

## March Market Pulse: Fortnightly Investment Insights

- ❖ **Record FPI Sell-Off: Worst Start in a Decade!**
  - **FPI Record Sell-Off:** Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have offloaded a staggering **\$16.40 billion (₹142,616 Cr)** worth of Indian equities in **just two-and-a-half months**, marking the **highest-ever outflow for this period**. This relentless selling spree has triggered the **worst start for domestic markets in nearly a decade**, intensifying volatility and investor caution.
  - **Relentless Equity Sell-Off:** FPIs **offloaded ₹30,015 Cr** from equities in the first half of March, extending their bearish stance.
  - **Primary Market Participation:** FPIs made a modest investment of **₹1,654 Cr** in the primary market, showing selective interest.
- ❖ **FPIs Shift Focus to Debt Amid Equity Sell-off**
  - Despite heavy equity outflows, **FPIs infused a notable ₹23,703 Cr** into debt markets in the first half of March, signaling caution amid volatility. From January 1 to March 15, debt inflows remained robust, totaling **₹34,791 Cr**, reflecting sustained investor confidence in fixed-income instruments.
- ❖ **DII Provide Cushion Amid FPI Selling**
  - Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) **infused ₹26,450 Cr** into equities in the **first half of March**, softening the impact of heavy FPI selling. Their confidence remains strong, evident from their substantial **₹177,895 Cr investment in equities so far in 2025**.
  - With FPIs pulling out, DIIs have stepped in as a key pillar of market stability, absorbing the selling pressure and keeping sentiment buoyant.
- ❖ **Mutual Funds Bet Big on Equities**
  - Mutual Funds remained optimistic, **investing ₹16,820 Cr** in equities during the first half of March. Extending their bullish stance, they **poured ₹122,373 Cr** into equities from January 1 to March 15, reinforcing confidence in the market.

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### Tracking Investments of Market Participants

Market Participants	For the Period 1st Mar, 2025 to 15th Mar, 2025		For the Period 1st Jan, 2025 to 15th Mar, 2025	
	Equity (Cr)	Debt (Cr)	Equity (Cr)	Debt (Cr)
FPI	(30,015)	23,703	(142,616)	34,791
DII	26,450	-	177,895	-
Mutual Funds	16,820	(33,571)	122,373	(151,134)

\*DII investments include MFs Investments. Data updated till 15th March

### Absolute Returns: A Snapshot of Indices Performance(%)

Benchmark	First Half of March	YTD
Sensex	0.86	(5.52)
Nifty 50	1.23	(5.28)
Nifty Midcap 150	0.85	(15.32)
Nifty Smallcap 250	1.81	(20.60)

## Mapping FPI Investments: Sector-wise Insights in Indian Equities

- ❖ **FPIs Exit IT, FMCG & Auto; Heavy Sectoral Sell-off in March's First Half**
  - FPIs offloaded ₹6,934 Cr in **Information Technology**, likely due to global concerns, while **FMCG** saw ₹5,106 Cr in outflows amid valuation worries. **Auto & Components** (₹ 3,640 Cr) and **Financial Services** (₹3,311 Cr) faced significant selling, reflecting a cautious stance on demand recovery and economic outlook. Other major exits: **Healthcare, Capital Goods, Consumer Services** and **Power**.
- ❖ **FPIs Favor Metals, Services & Media in March's First Half**
  - **Metals & Mining** led with ₹1,179 Cr inflows, signaling growth confidence. **Services** saw ₹305 Cr, showing resilience, while **Media & Entertainment** attracted ₹143 Cr, reflecting optimism in content-driven businesses.
- ❖ **FPI Sell-Off: Financials Services Sector Hit Hard in 2025**
  - For CY25, **Financial Services** took the biggest hit, with FPIs offloading a massive ₹35,251 Cr, signaling heightened risk aversion. **FMCG** (₹17,438 Cr), **Automobile & Auto Components** (₹13,432 Cr) and **Consumer Services** (₹13,104 Cr), also faced heavy selling, reflecting caution in discretionary spending. Meanwhile, **Power, Information Technology, Capital Goods** and **Healthcare** struggled as FPIs pulled out, dampening sentiment in these key sectors.
- ❖ **Telecom Shines Bright, FPIs Show Selective Interest in CY25**
  - FPIs heavily favored **Telecommunication** (₹7,802 Cr), with moderate inflows in **Chemicals** (₹655 Cr), **Textiles** (₹612 Cr) and selective buying in **Media & Entertainment** (₹345 Cr) during CY25.

### Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases: 1st–15th Mar 2025

Sector	Amount (Crs)
Metals & Mining	1,179
Services	305
Media, Entertainment & Publication	143

### Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales: 1st–15th Mar 2025

Sector	Amount (Crs)
Information Technology	(6,934)
Fast Moving Consumer Goods	(5,106)
Automobile and Auto Components	(3,640)
Financial Services	(3,311)
Healthcare	(2,049)
Capital Goods	(1,912)
Consumer Services	(1,900)
Power	(1,867)

### Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases from Jan-Mar, 25

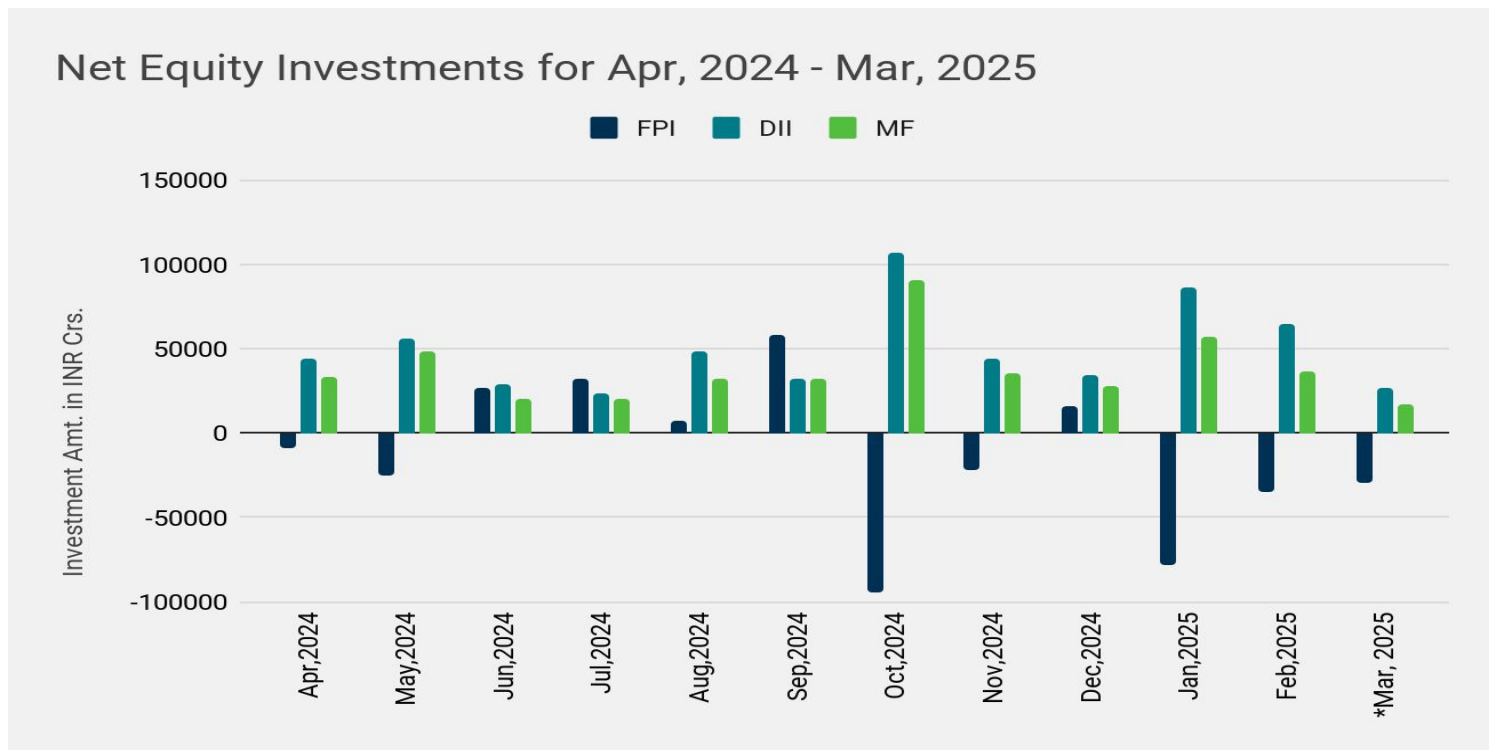
Sector	Amount (Crs)
Telecommunication	7,802
Chemicals	655
Textiles	612
Media, Entertainment & Publication	345

### Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales from Jan-Mar, 25

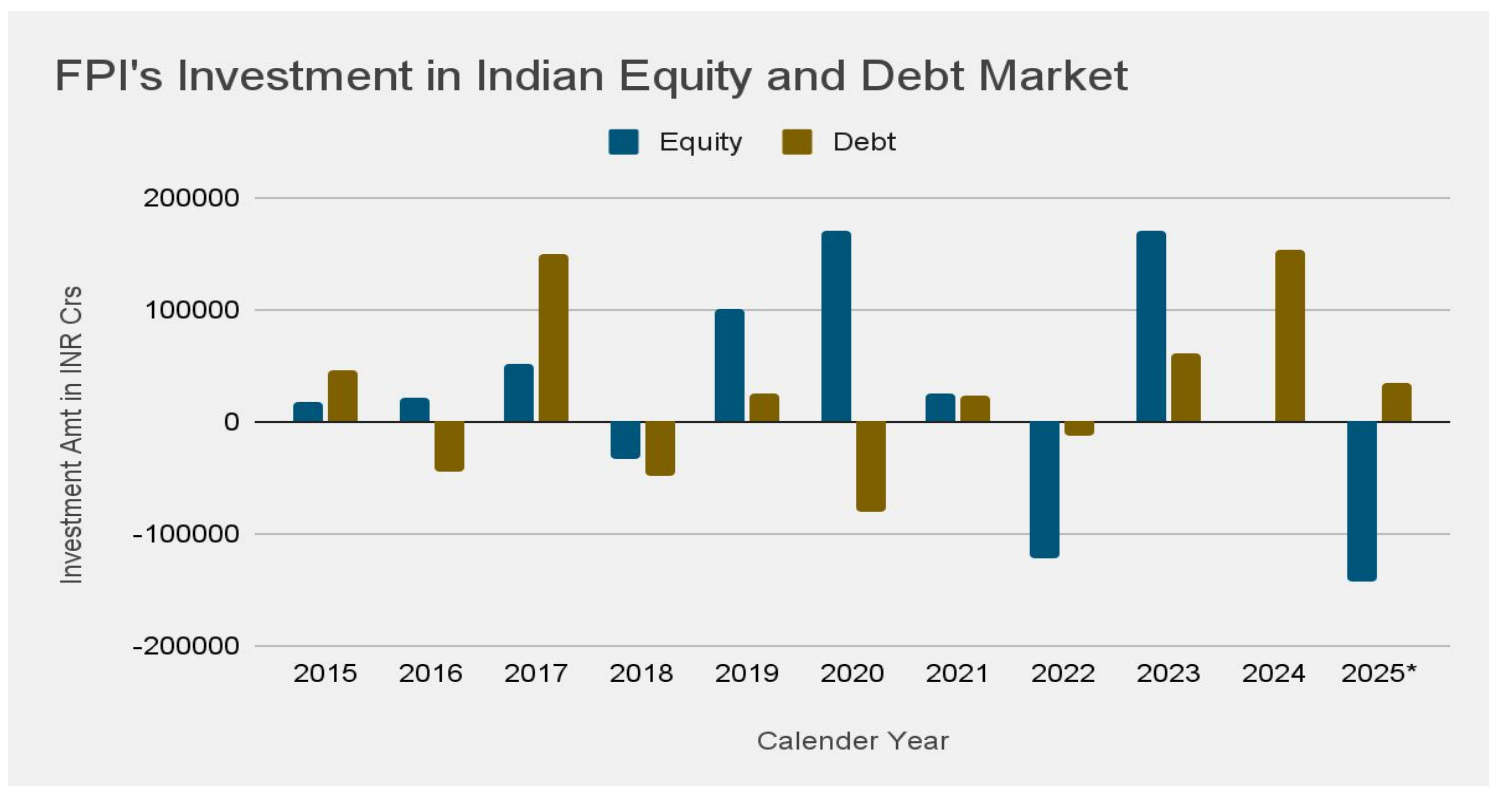
Sector	Amount (Crs)
Financial Services	(35,251)
Fast Moving Consumer Goods	(17,438)
Automobile and Auto Components	(13,432)
Consumer Services	(13,104)
Information Technology	(12,600)
Capital Goods	(12,073)
Power	(9,151)
Healthcare	(7,883)

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## Equity Investment Breakdown by Participant



## FII's Strategic Investments in Equity and Debt Markets



\*All other data is updated till 15th March. DII investments include MF investments.

Source: NSDL, SEBI