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# ₹1.19Lcr and Counting: 2024 Becomes the Year of The IPO

FPIs pumped ₹87,073 cr into primary market, even as they sold shares worth ₹96,946 cr

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from initial public offerings (IPOs) so far this year crossed ₹1.19 lakh crore (\$14 billion), surpassing the previous record of ₹1.18 lakh crore set in 2021.

India's IPO fundraising so far this year is the second highest globally, following the US, which has third at \$10.7 billion, according to Refinitiv data. Expensive valuations in the secondary market and excess liquidity with institutional investors have created strong de- re in the primary market. said bankers.

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ry market despite being sellers in the secondary market," said V Jayasankar, head of equity capital. Mumbai: With the successful clo-markets. Kotak Investment Bansure of Swiggy's ₹11,300 crore pubking. "Despite high volatility in lic issue and that of ACME Solar's the secondary market, large IPOs ₹2,900 crore share sale on Friday, like Swiggy received strong de-India's primary market has set a mand with quality anchor invesnew record. The amount raised tors, highlighting the significant appetite for IPOs in India."

Three IPOs—by Swiggy, ACME

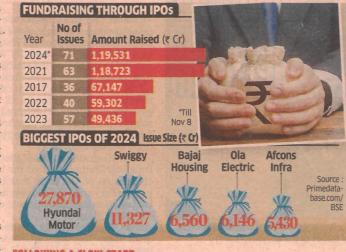
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Solar and Sagility India—have raised ₹16,334 crore so far this month. While the Swiggy IPO was subscribed 3.59 ti-

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mand for public issues this year, Last month, Hyundai Motor raised a record ₹27,870 crore through "Fund inflows in primary mar- an IPO, which was oversubscri-



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## **Swiggy IPO Subscribed 3.6 Times**



The Swiggy IPO was subscribed 3.59 times on Friday, final day for bids, as investors placed bids for 575.3 million shares. Demand picked up after a slow start, helping the issue sail through. >> 12

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Hyundai's IPO broke the previous record held by Life Insurance Corporation of India's ₹21,008 crore IPO in May 2022.

Apart from Hyundai and Swiggy, some of this year's large IPOs include Bajaj Housing, which raised ₹6,560 crore, followed by Ola Electric (₹6,146 crore) and Afcons Infra, a Shapoorji Pallonji company (₹5,430 crore). About 20 companies have raised between ₹1,000 crore and ₹4,300 crore each this year.

"The majority of IPOs listed this year have delivered strong returns, encouraging investors to commit more funds to the primary market," said investment banker Ravi Sardana. "Given the success of recent public issues and their favourable returns, the momentum in IPOs is expected to persist."

Of the 68 companies that held IPOs this year, the stocks of 49 are currently trading above their offer price, while 19 are below that level. Around a dozen, including Jyoti CNC, Platinum Industries, KRN Heat, Exicom Tele-Systems, Gala Precision Engineering, Bharti Hexacom, Premier Energies, Waaree Energies, EPACK Durable, and Awfis Space Solutions, have more than doubled since listing.

With the number of demat accounts rising each month, new categories of retail and high net worth investors (HNIs) are flocking to the IPO market.

The total number of demat accounts in India surged to 179 million in October 2024, marking an increase of 35 million accounts in this calendar year and contributing to an average monthly addition of 3.5 million accounts.