

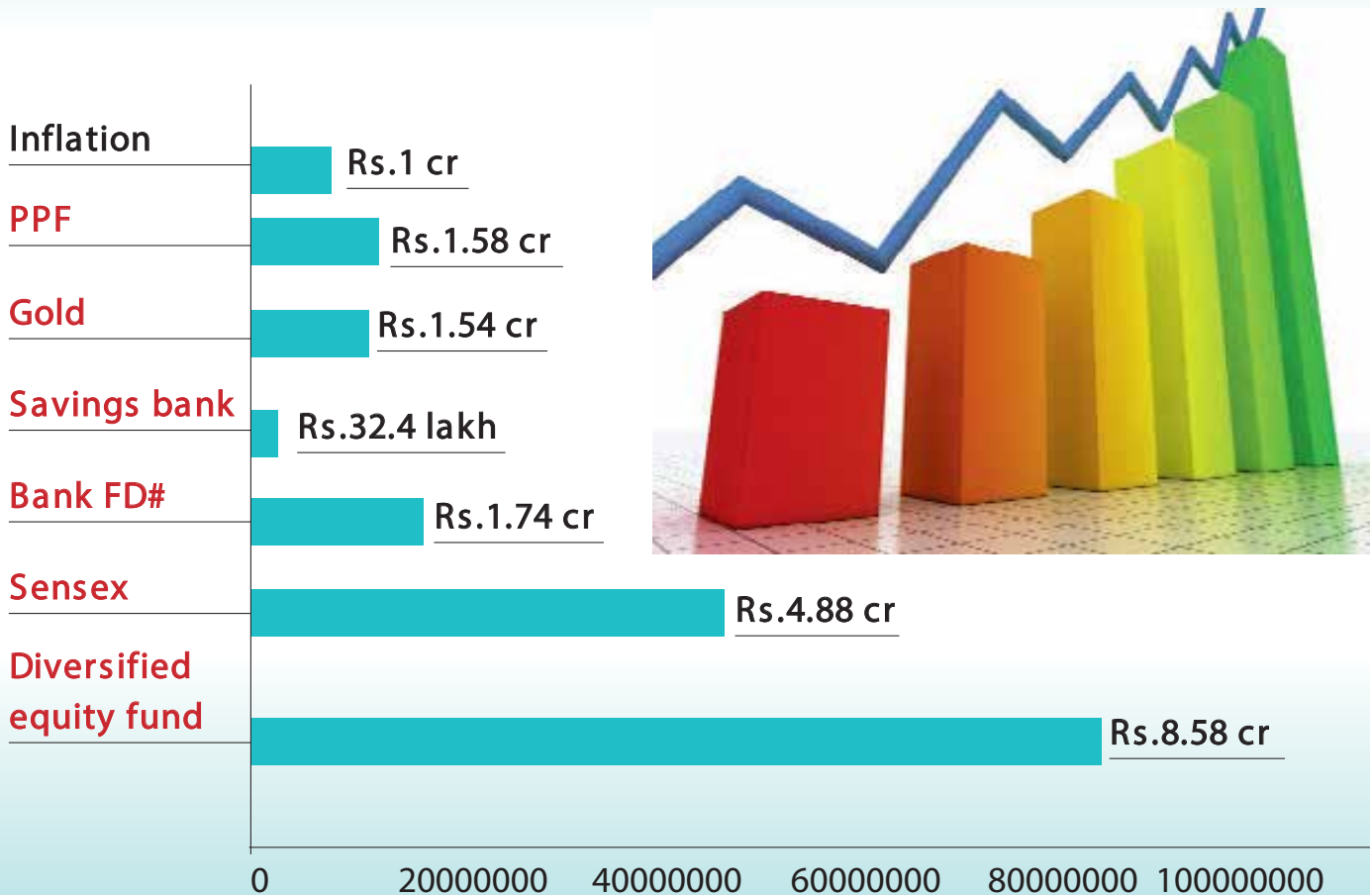
WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN?

Swatantra Kumar explains: Of late there is a growing interest around the world relating to use of blockchains in the financial sector. A blockchain is an electronic public ledger for financial transactions which is tamper proof and secured from revision. First used for Bitcoins, this technique was first introduced in 2008. At the heart of Bitcoins is blockchain, the robust system for which in turn makes Bitcoins such a revolutionary concept. Within this system, every user is allowed to connect to the blockchain network, record new transactions and get it registered ones verified. Once the verification is done, a block is created which can neither be revised nor tampered with. Each subsequent block is linked to a prior block and hence the name blockchain



CURRENT VALUE OF RS 10 LAKH INVESTED IN SEPTEMBER 1986

Where should one invest his/her hard earned money? The chart below gives a comparative value of wealth over a 30-year period. And equities are way ahead of the competition. Over the period under consideration, while a long term equity fund returned a compounded annual average of 16% and sensex 13.8%, their closest competitor bank FDs gave a return of 10%.



* Compounded Annual Growth Rate

Average of 1-year rate a leading bank