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Masterclass on "Building Your First Investment Portfolio: Balancing Equity, Debt, and Gold"

Date: Monday, 26 October 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 03, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous), Mumbai

Organised in collaboration with: Economic Research and Training Foundation (ERTF), Indian Merchants'

K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous), in collaboration with the Economic Research and Training Foundation (ERTF), Indian Merchants' Chamber (IMC), and IMC Young Leaders Forum, organised a masterclass titled **"Building Your First Investment Portfolio: Balancing Equity, Debt, and Gold"** on 26 October 2026.

The session was conducted by **Mrs. Deena Mehta**, Partner at Himalaya Funds AIF and former President of the Bombay Stock Exchange. A distinguished professional in the fields of finance and investment, Mrs. Mehta is a Chartered Accountant, investor, financial adviser, and social activist. She was among the first female members of the Bombay Stock Exchange and went on to become its first woman President.

The distinguished guests and resource persons were felicitated by **Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous)**, Dr. Sheetal Mody and Dr. Jagruti Darji as a gesture of appreciation and recognition of their valuable contributions to the financial and business sectors.

The masterclass aimed to familiarise participants with the fundamentals of investment planning and portfolio management, with particular emphasis on balancing equity, debt, and gold as investment avenues. The session provided an opportunity for participants to gain insights into financial decision-making, investment diversification, and the importance of developing a disciplined approach to managing personal finances.

The programme was supported by the expertise and industry network of IMC-ERTF, an institution established in 1958 to undertake research, training, and policy-oriented discussions on contemporary economic and business issues. The event also reflected the institution's commitment to promoting financial awareness and connecting academic learning with industry expertise.

The masterclass offered a valuable learning opportunity for students to interact with an accomplished industry professional and gain practical perspectives on investment and wealth management, thereby strengthening their financial literacy and understanding of real-world financial markets.