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## India Inc's pledged holdings surge 27% y-o-y

New Delhi, May 6: The value of shares pledged by the promoters of NSE-listed companies in the country reached ₹1.94 lakh-crore level at the end of last fiscal, a surge of 27% from year-ago level, according to a report by Prime Database.

"The increase in value of pledged holding can be partly explained by the rising stock prices," Prime Database MD Prithvi Haldea said.

The percentage of promoter

Share pledging is typically done by promoters either to raise funds in the same company or for financing other projects

holding pledged has gone up to 43.36% in March from 41.75% last year. High pledging levels are typically not considered a

good sign by the investors as a downturn in the market price can lead to invocation and change in management.

Cairn India topped the list of companies with the highest pledging in value terms. Promoters have pledged company's shares worth ₹15,801 crore.

This is followed by Adani Enterprises (₹7,976 crore), TCS (₹7,302 crore), JSW Energy (₹6,305 crore) and Asian Paints (₹5,366 crore). PTI