

IPO fund-raising hits a new high for the second year despite softer retail demand

CAPITAL BOOM. 96 companies with SEBI approval set to launch public issues worth ₹1.25 lakh crore

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The fund-raising through initial public offerings (IPOs) hit a new high for the second year in a row. As many as 103 corporates raised a record ₹1.76 lakh crore through main board IPOs in 2025, this was 10 per cent more than the previous high of ₹1.60 lakh crore mobilised by 91 companies in 2024, according to primedatabase.com, a leading database firm on the primary market.

The pipeline of issues continues to be staggering. As many as 96 companies proposing to raise around ₹1.25 lakh crore are presently holding SEBI approval waiting to hit the market while another 106 companies look-

ing to raise around ₹1.40 lakh crore are awaiting SEBI approval, it said.

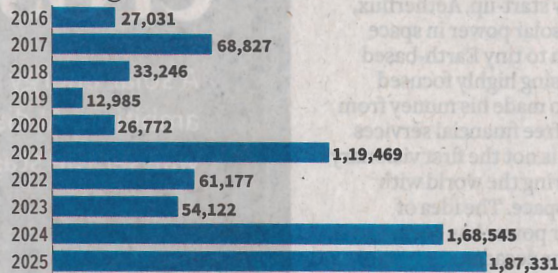
BIG TICKET IPOs

The largest IPO this year was Tata Capital (₹15,512 crore), followed by HDB Financial Services (₹12,500 crore) and LG Electronics (₹11,605 crore).

The average deal size at ₹1,708 crore was almost similar to ₹1,756 crore raised last year. Eight new age technology companies raised ₹30,602 crore, compared to nine such IPOs mopping up ₹27,584 crore last year.

Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, said IPO fund-raising activity has hit record highs in two consecutive years for the first time; in the past, a strong IPO year has always been succeeded by a lull last-

Sizzling IPO market



Source: primedatabase.com

Note: Including SME IPOs

ing two to three years. Retail investors' interest have dampened in comparison to last year. The average number of applications from retail declined to 14.99 lakh this year, against 18.87 lakh last year.

The LG Electronics issue received the highest number of applications from retail at 54.49 lakh, followed by

Meesho (54.12 lakh) and Standard Glass Lining Technology (49.34 lakh).

WEAKER LISTING

The total allocation to retail, however, was only ₹46,069 crore, which was 26 per cent of the total IPO mobilisation, up marginally from 24 per cent in 2024.

The IPO response was im-

pacted by a weaker listing performance. The average listing gain (based on closing price on listing date) decreased to 10 per cent against 30 per cent in 2024. As of December 24, about 54 of the 102 IPOs were trading above the issue price, with the average return of these 102 IPOs being 8 per cent.

Offers for sale by such PE/VC investors at ₹20,643 crore accounted for 12 per cent of the total IPO amount, while OFS by private promoters at ₹79,030 crore accounted for 45 per cent of the IPO amount.

According to Haldea, if valuation discipline is maintained by issuers and the secondary market continues to remain stable, even if not bullish, the next few years can be a golden era for India's IPO market.