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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

3rd August 2026 | BRICS India 2026 Welcome Dinner

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, attended the BRICS India 2026 Welcome Dinner hosted by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, ahead of the BRICS Business Forum.

Dr. Sakthivel appreciated Government's efforts under India's BRICS Chairship to promote a more business-centric BRICS focused on building resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability. He expressed confidence that these initiatives will create new opportunities for India's apparel exporters and strengthen the country's role in global value chains. The event brought together ministers, senior officials, business leaders and delegates from BRICS nations.

Review Meeting on RoSCTL

To undertake a comprehensive review of the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme, the Ministry of Textiles has constituted an Internal Committee comprising senior officials of the Ministry and representatives from leading Textile Export Promotion Councils and industry bodies. The first meeting of the Committee, under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Shubhra, Principal Adviser, Ministry of Textiles, was held on 3rd August 2026. Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC and Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC and Member Secretary, Internal Committee for Review of RoSCTL Rates attended the meeting, among others.

India Pavilion Inaugurated at Sourcing at MAGIC, Las Vegas

The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Shri Kulwant Singh, Consul, Consulate General of India, Los Angeles, in the presence of Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC.

The inauguration was also attended by Mr. Simon, Vice President, Informa; Ms. Pinar, Director, Informa; and Mr. S. Harikrishnan Krishnan, Senior Director, AEPC.

With 50 Indian exhibitors, the pavilion showcased India's diverse strengths in apparel, textiles, handicrafts, leather, sustainable products and traditional crafts.

The participation provides an excellent platform for Indian exporters to connect with global buyers, explore new opportunities and strengthen India's presence in the US market.

Chairman AEPC Met Ambassador of India to the US

On August 14, 2026, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC met Shri Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India to the United States, in Washington, D.C. There was fruitful and positive discussion between them on strengthening India's apparel exports to the US market and exploring new opportunities for growth.

Dr. Sakthivel expressed confidence that India's exports to the United States will continue to grow, further strengthening the India-US trade partnership.

AEPC Holds Second Session of "Niryat Samvad"

AEPC organised the second session of its monthly knowledge-sharing initiative, "Niryat Samvad", on 31st July 2026 through a virtual platform. Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, explained the recent changes in laws / regulations in trade policies & procedures and changes in Customs, RBI & RBI regulations. The session covered key trade policy, customs, GST and export-related notifications issued during June 2026 and up to 20th July 2026, followed by an interactive open house where

exporters' queries and trade-related issues were addressed by the Secretary General.

Ministry of Textiles Holds Meeting on Proposal for India Textile Immersion Centre (ITIC) in Milan

The Ministry of Textiles convened a meeting under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary (Textiles) on 13th August 2026 in hybrid mode on establishment of India Textile Immersion Centre at Milan & Tokyo by AEPC and at New York by TEXPROCIL. Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, attended the meeting on behalf of the Council. The other participants were Shri A. Bipin Menon, Textile Trade Advisor; Dr. M. Beena, Development Commissioner (Handlooms); Smt. Tanu Kashyap, Director General, NIFT; Dr. Sarveshwar N. Bhure, Director (Textile Branding Marketing); Shri Siddhartha Rajgopal, ED, Texprocil and Shri N. Thirukkumaran, EC Member AEPC. Shri Thirukkumaran made a presentation on the proposed ITIC, highlighting its objectives and potential to strengthen India's textile and apparel exports in the European market. Post-presentation, the issues raised were discussed threadbare by SG, AEPC with the Secretary, Textiles.

AEPC Organises Webinar on AI-Driven Smart Manufacturing for Apparel Industry

AEPC, in collaboration with Athena Infonomics, organised a webinar on 13th August 2026 on "Use of AI Smart Manufacturing: Transforming the Apparel Export Industry".

In his opening remarks, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, highlighted the importance of AI in enhancing competitiveness, productivity and sustainability in the apparel sector. Experts from Athena Infonomics presented practical AI solutions for smart manufacturing, quality control, predictive maintenance and supply chain optimisation.

The webinar concluded with an interactive Q&A session and witnessed participation from over 150 exporters.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DoR Circular No 34/2026-Customs - Automation of Refund Application and Processing for Courier Imports through Express Cargo Clearance System \(ECCS\)](#)
- [PIB News - MSME Sustainable \(ZED\) Certification: Strengthening Quality, Sustainability and Women-led Enterprises](#)

- [PIB News - Government Notifies Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under Foreign Trade Policy 2023](#)
- [DoR Circular 35/2026-Customs - Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for clearance of imported goods through Foreign Post Offices under the Postal Import Regulations, 2025](#)
- [PIB News - DGFT Removes Physical Duty Payment Challans for Export Obligation Discharge Certificate Applications under Advance Authorisation and Export Promotion Capital Goods Schemes](#)
- [DGFT Notification 27/2026-27 - Introduction of Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under FTP](#)
- [DGFT Public Notice 25/2026-27 - Operationalisation of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework under the Handbook of Procedures, 2023](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 15/2026-27 - Availability of License-wise Voluntary Duty Payment Details for processing Export Obligation Discharge Certificate \(EODC\) applications under Advance Authorisation \(AA\) and Export Promotion Capital Goods \(EPCG\) Schemes](#)
- [DGFT Public Notice 26/2026-27 - Extension of Last Date for Submission of TRQ Applications under the India-United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\) for CY 2026](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 16/2026-27 - Inclusion of eligible DPIIT-Recognized Start-ups under "Source from India" on the Trade Connect ePlatform](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 17/2026-27 - Institutional Transition of Implementing Agency from the Reserve Bank of India \(RBI\) to the Export-Import Bank of India \(EXIM Bank\) for the Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – Niryat Protsahan](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 19/2026-27 - Advisory against 2 Bhutanese firms as per para 8.07 \(d\) of Foreign Trade Policy- 2023](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 20/2026-27 - Inviting comments/suggestions on Draft Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for reporting of Inward Remittance Messages pertaining to NBFC Factors](#)

Top National News

- [AEPC pushes early launch of special scheme to ease fabric imports for garment exporters](#)
- [Why India's Textile Sector continues to attract global attention](#)
- [MSME Sustainable \(ZED\) Certification: Strengthening Quality, Sustainability and Women-led Enterprises](#)
- [India Moves Towards Standard Apparel Sizing Across Clothing Brands](#)

- [10th BRICS Industry Ministers' meet concludes under India's chairship](#)
- [Government signs MoUs to strengthen support for startups](#)
- ['Textile industry stagnant for four years'](#)
- [PM Modi's Independence Day Look is a Lesson in India's Textile Luxury](#)

Top Global News

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- [New US tariffs may affect Vietnam textile orders, supply chains: Vinatex](#)
- [Factories shed workers in Bangladesh garment sector](#)
- [More than 20% of garment factories declare three-day break, sparking workers' rush home](#)
- [BGMEA and Wagely Partner to Enhance Capacity of 50,000 RMG Workers Through Financial Literacy and Soft Skills Training](#)
- [Vietnam textile exports reach \\$27 billion in 7 months](#)
- [EU textile & clothing deficit shrinks 19.1%, output falls 5.1%](#)
- [China takes textiles upstream](#)

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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
17 th August	95.30
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
Source: CSO		

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