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

- May, 2026	: USD 1297.2 mn.
- May, 2025	: USD 1511.5 mn.
- Growth	: -14.2%
- Apr – May 2026-27	: USD 2508.7 mn.
- Apr – May 2025-26	: USD 2882.8 mn.
- Growth	: -13.0 %

## (Quantity)

- Jan., 2026	: 375816.5 Thousand Units
- Jan., 2025	: 396849.1 Thousand Units
- Growth	: -5.3 %
- Apr – Jan 2025-26	: 3294839.7 Thousand Units
- Apr - Jan 2024-25	: 3223055.2 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 2.2 %

## AEPC News

### AEPC Congratulates Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Historic Milestone

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC, congratulated the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister and lauded his visionary leadership and transformative governance.

In a letter dated June 10, 2026 addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Chairman AEPC highlighted the significant benefits accrued to the textile and apparel sector through initiatives such as PM MITRA Parks, RoSCTL, PLI Scheme, National Logistics Policy and ease of doing business reforms.

He also acknowledged the expansion of India's global trade footprint through various Free Trade Agreements, which have created new market opportunities for apparel exporters. Reaffirming the industry's commitment to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, AEPC expressed gratitude for the Government's continued support towards strengthening India's textile and apparel ecosystem and enhancing its global competitiveness.

### AEPC presents vision for Tamil Nadu Apparel Growth

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, and submitted a memorandum outlining key initiatives to support the growth of the apparel industry and achieve the vision of USD 15 Billion in apparel exports from Tamil Nadu by 2030.

The memorandum highlighted critical priorities including worker housing, MSME support, technology upgradation, logistics infrastructure, sustainable manufacturing, skill development, AI adoption, and the expeditious implementation of PM MITRA Park.

The discussion reaffirmed the industry's commitment to strengthening Tamil Nadu's position as a leading global apparel manufacturing and export hub while creating large-scale employment and driving economic growth.

### AEPC Welcomes Renewed India-Canada Trade Engagement

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC welcomed the renewed momentum in India-Canada economic engagement under the leadership of Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal.

He expressed confidence that stronger bilateral ties and enhanced trade cooperation between India and Canada would create new opportunities for growth, investment, and market access for India's textile and apparel sector. The Chairman also emphasized that deeper economic collaboration between the two countries would further strengthen trade relations and open new avenues for Indian exporters in the Canadian market.

### AEPC Signs MoU with NLDSL to Boost Digital Logistics for Apparel Exporters

AEPC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL) on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at Apparel House, Gurugram, to strengthen logistics efficiency, enhance supply chain visibility and promote digital transformation in the apparel export sector.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG, AEPC, who signed the MoU on AEPC's behalf, stated that the partnership would help create a more transparent and paperless logistics ecosystem, enabling exporters to access logistics services and shipment information more efficiently. Shri Arvind Devaraj, COO, NLDSL, highlighted the role of technology-driven platforms in improving logistics visibility, reliability and operational efficiency. The collaboration is expected to facilitate ease of doing business, reduce transaction costs and enhance the global competitiveness of Indian apparel exports.

### **AEPC Participates in India International Cargo Show 2026 Conference on Air Cargo Networks**

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated as a speaker in the conference session titled "Aligning Air Cargo Networks with the Evolving Needs of Exporters" held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 during the India International Cargo Show (IICS) 2026 in New Delhi.

The session deliberated on key issues impacting exporters, including freight volatility, service reliability, capacity access, and operational bottlenecks in the air cargo ecosystem. Industry experts discussed strategies for strengthening air cargo networks and developing exporter-focused logistics solutions to enhance India's global trade competitiveness.

### **SG AEPC Delivers Keynote Address at Webinar on Duty-Free Growth Opportunities**

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC, delivered the keynote address as the Chief Guest at a webinar on "Unlocking Duty-Free Growth for Indian Exporters" organised by Wazir Advisors Pvt. Ltd. on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Highlighting the significance of India's recent Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), he emphasized the opportunities they create for enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian apparel exports. He underlined the importance of effective FTA utilization, strengthening domestic supply chains, expanding MMF capabilities and addressing emerging sustainability requirements. Shri Thakur also stressed the need for awareness, capacity building and handholding support to enable exporters, particularly MSMEs, to fully leverage the benefits of preferential market access and translate market access into greater market share.

### **AEPC Attends Meeting on Export Potential in the UK Market**

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in a virtual meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 under

the chairpersonship of Dr. M. Beena, Development Commissioner (Handlooms), with representatives of the High Commission of India in London, UK.

Shri Thakur while highlighting the added flexibility provided by India-UK CETA over other trade deals elaborated on the initiatives that AEPC plans to undertake to ensure fullest utilisation of India-UK FTA.

The discussions focused on export opportunities for Indian textile, apparel, handloom and handicraft products in the UK market, covering demand trends, market access, compliance requirements, branding, collaboration with retailers and export promotion initiatives. The meeting also deliberated on challenges relating to competitiveness, logistics and market penetration, and explored measures to enhance India's export presence in the UK.

### **AEPC Participates in Interactive Session with Uttar Pradesh Government**

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC, participated in an exclusive interactive session with industry leaders and trade bodies organised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in New Delhi on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The session was chaired by Shri Bhupendra Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of MSME, Uttar Pradesh.

The interaction focused on enhancing exports, investments, ease of doing business, infrastructure development, skill development and market access. Industry stakeholders shared their suggestions and perspectives on strengthening Uttar Pradesh's industrial and export ecosystem and fostering future growth opportunities.

### **AEPC Organizes Webinar on Transforming Factories into Preferred Global Sourcing Partners**

AEPC organized a webinar on "Transforming Factories into Preferred Global Sourcing Partners" on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in association with Anatech Consulting.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG-AEPC, in his opening remarks highlighted the need for Indian apparel manufacturers to enhance competitiveness through quality, sustainability, compliance, and operational excellence. Dr. Sheena Bansal and Dr. Atul Verma of Anatech Consulting shared practical insights on key sourcing parameters valued by global buyers.

The webinar witnessed active participation from over 120 apparel exporters and concluded with an interactive

discussion on adopting lean and sustainable manufacturing practices.

### **AEPC Launches Pan-India FTA Utilization Outreach Programme**

AEPC vide its circular dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 has launched a Pan-India FTA Utilization Outreach Programme across major apparel clusters to enhance exporters' understanding and effective utilization of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

As part of the initiative, a seminar titled “Unlocking Growth Opportunities: FTA Utilization for Apparel Exporters” will be held in Bengaluru on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and in Ludhiana on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The programme will provide practical insights into market opportunities under FTAs, Rules of Origin, compliance requirements, preferential duty benefits and Government support mechanisms.

Similar outreach programmes will be organized in other key apparel hubs across the country during June–September 2026.

### **AEPC Launches ‘Niryat Samvad’ for Apparel Exporters**

AEPC, vide its circular dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026, announced the launch of “Niryat Samvad”, a monthly knowledge-sharing initiative aimed at keeping apparel exporters informed of the latest developments in trade policy, export regulations and compliance requirements.

The virtual sessions will cover key notifications, policy updates from various Government departments, developments relating to FTAs, customs procedures, GST provisions and export documentation. The initiative will serve as a platform for disseminating regulatory updates, enhancing awareness and facilitating informed discussions among member exporters.

The inaugural session is scheduled to be held virtually on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

### **AEPC’s Participation in “India Apparel & Accessories Fair 2026 – Tokyo, Japan”**

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) participation in “India Apparel & Accessories Fair 2026” is an exclusive Business Matching Event to be held at Shinjuku Sumitomo Building Triangle Square, Tokyo, Japan from 29 – 31 July, 2026.

The last date for submission of application along with payment is 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

The circular can be seen by clicking:-

<https://aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Participation%20in%20India%20Apparel%20%26%20Accessories%20Fair%20Tokyo%20Japan.pdf>

### **AEPC’s Participation in “Sourcing at Magic - Las Vegas, USA”**

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) participation in “Sourcing at Magic” is the World’s largest Apparel & Accessories Trade Show in North America scheduled to be held at Las Vegas Convention Center, Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, USA from 10 – 12 August, 2026.

Circular link:

<https://www.aepcindia.com/aepc-notification/extension-early-bird-discount-deadline-29th-may-10th-june-2026-sourcing-magic-las>

The last date for submission of application along with payment is 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

### **AEPC’s Participation in “CPM (Collection Premiere Moscow) International Fashion Trade Show - Russia”**

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) participation in “CPM (Collection Premiere Moscow) International Fashion Trade Show” is one of Eastern Europe’s leading fashion trade show scheduled to be held at Crocus Expo Exhibition Centre, Mezhdunarodnaya Str. 20, Krasnogorsk Area, Moscow region from 01 - 04 September, 2026.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 15,000/- If payment is made on or before 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

The detailed circular can be seen by clicking:-

<https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Circular%20of%20CPM%2027%2005%202026.pdf>

AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

The last date for submission of application along with payment is 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

### **AEPC’s Participation in “Ready to Show @ Milano Fashion & Jewels – Milan, Italy”**

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) participation in “Ready to Show @ Milano Fashion & Jewels” an International Fashion Sourcing Fair scheduled to be held

at Rho Fiera Milano, Milan, Italy from 12 – 14 September, 2026.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 10,000/-  
If payment is made on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

The detailed circular can be seen by clicking:-  
[https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Circular\\_italy\\_27-05-2026.pdf](https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Circular_italy_27-05-2026.pdf)

AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

The last date for submission of application along with payment is 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

### **AEPC's Participation in "Saudi Fashion & Tex Expo – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia"**

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) participation in "Saudi Fashion & Tex Expo" is Saudi Arabia's biggest Fashion & Textile Show scheduled to be held at Jeddah International Exhibition & Convention Center, Jeddah from 24 – 27 September, 2026.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 10,000/-  
If payment is made on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

The detailed circular can be seen by clicking:-  
<https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/4th%20Saudi%20Fashion%20and%20Tex%20Expo%20Circular.pdf>

AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

The last date for submission of application along with payment is 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

### **Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases**

- [Notification No. 20/2026-Customs - Seeks to give effect to the first tranche of tariff concessions under India-Oman CEPA](#)
- [PIB News - Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launches Mission "Senehori" for Assam Muga Silk](#)
- [Applicability of Quality Control Orders \(QCOs\)/BIS requirements on imports by Special Economic Zone \(SEZ\) Units and Developers- Amendment in Para 2.03\(A\)\(iii\) of FTP, 2023-reg.](#)
- [Amendment of Appendix 2B \[List of Agencies Authorised to issue Certificate of Origin \(Preferential\)\] of Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 – India-Oman CEPA Agreement DoR Instruction No.07/2026-Customs - Streamlining of mechanism for seeking clarification on interpretation of Foreign Trade Policy \(FTP\) provisions from DGFT](#)

- [India remains engaged with the U.S. on Section 301 proceedings and for finalisation of a framework agreement](#)
- [PIB News - India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement \(CEPA\) Comes into Force on 1 June 2026](#)
- [Ministry of Textiles - Draft Regulation on \(Labelling and Marking's for Textiles Apparel and Made-up articles 2025](#)
- [RBI - Foreign Exchange Management \(Export of Goods and Services\) \(First Amendment\) Regulations, 2026](#)
- [Extension of timeline for implementation of mandatory "Ship To GSTIN" and Voluntary Closure of E-Way Bill functionalities](#)
- [PIB News - Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED launches Exclusive RISA Store to Promote Tribal Textiles, Embroideries and Handicrafts](#)

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- [Textile PLI Scheme: Govt approves 96 firms in Round-III; Rs 12,822 crore investment committed](#)
- [T-Shirts Account for 40% of India's Knitwear Exports in FY '25](#)
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- [India could reclaim its lost textile crown after 15 years as global brands move beyond China](#)

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- [Egyptian cotton traceability reset: Why buyers are paying more](#)
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- [Vietnam - Textile exporters navigate growth amid tariff uncertainty](#)
- [Bangladesh Apparel Sector Must Prioritise Innovation and Sustainability: BGMEA](#)
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### **Currency Trend**

<b>INR versus USD FY 2026-27</b>	
<b>Months</b>	<b>INR</b>
April	93.40
May	95.44
June	95.46

*Source: x-rates.com*

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

<b>Quick Estimates FY 2025-26</b>		
<b>Months</b>	<b>Textiles</b>	<b>Apparel</b>
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
September	110.7	100.6
October	106.6	89.6
November	110.0	105.3
December	111.1	109.4
January	109.7	108.7
February	107.0	100.7
March	108.9	123.6

*Source: CSO*