

30 years of TRUST Markets - India's first Digital Public Infrastructure and the first Fintech - National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)

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Over the past 30 years, the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has been the foundation stone of India's capital markets landscape. NSE successfully launched a fully automated screen-based securities order-matching system in 1994, which helped establish India's credibility in a nascent IT world. International exchanges adopted a similar only after NSE's remarkable success. NSE emerged as India's first Digital Public Infrastructure project, paving the way for India's IT revolution. It remains India's first fintech ill-did.

NSE has emerged as the world's largest stock exchange, processing about 20 billion orders and up to 200 million transactions in a single day. Over 30 years NSE has changed the course of India's stock market, and the biggest beneficiary of this transformation is the Indian investor. In 1994, NSE is the second largest equity exchange in terms of number of trades and the largest derivatives exchange. Last year it was based on number of contracts traded as per the election from NSE.

Shri Ashish Kumar Chaudhary, one of the founding team members, leads NSE as the MD & CEO, guiding its commitment to fairness, efficiency and transparency while empowering investors, issuers and intermediaries.

Democratization of Markets

NSE's establishment was a direct response to challenges in India's financial markets in the early 1990s. The Liberalized Market Scheme of 1992 exposed systemic inefficiencies, lack of transparency, and potential for market manipulation, underscoring the need for a robust, mechanism trading platform. Under visionary like Dr. R. D. Patel and Mr. S. S. Nadhani, NSE was mandated to introduce a nationwide, fully automated screen-based trading system eliminating inefficiencies of manual trading ensuring access to all market participants regardless of geographic location thereby fostering trust in the market.

NSE has democratized India's financial markets by empowering retail investors, encouraging institutional participation, and bridging the urban-rural divide. The exchange has collaborated with regulators and government bodies to

implement market integrity reforms, its regulatory framework including stringent risk management practices, has become a global benchmark. NSE has exemplified cutting-edge technology, regulatory compliance, and investor-centric policies.

Mirror to India's Economic Growth - 4th Largest Economy and 4th Largest Capital Markets

India's growth story is one of resilience and ambition, and our markets have mirrored this journey. India is expected to surpass Japan to become the fourth largest economy in 2025 as per IMF estimates while Indian equity markets rank fourth globally behind only the US, China (including Hong Kong), and Japan. Market Capitalization of NSE listed companies has grown over 110 times in the last 30 years. No other country in the world has a range of 1000000- 1000000000 has a comparable market size.

Notably, India's equity market capitalization today is nearly 1.6 times the size of the banking sector, highlighting the increasing role of capital markets as a growth catalyst in India's economic upturn. The joint efforts of all stakeholders have transformed India into a capital markets nation.

TRUST Markets for over 11 Crore Investors

As an ecosystem, what we manufacture is TRUST in this TRUST Markets. We have reached nearly 11.5 Crore unique investors registered with the exchange having over 22 Crore accounts. NSE registered investors currently cover 94.9% of all PIN codes in India with only 28 pin codes not having a registered investor most of which are rural areas. Today, one in five households have a direct exposure to stock markets vs. one in 14 households 10 years ago. Investors from all parts of the country be it Bangalore or Bikaner are investing and bank-earned money into the markets because of the trust in the markets. One-fourth of the market base constitutes female investors while 10 years ago in NSE registered investors 12% dropped to 12 years as of March 2023 (vs. 18.7% of March 2015). Nearly 40% of the registered investor base today is under 30 years of age and 53% of the new investors added in FY23 fall into the less than 30 years category.