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India Inc Gets Past ₹3 Lcr Mark in Equity Fundraise

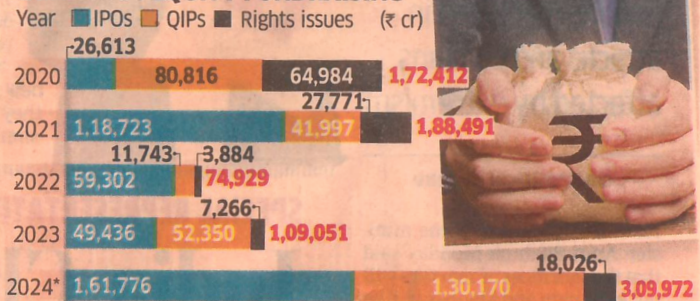
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Mumbai: With eight initial public offerings (IPOs) opening this week, equity fundraising by India Inc via IPOs, qualified institutional placements (QIPs) and rights issues has surpassed the ₹3 lakh crore mark, a 64% jump from the earlier record of ₹1.88 lakh crore in 2021. The trend, say bankers, is likely to continue in 2025.

Those launching public issues this week include DAM Capital Advisors, Ventive Hospitality, Carraro India, Senores Pharmaceuticals, Transrail Lighting, Concord Enviro Systems, Sanathan Textiles and Mamata Machinery. Inventurus Knowledge Solutions closed on Monday and International Gemological In-

INDIA INC'S EQUITY FUNDRAISING



*Till date including those announced

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stitute will end on Tuesday, adding up to a total of ₹14,000 crore being raised this week by 10 companies.

Bankers say that companies are preparing for an anticipated economic expansion by proactively allocating funds for capital expenditure to seize expected growth opportunities.

Funding Expansion Plans

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“India Inc’s significant fundraising in 2024 can be attributed to a favourable macroeconomic environment, a robust equity market, and increased investor confidence driven by stable policies and growth,” Pinak Bhattacharya, head-corporate finance, IIFL Capital, said. “Fresh issues highlight the need for capital to fund expansion, deleverage balance sheets, and invest in growth opportunities, apart from monetisation of existing stakes.”

This has the potential to stimulate private capex, particularly as companies aim to modernise infrastructure, scale operations and tap into emerging sectors, he added.

The fundraising euphoria is highlighted by investment banker DAM Capital, led by dealmaker Dharmesh Mehta, launching its maiden public issue this week, analysts said. As many as 90 companies have either raised or announced fundraising of ₹1.62 lakh crore so far this year, 2.2 times higher than last year’s ₹49,436 crore, showed data compiled by www.primedatabase.com.

The last record was ₹1.18 lakh crore raised by 63 companies in 2021.

The amount raised through fresh issues was nearly ₹70,000 crore in 2024 compared with the previous record of ₹43,300 crore in 2021.

POTENTIAL ACQUISITIONS

“Driven by a bullish outlook, corporates are strategically planning to



align with their growth ambitions,” said V Jayasankar, head of equity capital markets at Kotak Investment Banking. “They are actively seeking substantial capital inflows to fund capital expenditure and potential acquisitions.”

So far this year, 88 companies have raised a sum of ₹1.3 lakh crore through QIPs, while at least a dozen firms have announced their intentions to raise funds through this avenue. That already substantially exceeds the previous record of ₹80,816 crore raised by 25 companies in 2020.

“With favourable valuations, robust secondary markets, ample liquidity, and an anticipated revival in private capital expenditure, the strong momentum in the primary market is expected to continue in 2025,” according to Ravi Sardana, an investment banker.

The QIP is a capital-raising tool that a listed company can use to issue equity shares, fully and partly convertible debentures or any security other than warrants, which are convertible into equity shares to qualified institutional buyers.

About 20 companies have raised around ₹18,000 crore through rights issues, compared with ₹7,266 crore last year and ₹3,884 crore in 2022.