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NISM Introduces FinKnowledge (QSME) 2026 – India's First Quiz for Securities Market Entities

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Mumbai, July 25, 2026 – The National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), successfully launched **FinKnowledge – Quiz for Securities Market Entities (QSME) 2026**, India's first dedicated quiz competition for professionals from the securities market ecosystem. As a pioneering knowledge initiative, the quiz was designed to enhance participants' understanding of the securities markets, strengthen financial literacy, and encourage continuous professional development while fostering a culture of excellence across the industry.

Exclusively designed for professionals associated with securities market entities, FinKnowledge – QSME 2026 provides participants with a dynamic platform to test their knowledge of securities market regulations, market infrastructure, compliance practices, investment products, technological innovations, and emerging industry developments. The initiative also encourages healthy competition while reinforcing the importance of staying abreast of the rapidly evolving financial landscape.

The inaugural edition witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams representing leading securities market institutions and market infrastructure entities, including the Association of Registered Investment Advisers (ARIA), National Stock Exchange of India (NSE), National Securities Clearing Corporation Limited (NSCCL), Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) , National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (MSEI), BSE Broker Forum, Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), Association of Registered Research Analysts of India (ARRAI), MF Utilities (MFU), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), Computer Age Management Services (CAMS), National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX), BSE Limited, Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL), CRISIL, and Care Ratings.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sashi Krishnan, Director, NISM, said, "India's capital markets are undergoing rapid transformation, driven by technological innovation, regulatory advancements, and rising investor participation. In this dynamic environment, continuous upskilling and professional development have become indispensable. FinKnowledge has been conceived as a first-of-its-kind platform that enables securities market professionals to test their expertise, exchange perspectives, and stay current with the evolving regulatory and business landscape. Through education, certification, capacity building, and investor awareness initiatives, NISM remains committed to strengthening professional standards and developing a future-ready securities market ecosystem."

FinKnowledge is a key addition to NISM's ongoing efforts to advance capacity building and professional development within India's securities markets. Through such initiatives, NISM continues to strengthen industry capabilities while supporting the long-term growth, resilience, and integrity of the country's financial ecosystem.

Here are the top three winners and the prize money they received

- 1st Prize-1,50,000 - Association of Registered Investment Advisers (ARIA)
- 2nd Prize-1,00,000 - Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 3rd Prize-60,000 - Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)

About NISM:
The National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) is a public trust established by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in 2006 to strengthen the quality and integrity of India's securities markets through education, certification, research, capacity building and financial literacy. As India's premier institution for securities market education and investor awareness, NISM works with regulators, market participants, academic institutions and investors to enhance professional competence, promote financial literacy and support a fair, transparent and resilient securities market ecosystem through its academic programmes, professional certifications, research initiatives and nationwide outreach activities.