

IIM-Indore's student-investors gain & shine in sluggish market

dna correspondent • Indore

Even before becoming real operators in financial world, the students of IIM Indore have shown their skills and made handsome profit.

The Indian Institute of Management, Indore student members of in-house financial investment and research club-Voyage Capital (VC) have also been clever enough to beat the sluggish market.

Gaining overall return value as high as 14.3% on total fund that they invested in share market during a 12-month window (from Jan 2013 to Dec 2013), the nine members of VC club are proud of their stock market victory that has given

A FORECAST

Impact of general elections: Predicting a comeback of the BJP at the centre, team members claimed that metal mining, construction and power sectors will get a boost in their reign. On account of this, investors can choose to invest in these sectors post the general elections, said Vaibhav.

Impact of growing economy of the West: The elevating economy of US and UK will give a push to IT and pharmaceutical sectors.

Considering soft skills or biases as the biggest challenge before investors, the team claimed that investors should exercise stock loss which means withdrawing your investment at appropriate time to check unidentified loss.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Students invested two-thirds of the funds on Indian equity

- Aurobindo Pharma, Biocon, SunPharma were top gainers
- Core education, Wockhardt, DLF, Indusland bank were top losers

them high returns. "The club had investor base of 135 and asset under management (invest-

ment) of Rs. 3.76 lakh," says IIM-I student media coordinator Neha Bhomia. Tum*

IIM-Indore's student...

The VC club invested them using the bottom-up methodology, said VC club fund manager and PGP student Vaibhav Jain.

Having studied, analyzed and drafting the performance report of the VC club in the stock market investment, club members including Vaibhav Jain, Vivek Thebaria, Sakshi Yadav and Abhiket Gaurav claimed said that various factors like the elevating global economy, upcoming general elections and changing policies of the RBI will make investors happier this year.

"Stock market understanding is very subjective and in my view, investors can use both the top-down and bottom-up methodologies of investment this year simultaneously," Vaibhav said. In simple terms, a top-down methodology of investment is governed by the existing economic condition of the country and the world. On the contrary, a bottom-up methodology drives the decision of the investor on the basis of the performance of the company in a given time.

VC Club deputy fund manager Thaberia said, "we try keeping the community abreast by having industry experts showcase their market acumen through interactive sessions and seminars from time to time. In addition, the fund management team organizes real-time stock picking competitions in collaboration with stock brokerages."