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

- Jan, 2026	: USD 1544.8 mn.
- Jan, 2025	: USD 1606.4 mn.
- Growth	: -3.8%
- Apr – Jan 2025-26	: USD 13129.8 mn.
- Apr – Jan 2024-25	: USD 12922.9 mn.
- Growth	: 1.6 %

## (Quantity)

- Dec, 2025	: 365172.6 Thousand Units
- Dec., 2024	: 369212.9 Thousand Units
- Growth	: -1.1 %
- Apr – Dec 2025-26	: 2921697.1 Thousand Units
- Apr - Dec 2024-25	: 2828182.2 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 3.3 %

## AEPC News

### Chairman AEPC Urges RBI for Dedicated MSME Export Policy

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, met Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor, RBI, in Mumbai, on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, and urged the introduction of a separate export policy for MSMEs, including a dedicated Special Interest Package Scheme to ensure fair and uniform lending practices. He highlighted challenges faced by apparel MSME exporters such as high interest rates, CIBIL-linked lending, delays in loan sanctioning, limited digitalisation, and export finance constraints.

The Chairman also sought enhancement of the rates under Interest Equalisation Scheme from 2.75% to 5% for manufacturing exporters and removal of the ₹50 lakh cap. Additional recommendations included rationalising processing charges, standardising forex and banking fees, easing external rating norms, addressing ECGC-related cost burdens, and integrating RBI-EDPMS with Customs / ICEGATE to avoid short realisation notices.

### AEPC Honoured for Contribution to the "Thunaiyan" Online Service Platform for Apparel Exporters

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Dr. A Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Customs (Preventive) Zone, Tiruchirappalli, for their efficient, transparent and vigilant service to the export community. AEPC was honoured with the Certificate of Appreciation from the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Trichy, for its contribution to the 'Thunaiyan' online platform, which has significantly streamlined the resolution of customs-related issues for apparel exporters.

### Strategic Engagement with European Ambassadors to Boost Textile Exports

On February 13, 2026, Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC attended a strategic meeting chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of External Affairs (Secretary ER), with Ambassadors from 18 European nations. The discussions focused on diversifying Indian textile exports, enhancing market access, addressing trade challenges, and strengthening India's textile and garment sector competitiveness in the European market as part of ongoing export promotion efforts.

### AEPC participates in the Collection Premiere Moscow (CPM)-17-20 February 2026

The Collection Premiere Moscow (CPM) was inaugurated on 17 February 2026 in the presence of exporters, designers, industry stakeholders, and distinguished dignitaries. Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General AEPC addressed the gathering and participated in the official inauguration ceremony of the fair.

The India Pavilion at CPM Moscow was inaugurated at the Crocus Expo Centre, Moscow, by Shri Nikhilesh Giri, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Moscow, in the presence of Mr. Shivaraj Managiri, Second Secretary, Embassy of India. On this occasion, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur felicitated Shri Nikhilesh Giri and Mr. Shivaraj Managiri.

## Webinar on EU-India FTA Decoded: Market Access, Compliance & Growth Strategies for Apparel Exporters

AEPC, in collaboration with 360tf (a prominent global fintech company), organised a webinar on 19-February, 2026 on the topic – “EU-India FTA Decoded: Market Access, Compliance & Growth Strategies for Apparel Exporters” to discuss the evolving EU trade landscape and its potential for Indian apparel exporters.

The webinar highlighted the importance of the EU as the world’s largest apparel import market and the significant growth potential for India and provided insights into the expected impact of the India-EU FTA on pricing competitiveness, market access, compliance requirements and payment cycles.

The webinar was attended by 160 participants.

### Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [The cumulative exports \(merchandise & services\) during April-January 2025-26](#)
- [Union Budget 2026-27: Building Champion MSMEs for a Global India](#)
- [Ministry of Textiles Holds First Post-Budget National Industry Consultation](#)
- [Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal Launches Export Promotion Mission to Boost MSME Exports and Strengthen Global Competitiveness](#)
- [Trade Notice 25/2025-26 - Launch of Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT PROSAHAN](#)
- [Trade Notice 26/2025-26 - Launch of Trade Regulations, Accreditation & Compliance Enablement \(TRACE\) under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) - NIRYAT DISHA](#)
- [Trade Notice 27/2025-26 - Launch of Support for Integrated Support for Trade Intelligence & Facilitation \(INSIGHT\) Under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT DISHA](#)
- [Trade Notice 28/2025-26 - Launch of Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment \(FLOW\) Under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT DISHA](#)
- [Trade Notice 29/2025-26 - Launch of Facilitating Logistics Interventions for Freight & Transport \(LIFT\) under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT DISHA](#)

### Top National News

- [Coimbatore MSME Association urges Union Government to control prices of key raw materials](#)
- [Tamil Nadu unveils Integrated Textile policy 2025-26; allocates Rs 1,943 cr for handlooms and textiles in Interim budget](#)

- [Kasturi Cotton Programmes Rolled Out to Elevate India’s ELS Production](#)

### Top Global News

- [Bangladesh apparel sector eyes transformation under new political Govt.](#)
- [Bangladesh Garment Exports to EU Fall Nearly 4% as Competition Intensifies](#)
- [Cambodia attracts \\$5.1 bn FDI in 2025 despite global headwinds](#)

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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
20 <sup>th</sup> February	90.70

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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