

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Major Achievements for the Month of February, 2026

### 1. Trade performance

- Total exports during April-February 2025-26 are estimated at US\$ 790.86 Billion as compared to US\$ 747.58 Billion in April-February 2024-25, registering a positive growth of 5.79 percent.
- Total imports during April-February 2025-26 are estimated at US\$ 900.51 Billion as compared to US\$ 838.69 Billion in April-February 2024-25, registering a positive growth of 7.37 percent.
- Trade deficit for April-February 2025-26 is estimated at US\$ 109.64 Billion as compared to the deficit of US\$ 91.11 Billion during April-February 2024-25.

### 2. DGFT

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 17,558 Authorizations and Scrips under various FTP schemes viz., 2020 Advance Authorizations, 14,000 Importers/ Exporters Code (IEC) and 1538 Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG).
- DGFT issued following notifications during the month of February 2026:
  - I. Notification No. 57/2026 dated 05.02.2026 on Amendment in Import Policy and policy condition of Umbrellas covered under Chapter 66 of Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022.
  - II. Notification No. 58/2025-26 dated 05.02.2026 on Amendment in Import Policy of ITC (HS) Code 71141920 covered under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS) 2022 Schedule-I (Import Policy).
  - III. Notification No. 59/2026 dated 09.02.2026 on Streamlining of Halal Certification Process for Meat and Meat Products.
  - IV. Notification No. 60/2025-26 dated 24.02.2026 on Rationalisation of RoDTEP rates.
  - V. Notification No. 61/2025-26 dated 24.02.2026 on Export Policy of Wheat Flour and related items under HS Code 1101.
  - VI. Notification No. 62/2025-26 dated 24.02.2026 on Amendment in Export Policy of Wheat.

### 3. DGTR

- DGTR has issued following initiation notification(s) during the month of February 2026:
  - i. Initiation of Countervailing duty investigation concerning imports of "PVC Suspension" from China PR.
- CBIC has extended applicability of anti-dumping duty on the following product(s):
  - i. Continue levy of anti-dumping duty on "Toluene Di-Isocyanate (TDI)" for 5 years pursuant to Sunset Review Final Findings issued by DGTR.

### 4. SEZ

- The Development Commissioners of various SEZs during the month of February 2026 have approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 5588.48 crores, which are likely to provide direct employment to 10265 persons.

## 5. Export Infrastructure

During the month of February 2026, following funds were sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):

- i. Rs. 2.50 Crore (*2nd tranche of the 2nd & final installment*) released to Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Limited (PSIEC) for the project “Infrastructure Development of Hi-Tech Cycle Valley, Dhanansu, District Ludhiana, Punjab.”
- ii. Rs. 1.3275 Crore (4th tranche of the 2nd & final installment) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project “Plug & Play Infrastructure in Belagavi District, Karnataka.”
- iii. Rs. 1.3775 Crore (4th tranche of the 2nd & final installment) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project “Plug & Play Infrastructure in Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) District, Karnataka.”
- iv. Rs. 1.3275 Crore (3rd tranche of the 2nd & final installment) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project “Plug & Play Infrastructure at Dharwad, Karnataka.”
- v. Rs. 1.085 Crore (4th tranche of the 2nd & final installment) released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project “Establishment of Plug-and-Play Infrastructure in Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka.”
- vi. Rs. 0.021 Crore released to Sigma Research & Consulting Private Limited for undertaking the third-party evaluation study of the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES).
- vii. Rs. 1.69 Crore (1st tranche of the 2nd & final installment) released to Himachal Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (HPSIDC) for the project “Pharma Lab Baddi-Phase II at Solan, Himachal Pradesh.”
- viii. Rs. 1.395 Crore (1st tranche of the 1st installment) released to Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (IED), Department of MSME & Export Promotion, Government of Uttar Pradesh for the project “Setting up of Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Lucknow.”

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

- APEDA organised the India Pavilion from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 showcasing Indian fruits and vegetables, with participation from National Horticulture Board, Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation Limited and 16 exporters, along with live sampling of fresh fruits and value-added products to promote India’s fresh produce globally.
- India participated as the Country of the Year at BIOFACH 2026, the world’s leading trade fair for organic products, held from 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in Nuremberg, Germany, with participation coordinated by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, showcasing India’s agricultural heritage and strengthening its position as a reliable global supplier of organic products.
- **Sikkim Organic Conclave-cum-International Buyer-Seller Meet (27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Gangtok):** APEDA in collaboration with the Government of Sikkim and IFOAM Organics Asia, organised the event to promote Sikkim’s certified organic produce and enhance global market linkages. The conclave, inaugurated by Puran Kumar Gurung in the presence of Abhishek Dev, witnessed participation from about 40 international buyers from 17 countries, 20 Indian exporters

and around 100 FPOs/FPCs, facilitating B2B interactions for products such as Large Cardamom, GI-tagged Dalle Khursani, Sikkim Mandarin, Buckwheat, Turmeric and Orchids, along with the release of a knowledge report by NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited and a technical session on the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

- **FLAG OFF- NEW PRODUCT TO NEW DESTINATIONS:**

- i. On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, APEDA facilitated the first direct export of 0.5 MT of GI-tagged Salem Sago from Salem, Tamil Nadu to Canada by the GI-authorized user The Salem Starch and Sago Manufacturers' Service Industrial Cooperative Society Limited (SAGOSERVE), promoting GI-tagged products and improving market access for farmers.
- ii. On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, APEDA facilitated the flag-off of 7,000 MT of Fortified Rice exports from Haryana to Madagascar, highlighting India's growing role in supplying value-added, nutrition-fortified food products to global markets.

## 7. MPEDA

- MPEDA participated in Fish International 2026 held at Bremen, Germany from 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2026, along with two co-exhibitors, to promote India's marine products in international markets.
- MPEDA organised a Virtual Buyer-Seller Meeting (VBSM) with buyers from Canada, South Korea and Russia, facilitating participation of 15 Indian exporters to enhance trade linkages.
- MPEDA conducted a HACCP training programme at Mumbai from 03<sup>rd</sup>-06<sup>th</sup> February 2026, followed by a HACCP compliance audit, wherein 25 participants successfully completed and qualified.
- NETFISH-MPEDA conducted 26 awareness programmes, 9 onboard demonstration programmes and 12 boat-to-boat campaigns on the Turtle Excluder Device (TED), benefiting 1,487 participants, including fishers and boat owners across coastal States.
- A demonstration unit of Super Intensive Precision and Natural Shrimp Farming (SIPNSF) was established at Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA), Thoduvai, with technical supervision from Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIBA).

## 8. Tobacco Board

- **Crop Size & Board Decision:** For the 2025-26 season, the Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco crop size was fixed at 100 million kgs for Karnataka and 142 million kgs for Andhra Pradesh. In the 166<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Guntur, the crop size for Karnataka for the 2026-27 FCV crop season was fixed at 90 million kgs, and criteria for grower registration for 2026-27 and 2027-28 (block period 2025-26 to 2027-28) were finalized.
- **Marketing Performance:** Auctions for the 2025-26 FCV tobacco crop in Karnataka commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. As on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, about 50.80 million kgs had been marketed at an average price of ₹283.85 per kg, which is ₹18.16 higher than the average price during the corresponding period of the previous year.
- **Other Key Developments:** During February 2026, the Tobacco Board undertook extension and welfare activities, sanctioned ₹35.50 lakh as death grants to 69 nominees of deceased growers, and interest-free loans to 4 growers. Further, 220 registrations were granted to traders/manufacturers, while tobacco exports during April 2025-January 2026 reached USD 1,703.70 million, registering 0.28% growth over the corresponding period of the previous year.

## **9. FT (ASEAN) Division**

- A meeting between the HCIM and H.E. Ms. Cham Nimul, Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 in New Delhi to discuss matters relating to bilateral trade.
- A meeting between Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary & Chief Negotiator (AITIGA), Department of Commerce, and Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN Economic Community, was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 to deliberate upon matters relating to the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).

## **10. FT (NAFTA) Division**

- India and the United States announced the conclusion of a trade agreement on 2nd February, 2026, followed by a Joint Statement on 7th February, 2026. The agreement is expected to enhance market access for Indian exporters in the U.S., particularly benefiting labour-intensive sectors and select agricultural products, while safeguarding India's sensitive agricultural sectors through an Exclusion Category. Subsequently, pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court judgement dated 20th February, 2026 invalidating reciprocal tariffs, such tariffs are no longer in force; however, the U.S. Government has imposed a 10% tariff on certain products for all countries through Executive Orders. The Department of Commerce is examining the developments and remains engaged with the U.S. Government regarding their implications.

## **11. FT (Europe) Division**

- Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister (CIM) held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Guy Parmelin, President of the Swiss Confederation, in New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The discussions reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Switzerland to further strengthen economic and strategic cooperation under the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). Hon'ble CIM also encouraged enhanced Swiss investments in India, particularly in sectors where Switzerland possesses niche technological expertise.

## **12. FT (Africa) Division**

- A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Commerce Secretary on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, to deliberate upon the unresolved issues pertaining to the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the India-SACU PTA, with a view to finalizing the same. Representatives from CWTO, MEA, CTIL and EXIM Bank attended the meeting.
- A Fifth Export Promotion Workshop was held on 30th December, 2025 with Indian Missions in African countries, namely South Africa, Mauritius, Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique. Representatives from MEA, CII and MEDEPC also participated in the meeting. In this regard, a follow-up meeting was subsequently held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Renu Lata, Economic Adviser, Department of Commerce, through virtual mode on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

## **13. Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC)**

- On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, along with Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, chaired a meeting with Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations in New Delhi, in which representatives

of the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) also participated. During the meeting, Mr. Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade, made presentations on India–U.S. bilateral trade, the proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement, and the Export Promotion Mission (EPM). The role of EPCs in supporting the EPM, launched in February 2026, was also discussed.

- On 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Commerce Secretary, was called on by a delegation of the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) led by Mr. Rajesh Bheda, Vice Chairperson, in New Delhi. The delegation felicitated the Commerce Secretary and briefed him on the Council’s role in promoting exports of oilseeds and value-added products from India. The Commerce Secretary expressed interest in gaining deeper insights into the sector and engaging with stakeholders to address challenges with a view to enhancing exports. The ‘One District One Product’ initiative was also discussed, during which the delegation suggested the inclusion of sesame seeds under the initiative.

#### 14. Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- Government e Marketplace (GeM) has achieved cumulative GMV exceeding ₹17.72 lakh crore with over 3.48 crore orders, and recorded ₹4,33,240 crore GMV during the first 11 months of FY 2025-26 (as of 28 February 2026).
- Cumulative GMV on GeM stands at ₹9.11 lakh crore for Products and ₹8.61 lakh crore for Services. The platform currently offers 10,667+ product categories and 355+ service categories, serving 1.35 lakh buyer organisations.
- **Support to Domestic Industry:** Under the “One District One Product” initiative, 542 product categories have been created to promote indigenous products. GeM is also working with 5.2 lakh+ CSC centres and 1.5 lakh+ India Post offices to enhance outreach and capacity building.
- **Inclusion of MSMEs and Start-ups:** Over 2.09 lakh women-led MSEs and 63,982 SC/ST-owned MSEs are registered on the platform, with SC/ST enterprises fulfilling 8.18 lakh orders worth ₹19,746 crore. Additionally, 37,616 start-ups have executed orders worth ₹54,854 crore.
- **Procurement Highlights (February 2026):** Procurement by Central organisations stood at ₹33,551.69 crore, compared to ₹29,690.40 crore in February 2025. 36 bids above ₹100 crore were awarded during the month.
- **Major Procurements:** Large bids included contracts awarded by Western Coalfields Limited (₹1,912 crore) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (₹1,755 crore) for mining-related services.
- **State-wise Procurement:** Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest procurement (₹2,133 crore), followed by Gujarat (₹849 crore) and Maharashtra (₹834 crore).
- **Capacity Building & Outreach:** GeM conducted 282 training sessions and 29 events, training 14,290 participants (10,345 buyers and 3,945 sellers) during February 2026.
- **Institutional Engagements:** GeM leadership held discussions with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to expand procurement through the platform.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** GeM signed MoUs with the Institute of Supply Management for capacity building in procurement and with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to enable working capital support for MSMEs through GeM Sahay.
- **Events & Outreach:** GeM participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Global Procurement Summit 2026 organised by All India Management Association and conducted outreach programmes in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Tripura to promote adoption of the platform among government institutions.

## **15. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)**

- During the month of February 2026, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 130.59 Crore, issued 1192 policies, added 22,372 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 46.57 Crore.