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Foreign investors turn net buyers, pumping ₹14,610 crore into Indian shares in October

Overseas portfolio investors ended a three-month selling streak, though they remain heavy net sellers for 2025 as a whole.

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FIIs turn net buyers for the first time in six weeks

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1. FPIs invested a net ₹14,610 crore in Indian equities in October 2025.
2. It ended three months of selling: ₹17,700 crore in July, ₹34,990 crore in August and ₹23,885 crore in September.
3. For 2025 so far, FPIs remain net sellers of about ₹1.47 lakh crore.
4. Easing valuations and rate cuts are drawing some investors back.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) turned net buyers of Indian shares in October 2025, investing a net ₹14,610 crore, according to depository data, and ending a three-month run of selling.

Ending a selling streak

The return follows heavy outflows over the summer. FPIs had pulled out ₹17,700 crore in July, ₹34,990 crore in August and ₹23,885 crore in September, as concerns about high valuations, US tariffs and better opportunities in other markets weighed on India.

Why they came back

Market analysts said several factors helped. Indian share prices had become less expensive after months of underperformance, the Reserve Bank of India's interest rate cuts and the reduction in GST rates were expected to support growth, and hopes of progress on a trade deal with the United States improved sentiment.

> *One month of buying does not make a trend, but it is the first sign of foreign money returning in months.*

Still negative for the year

The October inflow is small compared with the year's total. Even after it, FPIs are net sellers of about ₹1.47 lakh crore of Indian equities in 2025.

Domestic investors, through mutual fund SIPs and direct buying, have more than made up for the foreign selling this year, which is why Indian markets have held up despite the outflows.