we save money?
- Financial Literacy Meaning?
- Do you know the difference between saving and investment?
- What are the Investment Options you know?
- What are the Saving Options you know?
- Why should we save in bank?
- Any idea on Life Insurance?
- Which insurance policy you suggest?
- Types of bank accounts you know?
- Any idea on Mutual Funds?
- Are you aware of Market Risk?
- Are you aware of Time Value of Money?

## RESULTS AND ANALYSIS:

The below chart indicates that 76% of students accepting savings for future security, where as 22% of the students agree that for emergency purposes and remaining 2% for getting interest on savings to improve their money.

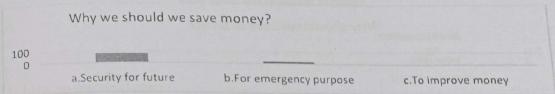


Figure 1: Why should we save money?

By the below chart reveals that 85% of students knows the meaning of financial literacy as saving money, 13% as managing money and 2% doesn't know the meaning of financial literacy.

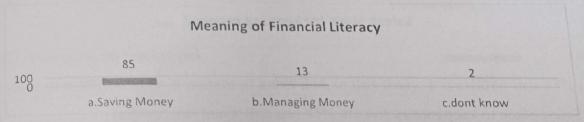


Figure 2: Meaning of financial literacy

By the below chart we can say that 25% of students known the difference between savings and investments where as 75% doesn't know the difference.

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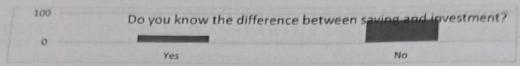


Figure3: Difference between savings and investments.

The below chart tells us that 25% of students know about money market,12% known about capital market as investment options whereas 63% students opted for others as investment

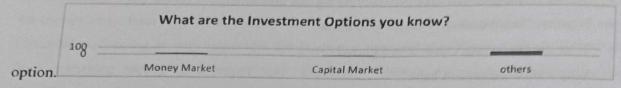


Figure 4: Investment options

It is very clear with the below chart that 90% of the students known banks as best saving option followed by 5% postal ,5% insurance and others.

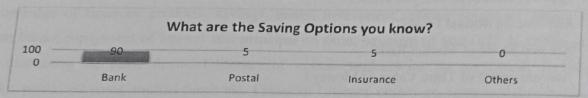


Figure 5: Saving options

The below chart answers to the question that, why should we save in bank is 99% for safety of principal, 1% for liquidity.

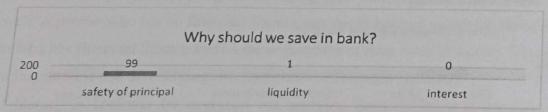


Figure6: Why should we save in bank?

The below chart shows us 99% of the students are believing banks as the safest place to keep money.

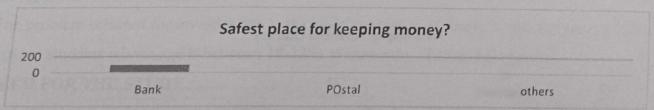
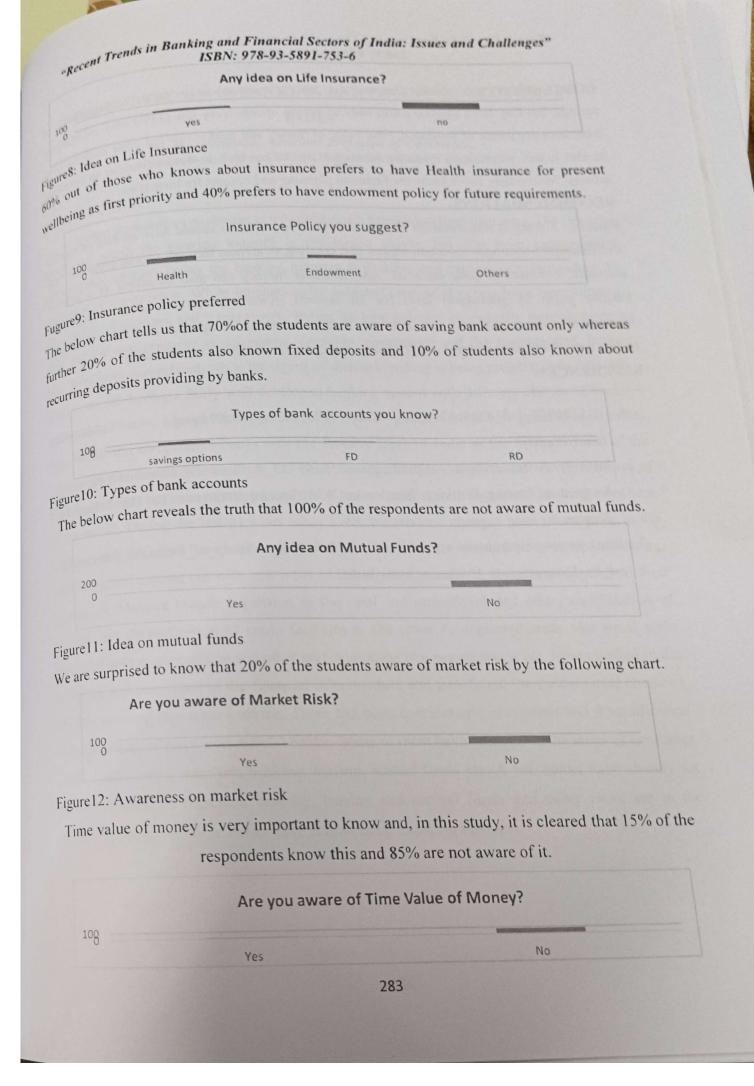


Figure 7: Safest place to keep money

By the below chart we can know that only 25% of the students are aware of life insurance where 75% are not aware of life insurance.



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CONCLUSION: It is clearly observed that all the respondents are aware of importance of savings, but they have idea on banks only as saving option. Very few (15%) who are studying commerce are aware of insurance, time value of money and market risk but other students have no idea in this. surprisingly we came across that no one has idea on mutual funds as an investing activity. Mostly they don't know the financial planning and options for long-term.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial literacy is important for all now a days. Every student should have an idea of money and financial planning.it is recommended that creating awareness through special programs like seminars, webinars is quite essential. And financial literacy can also be added as a general elective paper in graduation level for all streams. Awareness programs on savings and investment options can also be done by banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions. Awareness programs on online banking frauds and thefts are advisable. REFERENCES:

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