

Indian corporates' fund raising touches record high in FY25 despite volatile market'

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FUND RAISING by Indian corporates touched a record high in fiscal 2024-25, with Rs 3.71 lakh crore being raised through equity routes and Rs 11.12 lakh crore from debt market. During the current financial year, fund mobilisation through public equity increased by 92 per cent to Rs 3,71,460 crore, compared to Rs 1,90,104 crore, according to Prime Database.

"If Rights Issues of Rs 16,167 crore (including of Infrastructure Real Estate Investment Trust (InvIT)/ Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) were to be added, the overall equity fund raising nearly touched Rs 3.88 lakh crore in 2024-25," said Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group.

Fund raising through debt also reached an all-time high of Rs 11,12,375 crore (including of InvITs/REITs) of which Rs 11,04,331 crore was through private placement of debt and Rs 8,044 crore

MOBILISATION VIA PUBLIC EQUITY UP BY 92%

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In FY 2024-25, 78 Indian corporates raised an all-time high of Rs 1.62 lakh crore through main board initial public offers (IPOs) in 2024-25, over 2.5 times of Rs 61,922 crore mobilized by 76 IPOs in 2023-24. The largest IPO in the fiscal was from Hyundai Motor (Rs 27,859 crore), followed by Swiggy (Rs 11,327 crore) and NTPC Green Energy (Rs 10,000 crore).

In the financial year, new age technology companies (NATCs) made a comeback after two rela-

tively quiet years, with eight IPOs (Awfis, Blackbuck, Digit Insurance, Firstcry, Ixigo, Mobikwik, Swiggy and Unicommerce) raising Rs 21,438 crore. Of the 78 IPOs, 56 received a mega response of more than 10 times while seven IPOs were oversubscribed by more than three times.

The average number of applications from retail rose to 21.33 lakh in 2024-25, as against 13.15 lakh last year. The highest number of applications from retail were received by Waaree Energies

(70.13 lakh) followed by Bajaj Housing Finance (58.66 lakh) and KRN Heat Exchanger & Refrigeration (55.23 lakh).

"IPO response was further buoyed by strong listing performance. Average listing gain (based on closing price on listing date) increased slightly to 30 per cent, in comparison to 29 per cent in 2023-24," Haldea said.

Out of the 78 IPOs, 46 continue to trade above the issue price. In fact, the average return of the 78 IPOs of 2024-25 has been 15 per cent, despite the market correction in the second half of the year.

Activity in the SME IPO segment also saw a huge increase in 2024-25, with 235 SME IPOs collecting around Rs 9,133 crore, 53 per cent higher than Rs 5,971 crore from 204 IPOs last year. The largest SME IPO was of Danish Power (Rs 188 crore). The average issue amount has seen a four-fold jump in four years from just Rs 9 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 39 crore in 2024-25.

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