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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)

- Nov, 2025	: 306268.1 Thousand Units
- Nov., 2024	: 265175.4 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 15.5 %
- Apr - Oct 2025-26	: 2553850.5 Thousand Units
- Apr - Oct 2024-25	: 2456993.2 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 3.9 %

AEPC News

Chairman AEPC Welcomes Union Budget 2026-27

Chairman AEPC Dr. A Sakthivel welcomed the Government's commitment to building a resilient, future-ready and globally integrated apparel industry.

Dr. A Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC said that the Union Budget 2026-27 is forward-looking, growth-oriented and balanced, with a clear focus on strengthening India's textile and apparel sector.

He also said Union Budget 2026-27 delivers a strong boost to India's apparel & MSME ecosystem. With enhanced liquidity, a Rs.10,000 crore SME Growth Fund, stronger TReDS support, and trade facilitation reforms, the Budget reinforces a resilient, future-ready, and globally competitive apparel industry.

Highlights of Union Budget 2026-27 for the Apparel Export Sector

The Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget on 1st February 2026 for the year 2026-27. [Click here](#) to find the Highlights of Union Budget 2026-27 for the Apparel Export Sector. AEPC circulated Key Highlights to the member exporters of the

trade and industry through its Circular No. 219 dated 2nd February, 2026.

The text of the budget can also be accessed here: <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/>

Panel Discussion on Union Budget 2026-27

On 2nd Feb, 2026, AEPC organized a panel discussion on Union Budget 2026-27 at Apparel House, Gurugram in Hybrid mode. The panel discussion aimed to discuss, examine and brainstorm upon the proposals in the Union Budget 2026-27 and its ramifications on the Indian apparel export sector.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC delivered the keynote address. He said that, "this budget provides a roadmap for strengthening India's textile and apparel ecosystem, with a strong focus on self-reliance, sustainability, employment generation and global competitiveness." Chairman AEPC also stated that, "The Budget 2026-27 provides a significant boost to MSMEs, which form the backbone of India's apparel and textile exports. The emphasis on providing liquidity, ease of exports, particularly through customs-related reforms and simplified documentation procedures, will reduce transaction costs, enhance efficiency, and improve the overall ease of doing business for exporters."

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC highlighted that export-oriented and labour-intensive sectors have received focused attention through a multi-pronged approach encompassing policy support, skilling, cluster upgradation, and sustainability, which are critical for enhancing competitiveness and improving market access to advanced economies.

The panelists were Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, ICRIER; Ms. Rupa Dutta, Former Principal Economic Adviser at DPIIT; Mr. S. R. Patnaik, Partner and Head of Taxation, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Mr. Vimal Pruthi, Partner - Global Trade and Customs, E&Y; Mr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar Singh, General Manager & Director, State Bank of India and Dr. Lipika Sharma, Sr. Advocate & Sr. Consultant, UN Women.

This discussion was attended by around 40 participants physically and more than 200 participants virtually. The discussion was highly praised by the participants.

AEPC Welcomes on the Economic Survey 2025-26

Dr. A Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC welcomed the Economic Survey 2025–26 as a forward-looking and growth-oriented roadmap that reflects the government's vision for a Viksit Bharat, noting the projected FY27 GDP growth of 6.8–7.2% as a sign of economic resilience. He said the Survey's emphasis on policy stability, competitiveness, and structural reforms reinforces industry confidence and strengthens India's position as a trusted global manufacturing and apparel export hub.

AEPC Welcomes India–US Trade Deal

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, welcomed the breakthrough in India–US trade negotiations, calling it a timely development for the Indian apparel industry which was stressed due to high US tariff of 50%. The United States is the single largest export market for the apparel sector and improved trade terms will significantly enhance the competitiveness of Indian apparel products in the US market.

This development is expected to give a strong boost to apparel exports, attract fresh investments across the value chain, and reinforce India's position as a reliable global sourcing hub. Most importantly, the apparel sector being one of the largest employment generators, this positive move will help secure existing jobs and create substantial new employment opportunities, particularly for women and the workforce in labor-intensive segments.

Chairman AEPC Dr. A Sakthivel thanked the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal for unrelenting efforts to make this possible.

AEPC attends the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting of MoT on MMF

Dr. A Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC and Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General AEPC attended the Stakeholders' Consultation meeting to discuss the future roadmap of Apparel Sector under the chairpersonship of Ms. Manisha Chatterjee, Joint Secretary (MMF), on 30th January 2026. Both Chairman & Secretary General shared their viewpoints on improving MMF ecosystem in the country which is critical to export growth from the apparel sector.

AEPC attends meeting with EPCs and Indian Mission

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General AEPC attended a meeting on 30th January, 2026, with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and Indian Missions of Switzerland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which was convened to review Export to these countries during the month of April–November 2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Mohit Yadav, Joint Secretary (Department of Commerce) and shared his perspective on challenges & opportunities in respect of each overseas market.

AEPC attends the Stakeholder Consultation meeting on RoSCTL

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC and Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General attended the Stakeholder Consultation, on 2nd February 2026 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Textiles on Extension of RoSCTL Scheme beyond 31.03.2026.

AEPC attends the meeting with QCI

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC and Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, on 3rd February 2026 attended a meeting with Quality Council of India.

The Chairman spoke on the relevance of quality in garment manufacturing and shared his viewpoint in developing a quality roadmap for the apparel industry.

Chairman AEPC attends the 9th Meeting of the Apex Committee of MoT on Kasturi Cotton

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC attended the 9th Meeting of the Apex Committee for implementation of the project on Traceability, Certification and Branding of "KASTURI COTTON" project under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles on 04.02.2026.

AEPC's participation in India Fashion & Lifestyle Show held from 28th to 30th January, 2026

AEPC participated in the India Fashion & Lifestyle Show held from 28th to 30th January, 2026 at TOC Exhibition Hall, Gotanda, Tokyo, Japan. The fair was inaugurated by H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan, in the presence of Shri H.K.L. Magu, Chairman F&B AEPC, Mr. R.C. Khanna, Chairman, WWEPC, Mr. Haruto Kawaguchi, Executive Director, Japan

Apparel and Fashion Industry Association and Mr. Stephen Hill, General Manager – International, Woolmark.

Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan, visited the fair, interacted with all participants, and appreciated the efforts made in organizing the B2B event.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [HIGHLIGHTS OF UNION BUDGET 2026-27](#)
- [BUDGET UPDATE:FAQs on Budget Proposals related to Indirect Taxes](#)
- [Circular No. 04/2026-Customs - Guidelines for uniform implementation of Baggage Rules, 2026.](#)
- [Union Budget FY 2026-27: Strengthening Capital Goods Sector](#)
- [Union Budget 2026–27: Strengthening India’s Textile Value Chain](#)

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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
January	90.73
6 th February	90.94
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.	106.6	89.6
Nov.	110.0	105.3
Dec.	111.4	109.5
Source: CSO		

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