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The Power of ₹500: SIP Beginners Playbook

A small illustration of how regular investing works.

Explain SIPs without promising returns. The examples are hypothetical and should not be interpreted as a recommendation.

LEARN Understand the basics	THINK Compare risks and choices	ACT Use official channels

Educational resource • Simple language • No product endorsement

Important: This booklet is for education only. Financial products, rates, eligibility, rules and scheme terms can change. Verify current information from official sources before acting.

The Guide

1. What Is a SIP?

A Systematic Investment Plan is a method of investing a fixed amount periodically into a mutual fund scheme. The investment amount and frequency are chosen by the investor under the scheme's terms.

A SIP is a way of investing; it does not make the underlying investment risk-free.

2. Why ₹500 Is a Useful Learning Example

₹500 per month means ₹6,000 contributed over a year and ₹30,000 over five years before considering any return, tax or charges.

The point of the example is habit formation and goal planning—not a promise that the investment will grow to a particular amount.

3. Before Starting

Understand the fund's objective, risk, costs, exit conditions and suitability for your goal.

Use regulated channels and read the scheme documents. Mutual funds carry market risk and values can go down as well as up.

Remember

A SIP is a method, not a guarantee. Understand the underlying mutual fund.

Your Action Checklist

Use this page during a workshop or at home. Tick each item only when you understand it.

- Define the goal and time horizon.
- Build emergency savings first.
- Understand the risk level of the scheme.
- Read the scheme information and costs.
- Invest only after understanding the product.

Questions to Ask Before You Act

1	What exactly am I buying, joining, borrowing or authorizing?
2	What could go wrong, and what would I lose?
3	What are the fees, penalties, exclusions or conditions?
4	Who regulates or officially administers this product/scheme?
5	Where can I verify the information independently?

My Notes

Quick Questions & Trusted Sources

Does SIP guarantee a return?

No. SIP is a periodic investment method; the underlying mutual fund remains subject to market risk.

Can I stop a SIP?

Depending on the platform and scheme terms, you can generally pause/stop future instalments, but check the specific terms.

Is ₹500 enough?

Some schemes/platforms may allow small amounts, but the minimum and conditions depend on the specific scheme. Check the current product documents.

Trusted starting points

• SEBI Investor — Mutual Funds and Personal Finance resources.

• SEBI Financial Education Booklet.

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