Ministry of Labour & Employment

Training Programme for EPF Officers on Investment and Risk Management inaugurated at PDUNASS

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A two-day training programme on *Investment and Risk Management* for EPF Officers was inaugurated today by **Shri Kumar Rohit**, Director, **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS)**, New Delhi. Addressing the officer trainees who have arrived at the Academy from across the country, Shri Rohit encouraged them to engage actively and ask questions freely throughout the sessions. He emphasized that this is a timely and significant initiative for PDUNASS to conduct a specialized programme focused on investment management and financial prudence.

The Director further highlighted that the inspiration behind this initiative has been **Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi**, **Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC)** and **Dean, PDUNASS**, whose vision continues to guide the Academy's efforts in professional development and institutional excellence. Shri Rohit described the training as a forward-looking step toward capacity building and skill enhancement of EPFO officers. He also cited the example of **Shri Vivekanand Gupta, RPFC-II**, who has been selected for the **Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM) Programme 2025–26** of the **World Bank and Milken Institute**, hosted at **Bayes Business School, UK**, underscoring the growing global recognition of EPFO officers' capabilities.

Prof. Satish Kumar from **ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad**, is serving as the resource person for this programme. He conducted multiple sessions on critical and emerging areas, including institutional investments, portfolio construction, bond valuation, asset–liability management, and portfolio evaluation within the framework of risk management. Prof. Kumar emphasized that *"an asset cannot be managed if it cannot be valued,"* underlining that valuation lies at the core of all investment decisions. During his lectures, he also discussed the pioneering contributions of **Harry Markowitz**—the father of modern portfolio theory—and **William Sharpe**, known for the **Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)** and **Sharpe Ratio**, both Nobel Laureates in Economics (1990).

Shri Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I, who serves as the **Course Director** of the programme, advised the trainees that their curiosity, active participation, and thoughtful questions would be instrumental in achieving the programme's objectives.

A team of officers from the **Investment and Exemption Divisions** of EPFO Headquarters has been specially nominated to participate in the programme, along with officers and faculty members of **PDUNASS** and other participants from across the nation.

About PDUNASS:
The **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS)** is the premier training and research institute of the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**, under the **Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India**. The Academy plays a pivotal role in capacity building, professional development, and knowledge enhancement of EPFO officers through specialized training programmes, workshops, and research initiatives. PDUNASS is committed to fostering excellence in social security administration, public financial management, and institutional governance, thereby contributing significantly to strengthening India's social protection framework.

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