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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- Sept., 2026	: USD 1133.9 mn.
- Sept., 2025	: USD 997.5 mn.
- Growth	: +13.7%
- Apr – Sept. 2026-27	: USD 7282.9 mn.
- Apr – August 2025-26	: USD 7763.1 mn.
- Growth	: -6.2 %

AEPC News

Chairman AEPC Participates in the 2nd India-EFTA Prosperity Summit 2026

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC participated in the 2nd India-EFTA Prosperity Summit 2026, which was held on 7th October, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, to mark the completion of one year of the India-EFTA TEPA and strengthen trade and investment ties between India and the EFTA countries — Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

In the presence of Shri Rajesh Agrawal, IAS, Commerce Secretary, Government of India, Shri Lav Agarwal, IAS, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), and other senior government and industry dignitaries, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC along with Secretary General Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, made a presentation on the opportunities for India's apparel sector under TEPA.

The presentation highlighted EFTA's relevance for investment in the Indian textile and apparel value chain, in premium products, in speciality fibres & performance fabrics and in sustainability related infrastructure.

Chairman AEPC Attends the First Meeting of the DCTI

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, attended the first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry (DCTI), held on 6th October 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairpersonship of Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles.

The Council deliberated on a roadmap for a competitive, integrated and sustainable textile value chain, focusing on production and productivity, research and development, exports and market access, and raw material availability. Discussions also covered investment promotion, MSME support, skill development and adoption of sustainable and circular practices.

Emphasis was laid on product and market diversification, leveraging FTAs, and addressing quality, compliance and logistics-related challenges faced by exporters. Members shared sector-specific recommendations to strengthen the textile and apparel ecosystem. The Council decided to constitute Working Groups/Sub-Committees on priority areas and meet regularly to review progress and inform policy interventions for the sector's sustained growth.

AEPC Seeks Resolution of IGCR-Related Issues and 10% Wastage Allowance for Apparel Exporters

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, on 5th October, 2026, wrote to CBIC highlighting operational difficulties faced by the apparel exporters in importing trims and embellishments under the IGCR mechanism. The letter flagged technical errors preventing online filing of IGCR-3 returns, intermittent ICEGATE portal issues and consequential action against exporters for delayed filing despite system-related difficulties.

AEPC requested resolution of portal issues and creation of a mechanism for filing/reconciliation of pending returns and facilitation of consequential bond re-credit. It also requested a reasonable wastage allowance of up to 10% for accessories used in garment manufacturing.

AEPC Organises Webinar on Export Financing, Government Support Initiatives and Risk Management

AEPC, in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence, State Bank Academy, SBI, organised a webinar on 6th October 2026, attended by over 150 exporters, to provide practical guidance on export financing, regulatory compliance and risk management. Experts from SBI highlighted pre- and post-shipment finance, PCFC, factoring, ECGC insurance and the

Exporter Gold Card Scheme to support exporters' working capital requirements.

The session also covered export documentation, payment realisation, EDPMS compliance and evolving EXIM regulations. Participants' queries on EDPMS closure, INR receipts, e-commerce payments, ECGC claims and other transaction-related issues were addressed, with emphasis on timely realisation, proper documentation and coordination with Authorised Dealer banks.

AEPC Organizes a Webinar on "Future-Ready Apparel Industry: Navigating Sustainability & Global Market Expectations"

AEPC, in collaboration with Catalyst Management Services (CMS), organized a webinar on "Future-Ready Apparel Industry: Navigating Sustainability & Global Market Expectations" on 8th October 2026.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, in his opening address, highlighted the changing dimensions of competitiveness in the global apparel industry, moving beyond cost and tariffs towards sustainability, traceability, transparency and responsible production. He emphasised that the emerging FTAs can translate into sustained market access only when Indian exporters are prepared to meet evolving global regulatory requirements. He called for investments in digitalisation, Industry 4.0, testing and certification capabilities, life-cycle assessment and sustainable infrastructure across the apparel value chain. Stressing the importance of knowledge and preparedness, he said that such webinars provide exporters with practical insights to become future-ready, globally competitive, agile and sustainable.

Dr. Amit Gupta of Catalyst Management Services (CMS) also emphasized that sustainability can drive resource efficiency and market access, while Ganesh Kasekar, Standards & Certification Expert, stressed on the need to understand buyer-specific certification requirements.

Ms. Chinky Tyagi Khare of Green Story highlighted the growing importance of product-level traceability and reliable data systems to meet evolving global regulations.

The session underscored the need for Indian apparel exporters, including MSMEs, to adopt sustainable practices and strengthen their global competitiveness.

SG AEPC Attends ITSB masterclass

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, attended the ITSB India Masterclass held on 9th October

2026 at Crowne Plaza, Gurugram, organised by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), with AEPC, GEMA and OGTC as supporting partners. He also addressed the participants and emphasized on the need of awareness of sustainability compliance by all stakeholders in the supply chain as reporting framework covers all kinds of carbon emissions: Scope 1, 2 & 3.

The programme was organised under the Improving Transparency for Sustainable Business (ITSB) initiative to strengthen sustainability reporting and transparency in India's textile and apparel sector. The masterclass focused on GRI Standards, the Textile & Apparel Sector Standard, and identification and prioritisation of material impacts through expert sessions and practical group exercises. The initiative aims to help businesses respond to evolving global buyer, investor and regulatory expectations, enhance competitiveness, and promote transparent and responsible business practices.

SG AEPC Attends the Stakeholder Consultation on EKTA (Exhibition-cum-Knowledge Sharing for Textile Advantage)

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, attended the stakeholder consultation on EKTA (Exhibition-cum-Knowledge Sharing for Textile Advantage), convened by the Ministry of Textiles on 9th October 2026 under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles).

The consultation deliberated on developing EKTA as a pan-India platform to showcase India's textile diversity and strengthen the domestic textile ecosystem. The proposed initiative aims to promote inter-state collaboration, market linkages, buyer-seller interactions, technical knowledge exchange and cultural showcases. Discussions focused on the event format, participation of industry stakeholders, selection of host and partner states, and potential sponsorship and revenue models. The initiative is envisaged as a "Mini Bharat Tex" for the domestic market, fostering business opportunities and collaboration across the textile value chain.

SG AEPC Attends Meeting of Inter-ministerial committee on RoSCTL

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, attended the first meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the RoSCTL Scheme, held on 12th October 2026 to deliberate on matters relating to the implementation, effectiveness and future framework of the RoSCTL Scheme.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [First Meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry \(DCTI\) Held; Council Deliberates on Roadmap for a Competitive and Integrated Textile Value Chain](#)
- [Press Release of Consumer Price Index on Base 2024=100 for September, 2026](#)
- [Provisional Estimates of Wholesale Price Index \(Base Year 2022-23\) for the month of September 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
September	95.45
15 th October	95.95
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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