

Signs of profit booking seen in mkt: Analysts

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Strong corporate earnings growth with timely sectoral rotations also aided the rally. All these factors took the sensex and the nifty to record high levels, market players said.

In Monday's market, as was seen in most of the recent sessions, on Monday too foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) were net buyers at Rs 1,261 crore. So far in the month, this influential group of investors have net pumped in over Rs 32,000 crore through stocks.

Although FPIs usually capture the limelight by their sheer volume of trades in the Indian stock market, data shows that it's the domestic

mutual funds that have emerged to be the real counterbalance when foreign funds sell aggressively.

Consider this: Between October 2021 (soon after sensex crossed 60K mark) and Monday, foreign funds are still net sellers at about Rs 24,500 crore. In contrast, the domestic mutual funds have net pumped in nearly Rs 4 lakh crore into the stock market. The result: The sensex has gained about 16% during this period, investors' wealth has gone up by about Rs 95 lakh crore and the Indian market is now the fifth largest in the world in terms of market cap.

While some FPIs do see inflows when the indices go up and sell when indices fall (per

Five cos to float public offers this week

New Delhi: The IPO lane is getting crowded as five companies, including India Shelter Finance and DOMS Industries, have lined up public offers this week on favourable market conditions.

The other three companies whose maiden public issues are slated to open are Inox Group entity Inox India, Jaipur-based retail jewellery company Motisons Jewellers and Mumbai-based Suraj Estate Developers, according to their Red Herring Prospectus (RHPs). Together, these companies are estimated to raise at least Rs 4,200 crore. This comes on the back of 10 companies successfully concluding their maiden public issues last month.

The list included the IPO (Initial Public Offerings) of Tata Technologies, which was the first company from the Tata Group to float an initial share sale in nearly two decades. AGENCIES

the investment mandates of momentum and select hedge funds), MFs have one steady source of inflows, namely systematic investment plans.

Monday's record high index levels after consecutive

sessions of gains may kick in profit taking by some investors, resulting in a brief market correction. According to Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, as the sensex crossed

the 70,000 level on Monday, signs of profit booking were evident at higher levels "as traders anticipated clues from (Tuesday's) significant data releases on inflation from the US and India, as well as the IIP." "The better-than-expected US job data and a moderate increase in US bond yields from the recent lows, however, also encouraged investors to book profits at higher levels," Nair wrote in a note to investors.

Looking ahead, in the next few days markets are likely to consolidate in a range given global central banks are set to announce policy outcomes this week, said Siddhartha Khemka, head, retail research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.