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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- May, 2026	: USD 1297.2 mn.
- May, 2025	: USD 1511.5 mn.
- Growth	: -14.2%
- Apr – May 2026-27	: USD 2508.7 mn.
- Apr – May 2025-26	: USD 2882.8 mn.
- Growth	: -13.0 %

AEPC News

AEPC welcomes implementation of India-UK FTA

AEPC welcomed the announcement of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which will come into force on 15th July 2026, terming it a landmark development for India's apparel export sector.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, stated that the agreement will provide duty-free access to the UK market, enhance the competitiveness of Indian apparel products, attract investments, and generate employment opportunities. He noted that the FTA is expected to strengthen India's integration with global value chains and expand its share in the UK apparel market.

Dr. Sakthivel also lauded the efforts of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal for successfully concluding and operationalising the agreement.

AEPC participates in the Textile Summit organized by the Ministry of Textiles

On 23rd June 2026, the Ministry of Textiles inaugurated a two-day Departmental Summit on "Textiles for Global Markets: Strategy for Achieving USD 100 Billion Exports by 2030" in New Delhi. The Summit, held under the Cabinet Secretariat's initiative to strengthen Centre-State collaboration, focused on developing a coordinated roadmap to increase India's textile and apparel exports from around USD 37 billion to USD 100 billion by 2030.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, and Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in the Summit on behalf of the Council. The event brought together policymakers, industry representatives, experts and other stakeholders from across the country to deliberate on strategies for enhancing India's global competitiveness in the textile and apparel sector.

During the session on "District & Cluster-Led Export Strategy", Dr. A. Sakthivel addressed the gathering in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh and Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao. He highlighted the need for technology upgradation, worker hostel facilities, partnerships with Taiwan for MMF development and MSME-friendly policies to strengthen India's position in global textile and apparel markets.

Union Textile Minister visits Tiruppur; AEPC highlights industry priorities

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh visited Tiruppur on 28 June 2026 to interact with the textile and apparel industry.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, led the industry interaction and highlighted key priorities, including strengthening the PM MITRA Scheme, promoting Man-Made Fibre (MMF) garments, simplifying fabric imports under export promotion schemes, establishing a Centre of Excellence for Green Processing, for accelerating India's apparel exports.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated Tiruppur's emergence as a globally recognised apparel manufacturing hub, emphasised the need to position it as a global brand, encouraged greater focus on MMF garments, and assured that the industry's concerns would receive due consideration from the Government.

AEPC Chairman Joins Indian Business Delegation to UK

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, was part of the Indian Business Delegation accompanying Hon'ble Union Minister

of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal during his visit to London for UK–India Week 2026.

The visit assumes significance ahead of the implementation of the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Double Contribution Convention (DCC) on 15th July 2026. During the visit, Dr. Sakthivel interacted with UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Mr. Peter Kyle, and highlighted the significant opportunities that the India–UK CETA presents for India's apparel sector.

He also congratulated Shri Piyush Goyal on receiving the "Exceptional Leadership in Elevating UK–India Ties" award.

AEPC Participates in Inauguration of First Virtual Exhibition on India–USA Trade Facilitation Portal

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, and Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in the inauguration of the First Virtual Exhibition on the India–USA Trade Facilitation Portal on 29th June 2026. During the inaugural session, Dr. Sakthivel highlighted the importance of digital platforms in expanding market access for Indian apparel exporters. The virtual exhibition, organised with the support of the Consulate General of India, New York, brought together 22 Indian exporters and 35 international buyers, creating new opportunities for collaboration and business growth.

AEPC participates in Department of Commerce Meeting on USTR Section 301 Investigation

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in a meeting convened by the Department of Commerce under the chairmanship of Shri Darpan Jain, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, on 18th June 2026 to discuss the implications of the USTR Section 301 Investigation concerning import of products using forced labour. The deliberations followed the publication of the USTR's final report on 2nd June 2026.

In its comments submitted to the Department of Commerce, AEPC highlighted India's relatively low dependence on Chinese cotton, strong domestic textile value chain, and robust labour and social compliance framework. AEPC also emphasized that any assessment of supply-chain risks should be based on actual sourcing patterns and product-specific exposure, while recognising India's commitment to transparent and responsible sourcing practices.

AEPC launches “Niryat Samvad” – Monthly Trade Policy & Regulatory Update Session for Apparel Exporters

AEPC launched “Niryat Samvad”, a monthly Trade Policy & Regulatory Update initiative for apparel exporters, on 19th June 2026 through a virtual platform.

Welcoming the participants, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, in the first edition of Niryat Samvad highlighted the need for exporters to stay updated on evolving trade policies, customs procedures, regulatory requirements and market opportunities. The session covered key trade policy, customs, GST and export-related notifications issued by various government departments between 1st May 2026 and 15th June 2026.

The programme witnessed active participation from exporters across the country. AEPC reaffirmed its commitment to conducting Niryat Samvad every month to keep the industry informed of important policy and regulatory developments.

AEPC participates in LABS National Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG-AEPC participated in the LABS National Stakeholder Committee (NSC) Meeting held in New Delhi on 19th June 2026.

The meeting reviewed the operational progress of the LABS programme across participating countries, discussed the expansion strategy, and deliberated on the LABS Embedding Plan (2026–2030) aimed at integrating workplace safety standards into national frameworks.

Members also exchanged views on strengthening stakeholder engagement and advancing safety, fire, electrical and structural compliance in the apparel and textile sector.

AEPC participates in Commerce Ministry Meeting on Export Promotion

Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal chaired an interaction with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and Industry Associations on 24th June 2026 to review the progress of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) and discuss strategies for accelerating India's export growth.

The meeting focused on expanding into new markets, promoting new products, leveraging Free Trade Agreements, strengthening District Export Hubs, and enhancing utilisation of various EPM interventions. The Minister urged EPCs to work closely with the Government

and submit focused, outcome-oriented proposals to boost exports. Shri H.K.L. Magu, EC Member, AEPC participated in the meeting on behalf of the Council.

AEPC launches Pan-India FTA Seminar series for apparel exporters

AEPC, under the leadership of Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, launched its Pan-India Seminar Series on “Unlocking Growth Opportunities: FTA Utilisation for Apparel Exporters” with the inaugural programme held in Bengaluru on 25th June 2026.

Addressing the participants, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG, AEPC, highlighted the importance of India's new-generation FTAs in expanding market access and enhancing export competitiveness.

Ms. Dona Ghosh, Joint DGFT, Bengaluru, encouraged exporters to proactively leverage the benefits available under various FTAs. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mangla, Associate Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), conducted technical sessions on FTA provisions, tariff concessions and Rules of Origin, equipping participants with practical insights to maximise preferential market access and strengthen export competitiveness.

AEPC continues Pan-India FTA Outreach with Ludhiana Seminar

As the second programme in its Pan-India Seminar Series on “Unlocking Growth Opportunities: FTA Utilisation for Apparel Exporters”, AEPC organised a seminar in Ludhiana on 27th June 2026.

Addressing the participants, Shri Harish Dua, EC Member, AEPC, encouraged exporters to proactively leverage India's Free Trade Agreements to diversify markets and enhance export competitiveness. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mangla, Associate Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), conducted technical sessions on FTA provisions, tariff concessions and Rules of Origin. The seminar also highlighted the growing importance of sustainability, traceability and global compliance standards for strengthening buyer confidence and expanding access to international markets.

AEPC Participates in RBI Governor's Meeting with Exporters' Bodies

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) convened a high-level meeting with Exporters' Bodies on 25th June 2026 in Mumbai under the chairmanship of the Governor, RBI, to discuss operational challenges, regulatory issues and measures to

strengthen India's export ecosystem. The meeting provided a platform for interaction between the RBI and export stakeholders on trade facilitation, export finance and issues impacting export competitiveness. Shri R.B. Goenka, Vice Chairman, attended the meeting on behalf of AEPC.

AEPC Participates in Ministry of Textiles Stakeholder Consultation on Apparel Exports

The Ministry of Textiles convened a Stakeholder Consultation on Apparel Exports under the chairpersonship of Ms. Manisha Chatterjee, Joint Secretary (MMF), on 29 June 2026 through Video Conference. The meeting reviewed recent trends in apparel exports, deliberated on challenges faced by exporters in key markets, and discussed measures to enhance the competitiveness of the Indian apparel sector. The consultation also focused on diversification of export destinations and effective utilisation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) to drive export growth. Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, participated in the meeting on behalf of AEPC.

CBIC eases testing procedures for testing of samples of Export Consignments

AEPC, vide its circular dated 19 June 2026, informed member exporters about [CBIC Circular No. 28/2026-Customs dated 15 June 2026](#), which simplifies the procedure for testing samples of export consignments. The Circular allows customs authorities to accept test reports issued by NABL-accredited laboratories, EPC-recognised laboratories, and other recognised agencies without mandatory referral of samples to CRCL, unless there are specific risk indicators or intelligence inputs. The measure is expected to reduce delays, facilitate faster export clearances, and enhance ease of doing business for exporters.

AEPC facilitates exporters' participation in Amazon Briefing Session on U.S. Market Access

AEPC informed its member exporters about the exclusive “Briefing Session with Amazon” organized by the Consulate General of India, Seattle, in partnership with the Consulate General of India, New York, on 24 June 2026.

The session focused on helping Indian exporters leverage digital commerce and expand their presence in the U.S. market through the India–USA Trade Facilitation Portal. Participants gained insights into selling on Amazon USA, export compliance requirements, logistics, and market access opportunities, enabling them to explore new avenues for enhancing exports to the United States.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DoR Circular No. 28/2026 - Testing of samples of Export Consignments](#)
- [PIB News - CETA provides Zero-Duty Access on ~99% of India's exports to the UK, covering nearly 100% of trade value](#)
- [Notification regarding Hank Yarn Packing](#)
- [Advisory on e-Invoice API and e-Way Bill by IRN API changes for mandatory capture of Ship-to GSTIN and Voluntary Closure of e-Way Bill](#)
- [RBI issues Final directions on Trade Receivables Discounting System \(TReDS\)](#)
- [PIB News - Ministry of Textiles organizes Departmental summit on "Textiles for Global Markets"](#)
- [DoR CBIC Instruction No.11 - Establishment of Green Channel for Customs Clearance of Pollution Response Equipment and Materials during Oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances \(HNS\) Spill Emergencies](#)
- [FAQs on Index of Services Production – Trial Indices with Base year 2024 -25](#)
- [Textiles Summit 2026" concludes with focus on Sustainability, Exports and Global Market Expansion](#)
- [PIB News - Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal Announces Deployment of 1,000 Advisory Personnel Across India to Help Businesses Maximise India-UK CETA Benefits](#)
- [Quick Estimates of All India Index of Industrial Production \(IIP\) Base Year 2022-23 for May 2026](#)
- [DGFT Notification 21/2026-27 - Amendment to Notification No. 35/2025-26 for extension of timelines under Component II of Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation \(RELIEF\) Intervention](#)
- [Government extends last date for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal to 31st July 2026](#)

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- [India-UK CETA to help textile exporters double UK market share to 12% in 3-5 years](#)

- [Shipments Arriving in UK on or After 15th July Likely to Get FTA Benefits: AEPC](#)
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- [Why ZDHC is a business necessity for textile & apparel exporters in Bangladesh](#)
- [Brexit notably reduced UK-EU trade across most sectors: CER study](#)
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- [More Garment Factory Closures Rattle Bangladesh](#)
- [Cotton duty or competitiveness? The bigger challenge facing India's \\$190 billion textile industry](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2026-27	
Months	INR
April	93.40
May	95.44
30 th June	94.69
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
Source: CSO		

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