Top Position in IPOs

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India is retaining the top position globally in the number of initial public offerings (IPOs).

- It is also ranking 3rd in funds raised after major primary markets of the United States and Hong Kong (China).
- According to SEBI's Annual Report, the primary equity market remained strong even as corporate bond mobilisation declined by 8.4 per cent to 9.1 lakh crore rupees, marking the first fall in four years.
- SEBI also introduced a new Closing Auction Session (CAS) to improve price discovery and align India's markets with global standards.
- The report noted that foreign portfolio investor (FPI) ownership fell to a 15-year low, while domestic institutional investors (DII) reached a record 17 per cent equity holding by March 2026.
- Mutual fund participation continued to expand, driven largely by Tier-3 cities, with monthly SIP contributions touching a record average of over 16,400 crore rupees.
- It also said, 62 per cent of retail investors are influenced by financial influencers on social media, prompting stronger investor protection measures.

Reference

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