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PREFACE

Financial Management plays one of the most crucial roles that can assist the firm in achieving its goal. Ultimately, finance is the lifeblood of any company. Students should understand that financial management ideas and practices apply to all types of businesses, from the largest multinational corporations to the tiniest sole proprietorships, including families. Recent financial affairs have highlighted the need of comprehending financial decision-making, investment decision-making, dividend policy decision-making, and financial and investment management techniques. We present an introduction to these concepts in the field of finance in this book.

The modern corporate environment is extremely complex and intricate. The most efficient use of a company's resources is essential to its success. This entails assessing the company's strengths and weaknesses in light of environmental threats and opportunities, as well as adopting necessary actions to capitalise on opportunities or combat threats, and formulating strategies as a result. The "Financial SWOT Analysis" provides an overall assessment of the firm's financial health and identifies long-term goals.

The book is principally envisioned for undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in B. Com., M. Com., B.B.A., M.B.A., and other professional courses at various universities. It is intended that the book will serve as a guide covering several illustrations with interpretations, for everyone interested in financial management of any kind. In the learners' market, there are a number of books on the subject of financial management, but they do not match the needs of students studying financial management in terms of financial SWOT analysis and financial analysis techniques. In order to meet the special needs of readers and practitioners of this field, this book takes a modern and innovative approach to the study of financial management.

In terms of organization, the book is divided into ten chapters that are well-organized. The First Chapter introduces the concept and significance of the F-SWOT analysis, in which S represents financial strength, W financial weakness, O financial opportunity, and T represents financial threat. The Second Chapter describes the F-SWOT study as well as the firm's growth, including the sustainable growth rate. The tools and techniques for assessing financial statements using financial SWOT analysis are covered in the next eight chapters. Chapter Three dwells on various financial ratios highlighting their uses and computations. Chapter Four presents trend and common-size statement analysis which indicates direction of change of financial data over a period of time. Chapter Five describes the need for working capital and its computation for continuous operations of business. Chapter Six provides information that any company's financial status can be better understood with the use of a cash flow statement and a fund flow statement. Capital budgeting analysis techniques have been lucidly described in Chapter Seven. In Chapter Eight, cost of various components of capital have been explained and illustrated. In Chapter Nine, leverage and EBIT-EPS analysis demonstrates the level of risk involved in capital structure of a company. Chapter Ten has been exclusively devoted to dividend policy analysis using different ratios and models.

All of the topics covered in the book are presented in simple and lucid language. I made every effort to ensure that the text was free of errors. Nonetheless, I do not rule out the chance that there are still some flaws or misprints. I will be grateful if the reader can point out such errors from time to time.

I shall feel amply rewarded, if the book proves to be useful in the development of legitimate financial management research. Any constructive criticism or useful recommendations from all readers, particularly from experienced scholars and professors, will be sincerely welcomed and greatly appreciated in order to improve the subject content and presentation of this work.

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