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‘Samvad’ 2026: A Symposium on Securities Market by SEBI and NISM

Samvad, the annual flagship Symposium on the securities market, themed as **‘Sustained Capital Formation’** was convened today at Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai. Samvad 2026 brought together diverse stakeholders including regulators, policy makers, academicians, industry leaders, market infrastructure institutions and investors to deliberate on sustained capital formation and the trajectory of India’s securities market.

Organised by SEBI in collaboration with NISM and supported by NSE, BSE, NSDL and CDSL, the one-day Symposium reaffirmed the commitment of market stakeholders to deepen market efficiency, foster innovation, strengthen investor trust and broaden participation across asset classes.

The event was graced by Shri Arvind Virmani, Hon’ble Member, NITI Aayog as the Chief Guest with Ms. Samara Cohen, Global Head of Market Development, BlackRock, delivering the keynote address. Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Chairman, SEBI addressed the gathering outlining his vision for the future of India’s capital market.

SEBI took this opportunity to unveil the full report of the ‘Investor Survey 2025’ undertaken by SEBI in association with AMFI, NSE, BSE, NSDL and CDSL.



Chairman SEBI, in his address emphasised that India's capital markets are no longer merely supporting economic growth but are increasingly shaping the quality, resilience and inclusiveness of that growth.

Opening with a powerful reflection on India's rich financial heritage, Ms. Samara Cohen on her part connected the nation's deep history of trade to its dynamic future underscoring that resilient infrastructure, transparent regulation, and digital innovation are key to building trust and expanding investor access.

Addressing the Symposium, Shri Arvind Virmani, Member, NITI Aayog, who outlined India's growth trajectory, demographic advantage, and the role of financial markets in achieving the 2047 vision.

In his video message, Dr. Andrew Sheng highlighted the critical role of trust, technology and inclusive capital markets in driving sustainable growth. He underscored that purpose-driven capital, technology and robust market institutions can position India's securities markets at the forefront of inclusive and sustainable economic transformation.

The inaugural session was followed by a fireside chat with Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Chairman, SEBI, deliberating on 'India as a Magnet for Long-Term Global Capital', and highlighting the financial sector's remarkable growth and resilience in driving India's economic strength.



Samvad 2026 also showcased a rich line-up of expert panels moderated by Whole Time members/ Executive Directors of SEBI featuring extensive discussions on strategies and best practices to ensure sustained capital generation to foster economic development. The panel discussions covered the following topics.

- Reimagining the Securities Market: Purpose Driven Capital for Future ready India;
- Going Public - Challenges for Startups and SMEs;
- Measuring Impact: What Works in Investor Education in the Era of Technological Transformation.

The event was also broadcasted live by NISM, NSE, BSE, NSDL and CDSL. The proceedings of the Symposium will be archived on www.sebi.gov.in for later viewing.

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