

# IPO mart sizzles ahead of 2024 polls

**ASSEMBLY VERDICT HIGH.** Half a dozen companies to hit market in December, more lining up

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The six-month period in the run up to the 2024 general elections is turning out to be the best ever in two decades for initial public offerings.

Historically, IPO activity has been abysmal six months prior to most general elections (see table). But this time around the mood is different.

A dozen companies tapped the market in October and November, collecting over ₹14,000 crore. The mop-up is tops the combined collections for four previous six-month periods before any election.

## FAVOURABLE MARKET

The BJP's latest wins in three States may further power this tally, with market observers expecting another 8-12 companies to tap the market in the next three months, given the favourable market and domestic liquidity conditions.

December may see half a dozen companies — India Shelter Finance, EPack Durable, DOMS Industries, Happy Forgings, Muthoot Microfin and Jana SFB — hit the market for their public share sales, said people in the know. Together these companies could raise over ₹7,000 crore.

## Likely IPO candidates in December

	Estimated issue size (₹ cr)	Sector
EPack Durable	>400	Electronics - consumer & media
India Shelter Finance	1,800	Housing finance
DOMS Industries	1,200	Household & personal products
Muthoot Microfin	1,350	Financial services
Happy Forgings	1,200	Castings/ forgings
Jana Small Finance Bank	1,000	Banking/term lending

Source: primedatabase.com

Entero Healthcare Solutions, Medi Assist Healthcare and Jyoti CNC Automation are among those awaiting SEBI approval but hope to launch their IPOs by January, according to bankers. INOX India and Stanley Lifestyles, which got the nod on Tuesday, will also come to the market.

## MARKET ON A HIGH

“The State election results have added momentum to an already robust IPO market. With the secondary market at an all-time high and good performance by recent listings, the stage is set for more companies to tap the market this month and early part of next year,” said Pranjal Srivastava,

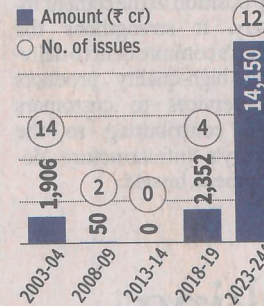
Partner - Investment Banking, Centrum Capital.

In all 33 companies have regulatory approval, which could translate into a fund-raise of over ₹34,000 crore, according to PRIME Database. Another 34 companies are awaiting the regulator's nod to mop up ₹38,000 crore.

“The robust IPO activity in October and November is unlike what we have historically seen in the six-month periods prior to a general election. The incumbent government's performance in the State elections has been taken favourably by the market, and the resulting buoyancy may lead to a few more issues in January or February,” said Pranav Haldea, Managing Director,

## Top of the charts

Best six-month period prior to general elections in two decades



Oct-Mar period considered, \*Oct-Nov '23  
Source: primedatabase.com

PRIME Database. The IPO mart was in the spotlight in November, with a host of issues such as of Tata Technologies, Gandhar Oil Refinery, IREDA, and Flair Writing Industries seeing robust demand, record applications and stellar listing.

“The heightened IPO activity can be attributed to the eagerness of companies to tap the capital market before the Lok Sabha elections, coupled with robust economic activity and positive sentiment of both domestic and foreign investors.

“This momentum is likely to continue well into 2024,” said Mahavir Lunawat, Managing Director, Pantomath Capital Advisors.

## Adani stocks add ₹1.93-lakh cr m-cap

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Adani Group stocks were on fire on Tuesday and from modest gains of 2-5.2 per cent in morning trades on the NSE, they gained steam during the day to end 10-20 per cent higher and reached close to ₹14-lakh crore in market capitalisation, adding around ₹1.93-lakh crore in a single day.

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## Sensex tops 69k

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The equity markets' record-breaking momentum continued as the bellwether Sensex surpassed 69,000 for the first time, driven by expectation of a stable government after next year's General Election. The BSE Sensex opened at a record high of 69,169 and gained 303 points compared to the previous close of 68,865. It closed at 69,296.14, higher by 431.02 points.

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