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## India's RMG Export to World (Value)

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| - Dec, 2025         | : USD 1504.1 mn.  |
| - Dec, 2024         | : USD 1461.9 mn.  |
| - Growth            | : 2.9 %           |
| - Apr – Dec 2025-26 | : USD 11584.3 mn. |
| - Apr – Dec 2024-25 | : USD 11316.6 mn. |
| - Growth            | : 2.4 %           |

## (Quantity)

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| - Oct, 2025         | : 275255.9 Thousand Units  |
| - Oct., 2024        | : 319766.1 Thousand Units  |
| - Growth            | : -13.9 %                  |
| - Apr - Oct 2025-26 | : 2247582.4 Thousand Units |
| - Apr - Oct 2024-25 | : 2191817.7 Thousand Units |
| - Growth            | : 2.5 %                    |

## AEPC News

### Hon'ble Union Textiles Minister inaugurated the 74<sup>th</sup> IIGF

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, inaugurated the 74th edition of the IIGF on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at Yashobhoomi Exhibition & Convention Centre, New Delhi. The inaugural ceremony was held in the presence of Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, IIGF & ATDC, and Shri Rakesh Vaid, Vice Chairman, IIGF & ATDC, along with senior industry leaders, exporters, overseas buyers and dignitaries from the apparel industry.

IIGF is one of Asia's largest garment fairs bringing Indian MSMEs exporters and overseas buyers together.

In his address, Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Textiles Minister said that Indian textile and apparel industry has emerged as a major employment generator, and called for developing India's own standards and designs, with IIGF serving as a key platform connecting Indian exporters to global buyers.

Speaking at the inauguration, AEPC Chairman Dr A. Sakthivel said that the 74th IIGF, reflects sustained global confidence in India's apparel industry, which showed resilience amid global challenges. He sought supportive policy measures to boost export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs.

### Chairman AEPC Seeks Urgent Intervention from Hon'ble Vice President of India as US Tariffs Hit Apparel Exports

Hit by a steep cumulative 50% US tariff, AEPC has sought urgent government intervention. In a letter dated 10.01.2026 to Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri CP Radhakrishnan, AEPC Chairman Dr. A Sakthivel said that delays could lead to order cancellations, job losses, and factory shutdowns. With the US accounting for substantial proportion of exports for major apparel exporters, the Council stressed that thin margins leave no capacity to absorb prolonged tariff shocks, risking permanent damage to the sector.

### Webinar on "Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) under PMAY-U 2.0

AEPC, in association with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, conducted a webinar on "Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) under PMAY-U 2.0" on 20 January 2026.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, delivered special remarks and conveyed his sincere appreciation to Shri Kuldeep Narayan, IAS, Joint Secretary, MoHUA, for his swift initiative in organising the webinar.

Shri Narayan explained the salient features of the ARH scheme through a detailed presentation. This was followed by an interactive session during which participants raised their queries. The Tirupur Exporters' Association (TEA) also submitted its suggestions from an industry perspective, highlighting aspects that could be considered in addition to the points covered during the presentation.

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks to the Joint Secretary and the officials of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for their proactive and supportive approach.

The webinar witnessed participation of around 100 members, including Presidents of various industry associations, EC members and trade members.

## AEPC Organizes Program on E-Commerce & AI for Apparel Exporters in Ludhiana

AEPC, in collaboration with Alibaba.com conducted a program on E-Commerce & AI for Apparel Exporters on 16 January 2026 at Ludhiana. Mr. Binamra Dash, Marketing Head, Alibaba.com India and Mr. Albert Zhu, Channel Business Lead, Alibaba.com India gave their insights on emerging e-commerce trends, AI adoption, and how Alibaba.com can facilitate global buyer outreach for apparel exporters. Real-life success stories and hands-on guidance during the program addressed specific queries, enabling participants to better understand digital and AI-driven solutions to expand their international market presence. More than 100 apparel exporters from Ludhiana attended the programme.

## Extension of export benefits for exports made through Postal mode

The Government of India has extended export incentives—Drawback, RoDTEP and RoSCTL—to exports made through the postal channel, ensuring a level playing field for exporters and boosting the e-commerce ecosystem. With the integration of the Postal Bill of Exports (PBE) system and ICEGATE now in place, exporters can electronically claim benefits, subject to ICEGATE registration, with detailed modalities to be issued by DG Systems. For details, please refer CBIC [Circular No. 01/2026-Customs](#) dated 15.01.2026.

AEPC has circulated the information to the member exporters of the trade and industry on 19.01.2026.

## Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DGFT Trade Notice 22/2025-26 -Amendments to Guidelines for Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-shipment Export Credit under EXPORT PROMOTION MISSION – NIRYAT PROSAHAN](#)
- [RBI Issues Amendment Directions on Priority Sector Lending - Targets and Classification](#)

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## Currency Trend

| INR versus USD FY 2025-26 |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Months                    | INR   |
| April                     | 85.60 |
| May                       | 85.20 |
| June                      | 85.93 |
| July                      | 86.07 |
| August                    | 87.52 |
| September                 | 88.27 |
| October                   | 88.37 |
| November                  | 88.88 |
| December                  | 90.00 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> January  | 91.56 |

Source: x-rates.com

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

| Quick Estimates FY 2025-26 |          |         |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Months                     | Textiles | Apparel |
| April                      | 105.7    | 114.2   |
| May                        | 103.8    | 126.5   |
| June                       | 107.8    | 127.5   |
| July                       | 107.3    | 112.7   |
| August                     | 107.7    | 107.2   |
| Sept.                      | 110.7    | 100.6   |
| Oct.                       | 108.4    | 97.7    |
| Nov.                       | 109.6    | 94.4    |

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