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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- August, 2026	: USD 1200.7 mn.
- August, 2025	: USD 1234.6 mn.
- Growth	: -2.7%
- Apr – August 2026-27	: USD 6149.7 mn.
- Apr – August 2025-26	: USD 6765.6 mn.
- Growth	: -9.1 %

AEPC News

Request to designate Apparel Export Sector as a Priority Sector under MAS

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC wrote to the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, requesting that the Apparel Export Sector be designated as a "Priority Sector" under the Market Access Scheme (MAS) of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), on 25.09.2026.

The letter highlighted the sector's significant contribution to manufacturing, employment, MSME development, women empowerment and foreign exchange earnings, and its resilience amid prevailing global challenges. It was pointed out that while several textile sectors have been accorded priority status, the apparel sector remains excluded. He requested suitable amendments to the MAS guidelines to facilitate greater participation of predominantly MSME apparel exporters in overseas events.

Webinar on Logistics e-Marketplace and Its Benefits for Apparel Exporters

AEPC, in collaboration with NICDC Logistics Data Services (NLDS), organised a webinar on "Logistics e-Marketplace (LEMP) and its Benefits for Apparel Exporters" on 16th September 2026. The session highlighted the role of digital logistics solutions in improving transparency, efficiency, visibility and competitiveness for apparel exporters, particularly MSMEs.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, emphasised the importance of logistics in export

competitiveness and the potential of LEMP to digitally connect exporters with logistics service providers.

The NLDS team demonstrated key features of the platform, including shipment creation, bidding and negotiation, tracking, regulatory requirements, document exchange, warehousing and HSN-based information.

This interactive session addressed exporters' queries on registration, bidding, data security and upcoming integrations. The webinar was attended by more than 100 exporters.

FTA Outreach Programme Organised in Kolkata

As part of its Pan-India FTA Outreach Series, AEPC organised its 4th programme, following those held in Bengaluru, Ludhiana and Tiruppur, at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata, on 23rd September 2026.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, highlighted the importance of effective utilisation of FTAs, while Shri Vishnu Kant, Joint DGFT, shared insights on FTA's role in facilitating exports.

The programme covered preferential market access, tariff benefits, Rules of Origin, compliance and documentation, with particular focus on opportunities under the FTAs with the UK and EU.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mangla provided a technical overview of FTA utilization. The programme was attended by around 50 apparel exporters and industry stakeholders.

Third Edition of Niryat Samvad Webinar

AEPC organised the third edition of its Niryat Samvad webinar on 24th September 2026, as part of its monthly initiative to update exporters on recent Government notifications, circulars, trade notices and emerging policy issues.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, emphasised the importance of interactive dialogue on exporters' operational and policy concerns.

The session covered recent developments relating to the Interest Equalisation Scheme, Customs procedures, cross-border e-commerce and other trade-related matters, while exporters raised issues concerning FTAs, RoSCTL, IGCR, MMF imports and logistics. He assured participants that relevant issues would be taken up with the concerned authorities.

AEPC at Saudi Fashion & Tex Expo 2026

AEPC successfully participated in the 4th Saudi Fashion & Tex Expo in Jeddah, showcasing India's growing footprint in the Middle Eastern textile and fashion market from 24th September to 27th September, 2026 at Jeddah International Exhibition & Convention Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia with 22 exhibitors.

The India Pavilion was formally inaugurated by Mr. Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri (Consul General of India, Jeddah) and H.E. Mr. Emad Mohammed Alaboud (Vice Chairman of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce), alongside other key dignitaries.

Mr. V. Elangovan, Executive Committee Member, AEPC, led the Indian delegation and took part in the "Fabric to Fashion" panel discussion, outlining India's end-to-end strengths across the textile and apparel value chain

The event recorded strong buyer footfall throughout all four days, with the Consul General motivating Indian exporters to further scale up trade partnerships in Saudi Arabia

AEPC Informs Members about India-EFTA TEPA Utilization Session

AEPC, vide its circular dated 21st September 2026 informed members about the India-EFTA TEPA Utilization Outreach Session being organised by the Department of Commerce on 7th October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The session aims to create awareness and promote utilisation of trade and investment opportunities under the India-EFTA TEPA, in force since 1 October 2025. Members were encouraged to participate in the session and register through the prescribed registration link.

AEPC Facilitates Export Opportunities in Brunei

AEPC, vide circular dated 28th September 2026 to its member exporters, encouraged them to register on the dedicated facility launched by the High Commission of India, Brunei, for Indian exporters seeking business opportunities with Brunei importers.

The initiative aims to facilitate greater visibility of Indian exporters among potential buyers in Brunei and strengthen bilateral trade opportunities.

AEPC Facilitates Participation in Global Sustainability Summit 2026

AEPC, vide its circular dated 29th September 2026, informed members about the InnoQualTex SourceXhibition (IQTSX 2.0) & Global Sustainability Summit 2026, scheduled from 29–31 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi.

The event will bring together stakeholders across the textile and apparel value chain to promote collaboration, knowledge-sharing and sustainable production practices. AEPC members have been invited to participate as exhibitors and offered a 10% discount on booth bookings, subject to availability. Interested members may directly contact the organisers for participation.

AEPC's Participation in "International Apparel and Textile Fair (IATF)", Dubai, UAE

AEPC is going to participate in "International Apparel and Textile Fair (IATF)", scheduled to be held from 16-18 November, 2026 at World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE.

The last date for submission of applications with the Early Bird Discount of Rs. 10,000/- as well as the last date for submission of applications along with payment have further been extended up to 15.10.2026.

The Revised Circular issued to the trade on 30th September 2026, informing members about the extension of the Early Bird Discount and the revised date for submission of applications with payment.

The detailed circular may be accessed by clicking <https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Extension%20of%20Early%20Bird%20Discount%20upto%2015.10.26.pdf>

AEPC's Participation in "India Fashion & Lifestyle Show", Tokyo Japan

AEPC is going to participate in India Fashion & Lifestyle Show" is an exclusive Business Matching Event to be held

from 27th to 29th January, 2027 at TOC, Gotanda, Tokyo, Japan.

The last date for submission of applications with the Early Bird Discount of Rs. 10,000/- is 30.10.2026 and the last date for Submission of application with payment is 27.11.2026.

The Circular can be seen clicking <https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/CIRCULAR%20FOR%20%20INDIA%20FASHION%20%26%20LIFE%20STYLE%20SHOW%2C%20TOKYO-JAPAN-2027.pdf>

AEPC's Participation in "Global Sourcing Expo Australia" – Melbourne

AEPC is going to participate in the Global Sourcing Expo Australia – Melbourne, scheduled to be held from 17th to 19th November 2026 at Melbourne, Australia.

The last date for submission of applications with payment is 20.10.2026.

The Circular can be seen clicking <https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Revised Circular%2024.09.2026.pdf>

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [Government Eases RCMC Requirement for Export Consignments up to ₹3 Lakh](#)
- [Notification for increasing the wage ceiling to Rs.25,000/-](#)
- [DoR Circular No. 43/2026-Customs - Application of Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 and CAROTAR, 2020 consistent with the Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements](#)
- [DGFT Notification 37/2026-27 - Amendment to Notification No. 65/2025-26 and 21/2026-27 for extension of timelines under Component II of RELIEF Intervention](#)
- [Extension of RoSCTL scheme on export of Apparel / Garment and Made-Ups](#)
- [Continuation of RoDTEP Scheme till December 31st, 2026](#)

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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
August	95.43
30 th September	96.05
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
August	136.9	89.0
Source: CSO		

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