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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- March, 2025	: USD 1531.3 mn.
- March, 2024	: USD 1472.8 mn.
- Growth	: 4.0 %
- Apr – Mar 2024-25	: 15988.9 mn.
- Apr – Mar 2023-24	: 14532.2 mn.
- Growth	: 10.0 %

(Quantity)

- Jan, 2025	: 396793.4 Thousand Units
- Jan, 2024	: 338728.6 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 17.1 %
- Apr - Jan 2024-25	: 3217804.4 Thousand Units
- Apr - Jan 2023-24	: 2773508.4 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 16.0 %

AEPC News

India's Textile Edge in the U.S. Market: AEPC Chairman Highlights Opportunities and Challenges

Shri Sudhir Sekhri, Chairman AEPC highlighted, in an insightful discussion with ET that Indian textile exporters are positioned for success in the USA market with a favorable tariff rate, significantly lower than competitors like China and Bangladesh. However, challenges such as pricing pressures and order cancellations are testing the resilience of Indian manufacturers. To maintain this competitive edge, exporters may need to absorb costs or advocate for government subsidies, all while eyeing long-term growth opportunities in the U.S., a key global market for textiles.

To see the detailed discussions, [Click here](#)

AEPC's vision to create a Future-Ready, Responsible & Resilient Industry

In a detailed interaction with Fibre2Fashion, AEPC Chairman Shri Sudhir Sekhri highlighted the critical challenges facing the Indian apparel export

sector, including rising production costs, lack of FTAs with key markets, and low participation in MMF-based garments. Despite modest export growth and competitiveness issues compared to Bangladesh and Vietnam, initiatives like the PLI scheme and PM MITRA parks offer growth opportunities. AEPC is actively advocating for FTAs, duty-free raw material imports, and financial support to counter challenges like the newly announced US reciprocal tariffs. Strategies to reach India's \$100 billion export target by 2030 include infrastructure development, MMF sector expansion, R&D, and e-commerce exports. AEPC also supports SMEs via subsidised global trade participation, capacity building, market intelligence, and sustainability awareness. Through the Samarth Scheme and ATDCs, AEPC is skilling workers in garment manufacturing. AEPC's long-term vision includes positioning India as a global sourcing hub, promoting sustainable growth, enhancing MSME competitiveness, and fostering innovation and technology adoption across the apparel value chain.

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Govt defines 'Proof of Origin' for FTA Benefits

The government has replaced the term "Certificate of Origin" with 'Proof of Origin' to make trade smoother and avoid misuse of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). The term "Proof Origin" now covers both Certificate of Origin issued by designated Issuing Authorities and self-declarations made by eligible exporters, producers, or other designated persons, as provided under relevant trade agreements.

Commenting on the move, AEPC Secretary General Mithileshwar Thakur said that this will lead to removal of the element of uncertainty and bring in simplification and transparency while simultaneously putting a robust mechanism in place to prevent the possibility of misuse of origin criterion. He added that the circular establishes a well-defined mechanism and Standard Operating Procedure for seamless verification of the authenticity of these certificates.

UNDP organised two days training workshop on ESG/Responsible Business Practices for Delhi/NCR based Apparel Exporters

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organised a 2-day in-person training workshop, in collaboration with the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) on 24-25 April 2025 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi to raise awareness amongst Indian apparel exporters. The objective of the training workshop was to provide participants with an understanding of the 'Responsible Business Practices' landscape globally, nationally and in their operating contexts, i.e., challenges related to ESG in the apparel industry.

Sh. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC gave the opening remarks and Sh. Ajay Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles gave the key remarks. Around 50 participants attended the two day event.

HCIM to visit Japan (12-14 May 2025) for Osaka Expo and for Bilateral Business Meetings

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General AEPC attended a meeting on 25.04.2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, to discuss matters related to the visit of the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister (HCIM) to Japan from 12th to 14th May 2025 for the Osaka Expo and business/investment-related bilateral meetings. Business and investment meetings are scheduled to be held from 13th to 14th May 2025 in Tokyo. A high-level government and business delegation will be accompanying him during the visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AEPC's participation in the Sourcing at Magic, Las Vegas, USA

AEPC is going to participate in "SOURCING AT MAGIC, LAS VEGAS, USA" to be held from 18th to 20th August, 2025. The event will be held at Las Vegas Convention Center (South Hall). AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 22nd April, 2025.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 20,000/- If payment is made on or before 9th May, 2025.

The last date for submission of application with payment is 20th May, 2025.

Online Capacity Building Program to Grow Apparel Export Business

Apparel export business comes with its share of challenges - boosting export sales, demand generation, marketing, building your brand, raising capital for growth, streamlining operations, keeping your team motivated and many more.

In this context, the All India Management Association (AIMA) is offering a free, 10-week online capacity building program designed specifically for apparel exporters, covering key areas such as strategic management, sales and marketing, people and financial management, digital marketing, data analysis, and supply chain operations. The program, starting on Wednesday, 7th May 2025, will include one 1.5-hour session every week, led by industry experts and business growth professionals, and aims to provide practical knowledge and tools to overcome business challenges and scale your operations. Participants who complete the course will also receive a certification, adding credibility to their professional journey and helping them position their businesses more competitively in the global market.

AEPC disseminated the information to trade through circular dated 22.04.2025.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [CBIC issues revised instructions for processing applications for GST registration by CBIC formations](#)
- [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\) created a new record under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi](#)
- [Trade Notice 02/2025-26 - Introduction of 'Mode of Export of Services' Field in eBRC Format for Services Exports with effect from May 01, 2025](#)
- [Shri T. Rabi Sankar re-appointed as RBI Deputy Governor](#)
- [Notification 05/2025-26 - Amendment in Import Policy Condition of Synthetic Knitted Fabrics Covered under Chapter 60 of the ITC \(HS\), 2022](#)
- [CBIC introduces several trade facilitative measures relating to transshipment and air cargo](#)
- [Circular 15/2025-Customs - Simplification of procedures related to Air Cargo Movement & Transshipment](#)

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- [US Cotton shipments to India surge amid price drops and trade tensions](#)
- [Spain eyes investment in Odisha's green energy, metallurgy and textile sectors](#)
- [Trump's tariffs revive Tiruppur as global buyers shift orders from China](#)
- [FTA talks: Global trade in focus as Indian officials to visit US, UK, EU, EFTA countries](#)
- [Tamil Nadu accounts for 26.81% of India's total textile exports, rising sharply from 20.78% last year](#)
- [India reimposes MIP on 4 synthetic knitted fabric codes](#)
- [Niti Aayog to discuss National Manufacturing Mission roadmap](#)
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- [Renewed Push For India-GCC Free Trade Agreement?](#)
- [Türkiye textile sector unveils Istanbul Declaration to boost growth](#)
- [America's resale market poised to gain amid tariffs](#)
- [Bangladesh's textile waste problem threatens fashion industry's green future](#)
- [IAF warns US tariffs threaten global fashion, textile industry](#)
- [Can Bangladesh fend off Vietnam in RMG race?](#)
- [Vietnam GDP growth projected at 5.8% in 2025, 6.1% in 2026: World Bank](#)
- [Trump's tariffs: poor workers in countries like Cambodia will be among the biggest losers](#)
- [Bangladesh textile sector seeks duty-free access on US cotton garments](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2025-26	
Months	INR
25 th April	85.36
Source: x-rates.com	

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

Quick Estimates FY 2024-25		
Months	Textiles	Apparel
April	105.3	105.1
May	107.0	123.6
June	106.2	122.6
July	109.1	111.7
August	109.4	112.5
September	109.3	103.7
October	111.1	104.0
November	106.2	110.3
December	113.9	119.1
January	113.7	120.2
February	106.6	120.1
March	112.1	144.8
Source: CSO		

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