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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- July, 2026	: USD 1278.6 mn.
- July, 2025	: USD 1338.7 mn.
- Growth	: -4.5%
- Apr – July 2026-27	: USD 4949.3 mn.
- Apr – July 2025-26	: USD 5531.09 mn.
- Growth	: -10.5 %

AEPC News

AEPC Hosts a Seminar on Unlocking Growth Through FTAs in Tirupur.

AEPC organised a seminar on 19th August 2026 in Tiruppur on “Unlocking Growth Opportunities: FTA Utilization for Apparel Exporters”, bringing together exporters, industry leaders, government officials and trade experts.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC highlighted the growing opportunities through India's FTAs, while Secretary General Shri Mithileshwar Thakur stressed the importance of effectively utilising preferential tariffs, Rules of Origin and compliance.

Shri D. Sridhar, ITS, Additional DGFT, Coimbatore, urged exporters to prepare for emerging opportunities, particularly under the India-UK CETA and India-EU framework.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mangla, Associate Professor, Economics and International Trade, SIMS, shared practical insights on Rules of Origin, CTH, QVC, sourcing and documentation for effective FTA utilisation.

The seminar reinforced AEPC's commitment to help Tiruppur exporters to convert FTAs into new markets, larger orders and sustained export growth.

AEPC & Trichy Customs Conduct Trade Outreach Programme on AEO Scheme and THUNAIVAN Portal

AEPC, in association with the Trichirappalli Customs Commissionerate, Preventive Zone, organised a Trade

Outreach Programme on the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Scheme and the THUNAIVAN Exporters' Facilitation Portal on 19th August 2026 at Tiruppur.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, presided over the programme, while Shri P. V. N. Suresh Babu, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Trichy Customs Preventive Zone, attended as the Chief Guest and highlighted Customs' digital transformation and trade facilitation initiatives.

The programme was attended by Shri N. Thirukumaran, Secretary, TEA & Executive Committee Member, AEPC, Shri Vijay Krishna Velan, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Trichy, Shri B. Prakash, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, ICD Tiruppur, along with AEPC, TEA representatives and exporters.

The session showcased the benefits of the AEO Scheme and the THUNAIVAN Portal, which has resolved nearly 70% of 731 grievances received and facilitated the release of around Rs.6 crore to exporters. Customs officials also assured continued support through periodic industry interactions, while exporters raised concerns on drawback, Customs procedures and logistics.

The programme reinforced the commitment of AEPC and Trichy Customs to strengthening trade facilitation, digital governance and collaborative resolution of exporters' issues.

AEPC & Tuticorin Customs Hold eBRC Mela and Trade Outreach Programme in Tiruppur

AEPC, in association with the Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate, organised an eBRC Mela and Trade Outreach Programme on Trade Facilitation Measures on 21st August 2026 at Tiruppur.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, presided over the programme, while Shri Devendra V. Nagvenkar, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin, attended as the Chief Guest and highlighted Customs initiatives to enhance trade facilitation and ease of doing business.

Shri R. Rajkumar, Southern Region Incharge, AEPC & Vice President, TEA, Shri Kathirvel, Deputy Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs, Executive Committee members of AEPC and TEA, and around 50 exporters also participated.

The programme featured detailed presentations on Self Clearance, Direct Port Delivery (DPD), Direct Port Entry (DPE), the Deferred Payment Scheme, eBRC procedures and other Customs facilitation measures.

An interactive Open House enabled exporters to raise concerns relating to BRCs, freight costs, container shortages, drawback, RoSCTL and EGM issues, with Customs officials providing clarifications and assuring continued support. The initiative strengthened coordination between Customs and the apparel exporting community while reinforcing the commitment to facilitating exports through streamlined procedures and regular stakeholder engagement.

13th IMSC Meeting Held to Discuss ATUFS Cases

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, chaired the 13th meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC) on 25th August 2026 to discuss and finalise pending cases under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS).

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, attended the meeting along with Ms Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Textiles; Ms Aarti Kanwar, Additional Secretary, Textiles; Ms Vrunda Manohar Desai, Textile Commissioner; and senior officials from the Department of Financial Services and other key stakeholders.

Dr. Sakthivel highlighted the need for expeditious disposal of the pending ATUFS cases to ensure timely support to the textile and apparel industry.

The meeting focused on deliberations of pending ATUFS cases, with the aim of facilitating timely support to the textile industry and further strengthening technology upgradation, competitiveness and growth of the sector.

AEPC Seeks Government Intervention to Regulate Cotton Yarn Export

AEPC has urged Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, and sought the support of Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, for imposing floor price on exports of cotton yarn i.e. particularly of count 20s and above, to stabilise domestic prices.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, highlighted that cotton yarn prices have increased by nearly 60%, significantly impacting apparel manufacturing costs and export competitiveness. He pointed out that rising exports of cotton and yarn, coupled with supply-side constraints, have tightened domestic availability and increased raw material costs.

Emphasising the importance of value-added exports, Dr. Sakthivel noted that garments generate substantially higher value realisation and employment than raw cotton or yarn. AEPC requested the Government to ensure adequate availability of cotton yarn at competitive prices for domestic apparel manufacturers, enabling the industry to capitalise on emerging export opportunities, particularly in FTA markets, and strengthen India's global apparel exports.

AEPC Seeks Resolution of GSTN GSTR-3B Issues Affecting Exporters

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, has written to the Member (GST), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), seeking urgent resolution of issues arising from recent GSTR-3B system updates that automatically levy interest on export supplies reported in a subsequent tax period.

In his communication dated 21st August 2026, he highlighted that exports are zero-rated supplies under the IGST Act and that GST reporting is aligned with the actual shipping date and Customs procedures rather than the invoice date. He pointed out that unavoidable logistics-related delays, such as vessel schedules and Export General Manifest (EGM) filing, should not attract automated interest as they do not result in any revenue loss to the Government.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur requested exemption of export transactions from the invoice date-based "prior period" classification, introduction of a separate export category in GSTR-3B, and transitional relief for exporters affected by the system changes. He urged CBIC and GSTN to take early corrective action to safeguard the competitiveness of India's apparel exports.

Webinar on TRACE Scheme and Compliance Requirements for Apparel Exporters

AEPC, in collaboration with Bureau Veritas, organized a webinar on the TRACE Scheme and compliance requirements for apparel exports to the UK and EU markets.

The session covered key regulatory aspects, including product safety, textile labeling, UK REACH, chemical restrictions, POPs, PFAS, fiber composition, AZO dyes,

phthalates, chromium VI, formaldehyde, and flammability standards. Participants were also briefed on the TRACE Scheme, highlighting eligibility, reimbursable expenses, documentation, and the reimbursement process for MSME exporters.

The webinar further showcased testing, certification, sustainability, and regulatory support services available to exporters. An interactive Q&A addressed practical compliance and certification queries.

The programme witnessed participation from over 150 exporters.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DGFT T. Notice No. 21/2026-27 - Introduction of Automated Facility for Grant of Export Obligation Extension through PRC/EPCG Committee – Ease of Doing Business](#)
- [DGFT T. Notice 22/2026-27 - Enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency \(PSIA\)/Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate \(PSIC\) process – reg.](#)
- [DGFT T. Notice 23/2026-2027 - Introduction of new features in the Bank Guarantee \(BG\) Repository Module on DGFT Portal - regarding](#)
- [DGFT T. Notice 24/2026-2027 - Automated Issuance of Free Sale and Commerce Certificates \(FSC\) – regarding](#)
- [DGFT Enables Automated Issuance of Free Sale and Commerce Certificates to Promote Ease of Doing Business](#)
- [Circular No.36/2026-Customs - Return of export cargo from international waters due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz- Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2026-27	
Months	INR
April	93.40
May	95.44
June	95.00
July	95.92
31 st August	95.39
Source: x-rates.com	

India's Textile & RMG update for Index for Industrial Production

Quick Estimates FY 2026-27		
Months	Textiles	Apparel
April	132.6	91.6
May	136.2	94.5
June	136.4	95.6
July	135.5	95.9
Source: CSO		

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