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Department of Commerce
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Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce for the month of May 2025

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-May 2025 is estimated at US\$ 142.43 Billion, as compared to US\$ 134.69 Billion in April-May 2024, an estimated growth of 5.75%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-May 2025 was US\$ 77.19 Billion, as compared to US\$ 74.89 Billion during April-May 2024, registering a positive growth of 3.07%.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-May 2025 valued at US\$ 64.25 Billion registered an increase of 7.53% as compared to US\$ 59.75 Billion in April-May 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in May 2025 include Electronic Goods, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Marine Products and RMG of all Textiles.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 54.10 % from US\$ 2.97 Billion in May 2024 to US\$ 4.57 Billion in May 2025.
- Organic & Inorganic Chemicals exports increased by 16.00 % from US\$ 2.31 Billion in May 2024 to US\$ 2.68 Billion in May 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 7.38 % from US\$ 2.31 Billion in May 2024 to US\$ 2.48 Billion in May 2025.
- Marine Products exports increased by 26.79 % from US\$ 0.58 Billion in May 2024 to US\$ 0.73 Billion in May 2025.
- RMG of all Textiles exports increased by 11.35 % from US\$ 1.36 Billion in May 2024 to US\$ 1.51 Billion in May 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- On 6th May 2025, Prime Minister of India and Prime Minister of the UK have announced the successful conclusion of India-UK FTA negotiations. This forward-looking Agreement is aligned with India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and complements the growth aspirations of both the countries.
- Commerce and Industry Minister (CIM) had a meeting with Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Trade and Industry on 1st May 2025. The discussions aimed at enhancing trade relations, particularly in the light of the recently signed Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).
- CIM met with European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security in Brussels, Belgium on 1st May 2025 for the 6th Session of India-EU High Level Dialogue. The

discussions focused on bilateral trade issues, the progress of the India-EU FTA Negotiations and the global trade situation.

- The First Round of negotiations for the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was held in New Delhi from 5th –9th May 2025. The negotiations followed the launch of the FTA during the meeting between CIM and Minister for Trade and Investment of New Zealand on 16th March 2025 during the visit of the Prime Minister of New Zealand to India.
- As a follow up to the India-U.S. Joint Statement of 13th February 2025, CIM-led Delegation visited Washington DC, US from 17th to 22nd May, 2025 wherein the two sides agreed to expand bilateral trade to reach \$ 500 Billion by 2030, including the conclusion of the first tranche of Bilateral Trade Agreement by the fall 2025. Both sides agreed to expedite discussions on tariff and non-tariff issues.
- The 1st round of negotiations for India-Chile CEPA held in New Delhi from 26th to 29th May 2025 after signing of Terms of Reference (TOR) on 8th May 2025 in New Delhi.
- An Inter-Ministerial Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Commerce Secretary was held on 30th May 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss the Agri-package in Trade in Goods Chapter of the India-EU FTA negotiations.
- A virtual review meeting with Indian Mission on Export promotion to countries including South Africa was held on 5th May 2025 in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce.
- Two Inter Ministerial Consultation meetings were held on 8th May 2025 and 13th May 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce on 14th India-Philippines Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment (JWG TI) for discussions on agenda points for the same.
- The 11th round of negotiations of India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was held from 12th to 16th May, 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. Negotiations covered 20 policy areas/chapters of India-EU FTA in 92 technical sessions.

III. **Export Infrastructure**

- During the month of May, 2025, following funds/ sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.3775 Crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project ‘Establishment of Plug And Play Infrastructure in Nandur-Kisartagi Industrial Area, Phase II, Nandur Kesartagi Village in Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) District, Karnataka’.
 - ii. Rs. 60.50 lakh (4th tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) released to Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) for the project ‘Border Haat at Huroi East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya’.
 - iii. Rs. 25 Lakhs (2nd tranche of 5th installment of TIES Grant) released for the project ‘Creation of additional ZLD capacity in VISHTEC CETP’ – being implemented by Council for Leather Exports (CLE).

- iv. Rs. 1.3275 Crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project – ‘Plug and Play Infrastructure at Belagavi District, Karnataka’.
- v. Rs.72.25 lakh (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) sanctioned to Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) for the project ‘Integrated Export Pack house for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Bihta, Patna’.

IV. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

- During the month of May 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 2163.58 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 8511 persons.

V. Export Promotion

- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, in collaboration with APEDA, successfully conducted a two-day Capacity Building Program and Trade Meet on summer crops in Rajkot on 3rd – 4th May 2025. The event witnessed participation from over 300 stakeholders- including farmers, Indian exporters, international buyers, processors, researchers the event facilitated productive discussions on enhancing productivity, market access, and export potential of key Oilseed crops such as Groundnut and Sesame. This innovative approach helped cover entire 360-degree of entire value chain from farmers to exporters.
- As part of the IOPEPC Capacity Building Program and Trade Meet held on 3rd – 4th May 2025 in Rajkot, IOPEPC officials sensitized stakeholders on the World Bank Group’s Business Ready (B-READY) project, an international benchmarking initiative aimed at assessing the business environment for private sector development. Special emphasis was laid on the Perception-Based Survey under Pillar III (International Trade), which seeks to gather de facto data and stakeholder insights on trade compliance and ground-level experiences. The session highlighted the importance of industry engagement to inform ongoing reforms and improve the ease of doing business in India’s agri-export sector.
- Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC) participated in the 4th Edition of ICT & Data Centres 2025 Conference, organised by BRICSA Consulting on 5th – 6th May 2025 in Kenya.
- Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) participated at GITEX Europe 2025 held on 24th - 25th May 2025 in Berlin. From India, the participation was of 18 companies from ICT sector.
- Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) organised a conclave “From Temples to Tech: Odisha’s Leap into Global Electronics and IT Markets” at Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 2nd May 2025. During the conclave, 6 MoUs were signed between ESC and leading academic institutions namely IIT Bhubaneswar, OUTF, BPUT, VSSUT and World Trade Centre, Bhubaneswar.

VI. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

- APEDA organized a high-level Chintan Shivir on 3rd May 2025 at the Department of Commerce, New Delhi. The inaugural session of the Chintan Shivir was co-chaired by Secretary, Department of Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). This Chintan Shivir was a first-of-its-kind collaborative dialogues facilitated by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and APEDA with over 70 stakeholders from the Union Government, State Governments, Industry Leaders and Line Ministries at Vanijya Bhawan. The Shivir was divided into five parallel technical breakout sessions focusing on specific Agri-Trade Commodities and Processed Food sector, viz as under: Basmati and Non-Basmati Rice; Animal Products, Horticulture, Processed Foods and Organic Products
- APEDA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), the Government of Bihar and the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) organized the International Buyer-Seller Meet in Patna, Bihar on 19th–20th May 2025. With participation from over 70 international importers, 50 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), 50 startups and various exporters, the meet served as a vital platform for networking, market expansion, and knowledge exchange-greatly benefiting all attendees.
- APEDA participated in two-day Buyer Seller Meet organized by the Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MPSRLM) held from 15th – 16th May 2025 in Bhopal. The conclave was inaugurated by Minister of Panchayat Raj, Madhya Pradesh. Over 500 stakeholders and Officials from the Departments of Agriculture, Industry, Horticulture, the Khadi Board and NABARD participated in Buyer Seller Meet.
- APEDA, in collaboration with ICAR-IARI, organized a National Workshop on ‘Stakeholders consultation in New Delhi on Basmati Rice-Way forward’ to address various issues in Basmati trade, on 16th May 2025.
- During the month of May 2025, APEDA flagged off following New Product to New Destinations:
 - i. On 7th May 2025, flagged off first shipment of 23.40 MT of Banana by sea from Solapur, Maharashtra to Jordan.
 - ii. On 9th May 2025, flagged off first shipment of 1.5 MT of GI-tagged Fresh Waigain Turmeric from Nagpur, Maharashtra to Dubai, UAE.
 - iii. On 20th May 2025, flagged off 558 Kgs of Mithila Makhana from Darbhanga, Bihar to West Virginia.
 - iv. On 23rd May 2025, flagged off first ever commercial shipment of 2 MT of Amarapali Mangoes from Dhenkanal, Odisha to London, England.
 - v. On 24th May 2025, flagged off first ever commercial shipment of 1.5 MT of Amarapali Mangoes from Sambalpur, Odisha to London, England, and 1 MT of Amarapali Mangoes from Sambalpur, Odisha to Dubai, UAE.
 - vi. On 27th May 2025, flagged off the season’s first shipment of 5 MT of GI-tagged Shahi Litchi from Muzaffarpur, Bihar to the UAE (via Lucknow Airport).

VII. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- During the month of May 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 9 exporters, 2 processing plants, 2 handling facilities, 3 storage facilities and 5 peeling shed. Currently, 461 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 70 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.
- MPEDA participated in 24th FOOD & BEVERAGE + AGRO PRO EXPO/SUMMIT/AWARDS 2025, organised by 'The Chamber for Import, Export & Health' during 9th to 11th May 2025 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee AC Stadium, Panaji, Goa.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During May 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 108.54 Crore, issued 851 policies, added 1,619 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 5.74 Crore.

IX. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 20,505 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,464 under Advance Authorizations, 73 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 15,990 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,978 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during May 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of May 2025: -
 - i. Extension in Import period for Yellow Peas under ITC(HS) Code 07131010 of Chapter 07 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)-reg. vide Notification No. 16/2025-26 dated 31st May 2025.
 - ii. Removal of Port Restrictions and Testing Requirements for Export of Finished Leather, Wet Blue Leather, El Tanned Leather and Crust Leather - regarding. vide Notification No. 15/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - iii. Amendment in Import Policy Condition of Cabinet Hinges covered under Chapter 83 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule –I (Import Policy)-regarding. vide Notification No. 14/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - iv. Amendment in Import Policy Condition of Roller chain and parts thereof covered under Chapter 73 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule –I (Import Policy)-regarding. vide Notification No. 13/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - v. Amendments to Para 4.41(5) of FTP-2023-reg vide Notification No. 12/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - vi. Restoration of RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) for Advance Authorisations (AAs) holders, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs) from 01.06.2025 vide Notification No. 11/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - vii. Alignment of RoDTEP Schedule consequent to changes in the First Schedule of Customs Tariff Act w.e.f. 01.05.2025 vide Notification No. 10/2025-26 dated 26th May 2025.
 - viii. Amendment in Import Policy and Policy Conditions of specific ITC (HS) codes under Chapter 71 of Schedule -I(Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022 in

sync with the Finance Act 2025 -reg. vide Notification No. 08/2025-2026 dated 19th May 2025.

- ix. Harmonisation of Schedule-II (Export Policy), ITC (US) 2022 with amendments introduced vide Finance Act, 2025 -regarding vide Notification No. 09/2025-26 dated 19th May 2025.
- x. Port restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India - Insertion of a new Para 19 under 'General Notes Regarding Import Policy' under ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule 1 (Import Policy) – Regarding. vide Notification No. 07/2025-26 dated 17th May 2025.
- xi. Prohibition on Import or transit of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan- Insertion of Para 2.20A of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, - reg. vide Notification No. 06/2025-26 dated 2nd May 2025.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- DGTR issued Final Finding(s) on the following investigations during the month May 2025:
 - i. Sunset Review of Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Black Toner in powder form" originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Taiwan.
 - ii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of 'Thiram in any form' originating in or exported from the European Union.
- CBIC imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR on the following product(s) during the month May 2025:
 - i. Imposed to Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of 'Glufosinate and its salt' originating in or exported from China PR
 - ii. Imposed to continue imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of "Sodium Citrate" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - iii. Imposed to anti-dumping duty on imports of "Textured tempered coated and uncoated glass" falling under tariff item 7003, 7005, 7007, 7016, 7020 and 8541 originating in or exported from China PR and Vietnam for a period of 5 years.
 - iv. Seeks to impose Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of 'Titanium Dioxide' originating in or exported from China PR.
 - v. Seeks to impose CVD on imports of "Textured tempered coated and uncoated glass" originating in or exported from Vietnam for a period of 5 years.

XI. Government eMarketplace (GeM)

- During May 2025, 197 training sessions and 9 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers' organizations. 7,014 buyers and sellers participated in these events.
- 33 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 crore in May 2025.
- Western Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) has awarded a bid for "Handling, Transport and Other Mining Services – Percentage Quote Based" for Rs.1,139.14 crore in May 2025.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,346 crore in overall GMV in May 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 851 crore and Bihar with Rs. 351 crore respectively.

- In an endeavor to seamless facilities collateral-free, short ticket, short during affordable loans to GeM-registered sellers and service providers under #GeMSahay initiative, GeM signed an MoU with Union Bank of India on 6th May 2025.
