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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during August,
2019

- Exports in July 2019 were USD 26.33 billion, as compared to USD 25.75 billion in July 2018, exhibiting a positive growth of 2.25 per cent. In Rupee terms, exports were Rs. 1,81,190.34 crore in July 2019, as compared to Rs. 1,76,914.60 crore in July 2018, registering a positive growth of 2.42 per cent.
- Non-petroleum and Non Gems and Jewellery exports in July 2019 were USD 19.70 billion, as compared to USD 18.72 billion in July 2018, exhibiting a positive growth of 5.28 per cent. Non-petroleum and Non Gems and Jewellery exports in April-July 2019-20 were USD 79.81 billion, as compared to USD 78.41 billion for the corresponding period in 2018-19, an increase of 1.79 per cent.
- Regional authorities of DGFT issued following authorizations/scrips during the month of August, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in August, 2019
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	9404
2.	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	22169
3.	Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS)	02
4.	Advance authorizations	1486
5.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	775

- The Tea Board has enumerated a total of 2,14,904 small tea growers and 1,32,739 identity cards have been issued.

- The Rubber Board initiated to identify untapped areas to bring under tapping with the support of Rubber producers societies and the board promoted companies. As a result, North Region production restarted in 1850 ha by motivation, adoption/ contract tapping, etc. Further, Rubber Board promoted rain-guarding and adoption of good agricultural practices like prophylactic spraying, fertilizer application etc to enhance production and expected that 40% (around 2.5 lakh ha) of tappable area has been rain guarded up to August 2019.
- The Rubber Board organized 459 farmer education programmes with a participation of 11,962 farmers and 635 Rubber producers societies meeting benefiting 8,379 farmers and certified 537 plantations having an area 368 ha during August 2019. The board also produced 0.51 lakh quality planting materials and distributed 0.57 lakh. Besides, formed newly two Rubber producers societies, four Tappers Banks and eight Labour groups/ common interest groups as a part of empowering rubber growers.
- The performance of the Rubber Training Institute (RTI) under training department of the board during August 2019 is furnished in the table given below:

Sl. No.		No. of training Programmes	No. of beneficiaries	No. of mandays
I.	Calendared programme	42	722	1909
II.	External funded programme			
	PMKVY – RPL Project	96	2,880	8,640
	TSDM	2	41	327
	Industry (Processing)	1	42	84
	ASAP	1	-	21
	International Training	1	-	138
	Total	141	2,963	9,210

- The Rubber Board planted 40 hybrid seeds of HP 2019 using three Wickham clones and seven wild accessions in seedling nursery for evaluation during August 2019.

- The Rubber Board received 38,355 sale bills during August 2019 from small rubber growers under Rubber Production Incentive Scheme funded by the Government of Kerala and confirmed the bills for effecting payment to growers as price incentive.
- The average auction price of Tea Board for small cardamom during the month of August was Rs.3328.07 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 798 tons of cardamom (small) through e-auction.
- The quality evaluation laboratories of the Spice Board have analysed a total of 8972 parameters in spice samples during the month of August 2019.
- The Spice Board has issued 109 Certificates of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 7 number of Cardamom Dealer Licences during August, 2019.
- The Divisional Office of Spice Board, Agartala has conducted Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) training programmes on 5th and 7th August 2019.
- Telecom Equipment & Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC), in conjunction with the Ministry of ICT and Innovation, Rwanda organized India Africa ICT EXPO2019 from 5th-6th August 2019 at Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) in Kigali, Uganda.
- TEPC have signed an MOU with SMART AFRICA, a grouping of 26 African countries at Heads of State level.
- Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for April-July, 2019-20 as compared to April-July, 2018-19: -

Capexil: 7.06 USD Billion registering a growth of 3.3% over the same period last year.

Plexconcil: 2.71 USD Billion registering a growth of 4.4% over the same period last year.

Shefexil: 0.80 USD Billion registering a growth of 14.88% over the same period last year.

Chemexcil: 6.39 USD Billion registering a growth 6.3% over the same period last year.

- GeM Signed MoU with SIDBI bank for Cooperation and capacity building to promote special initiatives of GeM, such as Womaniya and Start-up Runway etc.
- Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 33,687 crores as on 31st August, 2019.
- GeM has provided training to 4285 buyers & 634 sellers for capacity building in the month of August, 2019.
- GeM has participated as key speaker in Digital Governance Tech Summit held at New Delhi on 27th August, 2019.
- GeM launches "Business Cockpit" as a unique tool allowing OEM's to get business insights, across to multiple data points that help them grow their business.
- The status of all 474 Group 'B' and 'C' surplus staff who have been accepted by DoP&T in the Central (Surplus Staff) Roll of that Department is as under:

Total Group 'C' Staff got redeployed to various Deptt./Ministry/Organization	284
Total staff got retired, availed special VRS or died	154
Total surplus staff yet to be redeployed	36

- DGTR organized a training programme on trade remedial measures for DGFT officers on 24.08.2019.
- The following major events were organised/participated with MAI support in August, 2019:
 - a. Technotex 2019 at Mumbai
 - b. Source India 2019 at Mumbai
 - c. India International Jewellery Show (IIJS), Mumbai
 - d. Buyer Seller meet-LATAM (Columbia, Chile)
 - e. India pavilion at Inter-Solar South America, Brazil.
- Rs. 24.32 crores were released to Export Promotion Councils and trade bodies for undertaking export promotion activities under MAI Scheme.

- Monthly Progress Report for ECGC for the month of August 2019

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	August 2019
1	Value of exports supported (business covered)	₹43,744
2	Gross Premium Earned	₹62
3	Number of new buyers added	1,149
4	Number of policies issued	1,103
5	Number Claims Paid	58
6	Claims Paid Amount	₹16.9

- Monthly Progress Report for NEIA for the month of August 2019

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	August 2019
1	Number of new projects supported	3
2	Value of exports supported (Project Value)	₹138.90
3	Number of covers issued	3
4	Value of Covers issued	₹237.74

- The new EEPC India Technology Centre at Kolkatta was inaugurated by Commerce Secretary on 14th August, 2019 with an objective to support the engineering industry, particularly the MSMEs in product & process technology development.
- For promoting of engineering exports, EEPC India participated India Pavilion in Global Expo Botswana 2019, Gaborone, Botswana (6th-9th, August, 2019), with 15 exhibitors. The event was organized by EEPC India on a self-financing basis.