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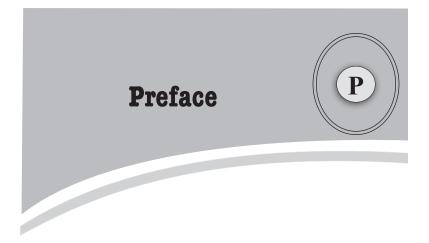
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This book *Financial Markets and Services* is designed in such a way to provide undergraduate students with a solid foundation in understanding the intricate world of financial markets and the vital services that underpin them. In an era defined by economic complexity and global interconnectivity, understanding the principles and functions of financial markets and services is not just advantageous, but essential.

Financial markets serve as the lifeblood of modern economies. They facilitate the allocation of funds, risk management and price discovery. This book provides a fundamental understanding of how these markets operate, their role in capital formation and their impact on economic stability. Moreover, the landscape of financial markets is ever evolving, driven by technological advancements, regulatory changes and shifts in global economic dynamics. This textbook offers an up-to-date exploration of these evolving markets, blending theoretical concepts with practical insights.

Financial services are the cornerstone of modern commerce. The broad spectrum of financial institutions, banks, insurance companies, investment firms and more, play a fundamental role in facilitating the flow of capital, managing risk and provide a wide range of financial products and services. The financial service industry is at the crossroads of innovation and tradition, adapting itself to the rapid technological advancements, strict regulatory requirements

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and growing consumer expectations. This book offers a clear insight into the services offered by the financial sector, from basic banking transactions to complex investment strategies, in connecting those in need of financial resources with those who can provide them.

The content is carefully aligned with the syllabus of various universities across India. The comprehensive coverage of topics ensures that readers gain a well-rounded understanding of the subject. The language is kept very simple and review questions have been added at the end of each chapter for self-assessment. The inclusion of case studies and practical exercise questions elevate the reading experience and bridge the gap between theory and practice.

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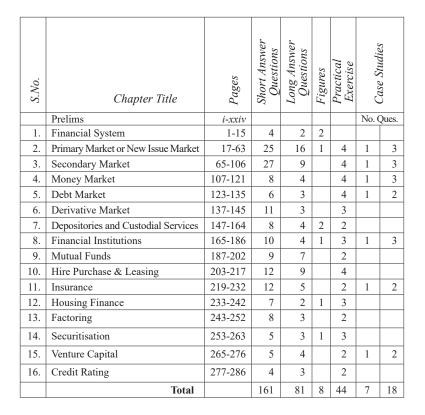
This book titled Financial Markets and Services, has been made possible through the inferences taken from various regulatory bodies that govern the financial landscape. The notifications issued by RBI have enriched the content of this book with accurate and current information on money market instruments, monetary policies and financial regulations. SEBI's rules and regulations, have contributed significantly to the content of this book by providing insights into the functioning of capital markets, investor protection and regulatory compliance of financial market intermediaries. References have been taken from the notifications and guidelines issued by NSE & BSE, which have enhanced the accuracy and relevance on the discussions such as stock markets, trading mechanisms and market indices.

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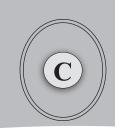
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