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Adikavi Nannaya University

MBA: IV Semester

FM 403 : BEHAVIORAL FINANCE

UNIT – 1

Introduction to Behavioral finance – Nature, scope, objectives and application; Investment Decision Cycle: Judgment under Uncertainty :Cognitive information perception - Peculiarities (biases) of quantitative and numerical information perception - Representativeness – Anchoring - Exponential discounting - Hyperbolic discounting

UNIT – 2

Utility/ Preference Functions: Expected Utility Theory [EUT] and Rational Thought: Decision making under risk and uncertainty - Expected utility as a basis for decision-making – Theories based on Expected Utility Concept - Investor rationality and market efficiency.

UNIT – 3

Behavioral Factors and Financial Markets: The Efficient Markets Hypothesis – Fundamental Information and Financial Markets - Information available for Market Participants and Market Efficiency -Market Predictability –The Concept of limits of Arbitrage Model - Asset management and behavioral factors - Active Portfolio Management: return statistics and sources of systematic underperformance. - Fundamental information and technical analysis – the case for psychological influence.

UNIT – 4

Behavioral Corporate Finance: Behavioral factors and Corporate Decisions on Capital Structure and Dividend Policy - Capital Structure dependence on Market Timing -. Systematic approach to using behavioral factors in corporate decisionmaking. External Factors and Investor Behavior: Mechanisms of the External Factor influence on risk perception and attitudes - Connection to human psychophysiology and emotional regulation Active portfolio management – the source of the systematic underperformance.

UNIT – 5

Emotions and Decision – Making: Experimental measurement of risk-related - Measuring Risk - Emotional mechanisms in modulating risk-taking attitude - Neurophysiology of risk taking. Personality traits and risk attitudes in different domains.

Reference Books

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- What Investors Really Want - Learn the lessons of behavioral Finance, Meir Statman, McGraw-Hill
- Handbook of Behavioral Finance – Brian R. Bruce
- Behavioral finance - Wiley Finance - Joachim Goldberg, Rüdiger von Nitzsch
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- Nofsinger, J. R., 2001, Investment Madness, Prentice Hall.
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