

SEM YOUNG INVESTOR AWARD 2025: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INVESTORS



The Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM) held the awards ceremony for the SEM Young Investor Award (SEMYIA) Trading Game 2025 on Friday 19 September 2025.

This year's competition brought together 600 Grade 12 students from 73 schools across Mauritius, reaffirming SEMYIA's position as a flagship initiative for financial literacy and youth engagement. Over a two-month period, participants were allocated a notional sum of Rs 200,000 to invest in listed securities—including stocks, Depositary Receipts, and ETFs—closely simulating the experience of real investors.

Students created their own portfolios, placed buy and sell orders, and tracked market movements through SEM's platforms, including its real-time mobile app, *mySEM*. The goal was to achieve the best overall return, combining dividends and capital gains, while gaining practical insights into stock-market operations.

During this year's competition, 93 teams outperformed the SEMDEX, and 69 teams exceeded the performance of the SEM's Total Return Index (SEMTRI).

Honourable Dhaneshwar Damry, Junior Minister of Finance, delivered an inspiring keynote address that resonated deeply with the young investors present, capturing the spirit of ambition and responsibility that the competition seeks to foster. He emphasised the importance of fostering financial literacy among younger generations and highlighted their pivotal role in shaping Mauritius' future. In his speech, Honourable Damry remarked:

"I thank the SEM for giving me the opportunity to address this dynamic young group, the future of Mauritius, for whom we are building the bridge to the future. This event is even more special for me because it coincides with the 125th birth anniversary of the father of the nation."

In his address, the SEM's Chief Executive, Mr. Sunil Benimadhu, emphasized that the SEM Young Investor Award (SEMYIA) is a multi-faceted competition designed, among other objectives, to provide young students with hands-on experience in stock market investing and to spark their interest in economic and financial issues. He remarked:

"In today's increasingly interconnected world, where economic and financial decisions made not only in Mauritius but also in distant countries affect our daily lives, it is essential for every student to gain a solid understanding of the foundations of these economic and financial decisions."

2025 WINNING TEAMS

FIRST PLACE & BEST REPORT: West Coast International School (Team B)
*Victoria Mary How Foh Yee, Raghav Gupta, Kahil Naga, Akash Deenapanray,
Nathan Damien Ah Yang*

SECOND PLACE: Seewa Bappoo SSS (Team A)

THIRD PLACE: Manilall Doctor SSS (Team A)

About the SEM Young Investor Award

Launched in 1993, SEMYIA is the Stock Exchange of Mauritius' flagship youth engagement programme. It introduces high-school students to the fundamentals of investing and financial markets through experiential learning, fostering early financial literacy and an interest in economic issues. Since its inception, the competition has attracted over 21,000 students, making it one of the longest-running and most impactful youth programmes in the country.



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