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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-UK FTA: Boosting India's Textile Exports and Empowering Weavers

India-UK Trade Agreement is a game-changer for the textile sector. It unlocks new export avenues, reduces trade barriers, and empowers our weavers and manufacturers to access premium UK market.

This pact strengthens India's position as a global textile hub, aligning with PM Modi's vision of showcasing Indian craftsmanship and innovation on the world stage.

Shri Sudhir Sekhri, Chairman AEPC said that the FTA with UK is a bonanza for Indian apparel exporters. It opens the floodgates of apparel exports to UK, thanks to the unparalleled leadership and guidance of Hon'ble **Narendra Modi** and untiring efforts of our Hon'ble CIM **Piyush Goyal**.

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Online Capacity Building Program to Grow Apparel Export Business

AEPC in association with All India Management Association (AIMA) is offering a capacity building program for strategic management, sales management, marketing management, people management, digital marketing, financial management, data analysis, supply chain operations for the apparel exporters. This free of cost, 10-week (class once-a-week) online program will help the exporters to tackle all the challenges and grow your apparel export business.

The Orientation Session of the program began on 7-May-2025. Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC gave opening remarks and informed the gathering about the importance of this training program. He also urged the company owners to include their employees in this training program, so that everyone gets benefit and help in the growth of apparel exports from India.

Mr. Kedar Pandya, Senior Director – Wadhvani Foundation; Mr. Amit Jain, Founder – A&M Consulting & past President – Trident Group; Dr. Rajesh Bheda, CEO & MD – Rajesh Bheda Consulting; Dr. Rohit Singh, Director – AIMA gave presentation & share their insights on the training program.

This 10-week online capacity building training program got registration of more than 150 pan India apparel exporters.

AEPC inks MoU with GBIC to maximize number of LEED certified garment factories from India

On May 8, 2025, AEPC signed an MoU with the Green Business Certification Institute Pvt Ltd (GBCI) to boost the number of LEED-certified garment factories in India. The MoU was signed by Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General AEPC, and Shri Gopalakrishnan P, Managing Director of GBCI Asia Pacific and Middle East. The initiative

aims to promote sustainability in the garment sector through energy efficiency, resource conservation, and improved indoor environments.

Currently, India has only 13 LEED-certified garment factories, compared to about 250 in Bangladesh. AEPC Chairman Sudhir Sekhri highlighted the benefits of LEED certification, including lower operating costs, increased property value, and stronger investor confidence.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur stressed the need for India to quickly adopt global sustainability standards to stay competitive, given the growing emphasis on green practices by international brands. Shri Gopalakrishnan P noted that GBCI India provides hands-on support for sustainability projects and plays a key role in promoting green business excellence across a rapidly urbanizing India.

AEPC attended a meeting with Hon'ble CIM

Chairman AEPC Shri Sudhir Sekhri and Secretary General AEPC Shri Mithileshwar Thakur attended a meeting with Honble Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal on 8th May 2025.

On 6th May 2025, India and the UK concluded talks on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) after over three years of negotiations that commenced in January 2022 under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the British Conservative Party.

India's Readymade Garment (RMG) exports to the UK are expected to double in the next three years following a landmark free trade agreement between the two countries. Lauding the deal, Shri Sudhir Sekhri, Chairman AEPC said that this landmark free trade agreement between India and the UK is expected to boost RMG exports and help in the employment generation. Against the backdrop of demand contraction in major economies, Russia Ukraine conflict, Israel-Hamas war, American reciprocal tariff and Chinese belligerence, there was uncertainty and disruption impacting the global trade adversely. This deal has come as a boon removing immediately tariff disadvantage of 9.6% and making us competitive in the UK market. Now the Made in India RMG will be cheaper on UK shelves and we will be at par with some of our major competitors who enjoyed duty-free access in the UK market.

Shri Sekhri praised the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal for their roles in finalizing the agreement. He noted that India is currently the 4th largest RMG

supplier to the UK, with a 6.1% market share and \$1.4 billion in exports in FY 2024–25. The top UK imports from India include cotton T-shirts, dresses, and baby garments. With this tariff relief, Indian RMG products are now better positioned against key competitors like China, Bangladesh, and Turkey.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [Instruction No. 05/2025-GST - Timely production of records/information for audit](#)
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- [Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Starmer welcome the conclusion of a mutually beneficial India -UK Free Trade Agreement and the Double Contribution Convention](#)
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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2025-26	
Months	INR
April	85.60
9 th May	85.45
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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