DID YOU KNOW

Women shy away from taking their own investment decisions

Women tend to have good saving habits. However, the number of women investors are still few in number.

77%* of employed women in India do not take their own investment decisions, according to a study. They depend on their husband or father.

This means, women rely on family for:



- Pursuing their own goals like travel, big-ticket purchases, etc.
- Funding their child's education
- Buying a house of their own or for family
- Taking care of their own parents
- Paying for their post-retirement expenses

Caution: Life is uncertain.

It takes one small accident to turn your world upside down. What if your family is not around or fails to help you?

Solution:

- Do not underestimate your capabilities
- Build a habit of saving and investing
- Read about finance and improve knowledge
- Understand your family's finances
- Look beyond traditional investment tools
- Seek help from financial advisor
- * A study conducted by research agency Nielsen



PAYING THROUGH EMIS VS INVESTING THROUGH SIP



You may want:

 A high-end Laptop, Television or Smartphone



- Designer clothes and accessories
- Travelling without a thought of money
- Seamless shopping experience



What most do:

 Pay through Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) or borrowed money



The cons:

- You pay 11-14% extra as interest on EMIs
- Constant worry of repaying Debt
- Lower credit score in case of non-payment

What to do instead:

- Postpone expenditure and buy some time
- Invest a small amount every month through SIP
- Earn returns maybe as much as the EMI interest rate
- Liquidate investment and pay
- Say goodbye to worries of Debt and non-payment



In the next edition: Be it a calendar year or a financial year, new year and resolutions go hand in hand. In the upcoming edition, we will look at how a few financial resolutions can make your year a prosperous one.