

Fund-raise via IPO hits another high of ₹1.79 lakh crore in FY26

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Despite the recent market upheavals, as many as 112 companies raised a record ₹1.79 lakh crore through mainboard IPOs in the financial year ended March. The mop-up was 10 per cent higher than the previous high of ₹1.62 lakh crore raised by 78 IPOs in the preceding year, according to primedatabase.com.

Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, said it is for the first time in history that there have

been two consecutive years of all-time high IPO fundraising activity.

The gap between the two record-setting fundraising this fiscal would have been high if not for the tepid mobilisation of just ₹18,772 crore in the March quarter, he said. In the past, a strong IPO year almost always was succeeded by a lull lasting two-three years, said Haldea.

"India's IPO market is entering FY27 with one of the strongest structural backlogs seen in decades," said Bhavesh Shah, Managing Director and Head - Investment

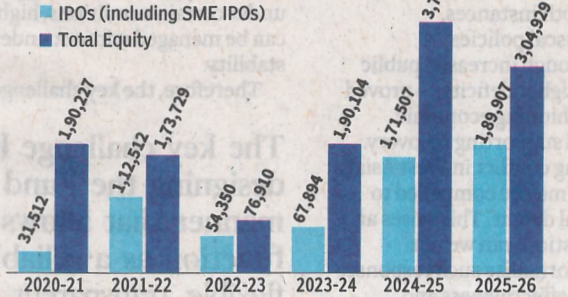
Banking, Equirus Capital, adding that he expected capital raise at \$20 billion in the next fiscal year.

"We are continuing to see the pipeline becoming robust with high-quality issuers, with over 150 companies lined up across sectors to raise ₹2.5-₹4 lakh crore. The new financial year will be less about volume and more about quality, scale and pricing discipline," he added.

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Among the IPOs to look forward to are those of the National Stock Exchange and

Fund mobilisation



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Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio. The biggest mainboard IPO in FY26 was from Tata

Capital (₹15,512 crore), followed by HDB Financial Services (₹12,500 crore) and LG

Electronics (₹11,605 crore). The average issue size stood at ₹1,598 crore, 23 per cent lower than ₹2,082 crore last year.

Out of 108 IPOs, only 60 (56 per cent) received a mega response of over 10 times, down from 72 per cent in FY25. The average number of applications from retail declined to 12.87 lakh in FY26 from 21.31 lakh last year, with Bharat Coking Coal (68.95 lakh) topping the table, followed by LG Electronics (54.49 lakh) and Meesho (54.12 lakh).

According to Haldea, IPO

response was impacted by weaker listing performance. As of March-end, 71 of the 108 IPOs were trading below their issue price. However, given the broader market correction driven by geopolitical concerns, the average return of the 108 IPOs was down 7 per cent, breaking a multi-year trend of average absolute return from IPOs.

In FY26, the number of companies filing offer documents hit an all-time high of 240, compared to 166 in FY25. Nearly 18 companies, looking to raise ₹22,400 crore, let their approval lapse, and 15

companies, looking to raise ₹9,200 crore, withdrew their offer document.

The IPO pipeline in FY27 remains robust, with SEBI granting approval to 144 companies to raise about ₹1.75 lakh crore. Another 63 companies, seeking to raise ₹1.37 lakh crore, are awaiting approval. However, fundraising in the capital market declined 18 per cent to ₹3.05 lakh crore in FY26 against ₹3.71 lakh crore logged in FY25 due to lower mobilisation through FPOs (follow-on public offering) and QIPs (qualified institutional placements).