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**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF BALANCED FUND****Dr. Chandrashekhar R¹**¹Asst. Professor, Department of Business Administration, Mangalore University,
Mangalagangothri, Karnataka, India.**ABSTRACT**

The capital gain, what an investor expects is not guaranteed due to the fluctuations in the share prices. Share prices varies due to one or other reason throughout the year. Certain categories of investors search for safe and secured investment avenues to avoid risk. Mutual fund is a suitable investment avenue for the common man as it offers an opportunity to invest in a diversified investments and professionally manage the investments at a relatively low cost. It is an investment avenue that provides small investors to access a well-diversified portfolio of equities, bonds and other securities. They also offer structured funds to the investors according to their needs and the risk tolerance. This study examine the performance of balanced funds and reveal insignificant difference between actual return and expected return of the funds. This result indicates that most of the balanced funds perform on par with market.

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