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Department of Commerce
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Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce for the month of October 2025.

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-October 2025 is estimated at US\$ 491.80 Billion, as compared to US\$ 469.11 Billion in April-October 2024, estimated growth of 4.84%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-October 2025 was US\$ 254.25 Billion, as compared to US\$ 252.66 Billion during April-October 2024, registering a positive growth of 0.63%.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-October 2025 valued at US\$ 219.90 Billion registered an increase of 3.92% as compared to US\$ 211.60 Billion in April-October 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in October 2025 include Electronic Goods, Meat, dairy & poultry products, Marine Products, Cashew and Coffee.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 19.05 % from US\$ 3.43 Billion in October 2024 to US\$ 4.08 Billion in October 2025.
- Meat, dairy & poultry products exports increased by 30.87 % from US\$ 0.45 Billion in October 2024 to US\$ 0.58 Billion in October 2025.
- Marine Products exports increased by 11.08 % from US\$ 0.81 Billion in October 2024 to US\$ 0.90 Billion in October 2025.
- Cashew exports increased by 126.85 % from US\$ 0.03 Billion in October 2024 to US\$ 0.06 Billion in October 2025.
- Coffee exports increased by 10.91 % from US\$ 0.12 Billion in October 2024 to US\$ 0.13 Billion in October 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- HCIM and the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade held a bilateral meeting on 8th October 2025 in Mumbai to chart a renewed course for strengthening the India–UK trade and investment partnership.
- A meeting between the Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry (HCIM) and the Head of Cabinet of the President of the European Commission was held on 19th October 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The discussions focused on the ongoing India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and other key bilateral trade issues.
- HCIM met with a delegation from the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade Affairs on 29th October 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The discussions focused on the ongoing India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and other bilateral trade issues.

- A bilateral meeting between the HCIM and the Hon'ble Vice President of Brazil was held on 16th October 2025 at Hotel Imperial, New Delhi, during which both sides expressed their commitment to deepening the existing Preferential Trade Agreement with a view to further promoting trade and investment between the two Parties.
- A meeting between the Commerce Secretary and the Director General for Trade, United Kingdom, was held on 8th October 2025 to review progress on the implementation of the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and to deliberate on repositioning the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) in the context of the Agreement.
- The 7th Meeting of the India–Brazil Trade Monitoring Mechanism (TMM) was held on 07th October 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by the Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, and the Secretary of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services, Federative Republic of Brazil, to review and strengthen bilateral trade cooperation.
- A virtual meeting was held on 7th October 2025 between the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and the Commerce Secretary, Government of India, to discuss ways to further strengthen India–U.S. bilateral trade relations, with a particular focus on advancing negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement.
- A meeting between the Special Secretary, Department of Commerce, and the Director-General for Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD), European Commission, was held on 9th October 2025 in Brussels to discuss the CBAM and other key bilateral trade issues.
- On 29th October 2025, the Director, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore, met with the Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, New Delhi, to discuss key bilateral trade matters under the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). The discussions focused on tariff concessions, sensitive product lists, and strengthening cooperation to address specific non-tariff barriers.
- A high-level event titled “Prosperity Summit 2025” was held on 1st October, 2025, in New Delhi to mark the official entry into force of the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). The event brought together a wide range of business representatives from all parties, providing an opportunity to forge new ties and strengthen existing partnerships. Business engagements at the Prosperity Summit led to several investment announcements by companies from EFTA countries in various key sectors including maritime, renewable energy, biochemicals, and manufacturing automation.
- The 14th Round of India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations was held from 6th–10th October 2025 in Brussels. The round featured extensive discussions across 12 policy areas/chapters of the FTA across 91 technical sessions with a focus on key areas such as market access for goods and services, Rules of Origin, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).

III. **Export Infrastructure**

- During the month of October, 2025, following funds were sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.68 Crore (3rd tranche of 1st installment of TIES Grant) released for the project ‘Development of Mini Tidel Park in Melmanavur and Abdullapuram Villages, Vellore, Tamil Nadu’- being implemented by Tidel Neo Limited.

IV. **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)**

- During the month of October 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 299.43 crores that is expected to provide employment to 3,333 persons.

V. **Export Promotion**

- An interaction meeting between the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) and the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh was held on 9 October 2025 at Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai. The discussions centered on the Madhya Pradesh Export Promotion Scheme, investment opportunities, logistics support, and policies aimed at strengthening the state’s position as a competitive hub for trade and industry. The session served as an important platform to explore avenues for business expansion and collaboration in Madhya Pradesh, during which the Council submitted a representation outlining key concerns and opportunities to the state officials.
- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in the Opening Meeting with the visiting Indonesian Quarantine Authority (IQA) delegation at the APEDA Headquarters, New Delhi, on 23rd October 2025. The meeting marked the start of the IQA delegation’s visit to India (23rd–29th October 2025), following the temporary suspension of Indian groundnut imports by Indonesia over aflatoxin-related concerns. Chairman, IOPEPC, emphasized the joint efforts with APEDA and other agencies to strengthen quality assurance systems, enhance compliance measures, and facilitate the early resumption of groundnut exports to Indonesia.

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

- APEDA participated in the *Makhana Mahotsav 2025* held at Gyan Bhawan, Patna, organized by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar. The event was graced by the Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Agriculture Minister of Bihar. During the inaugural session, the Secretary, APEDA, signed an MoU with the Director of Horticulture, Government of Bihar, aimed at boosting Makhana exports through the development of export-oriented infrastructure, capacity building of exporters, adherence to global quality standards, and creation of direct market linkages with international buyers.

- The Bharat International Rice Conference 2025 was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30th to 31st October 2025, under the institutional support of APEDA. The event featured insightful discussions on innovation, sustainability, and global collaboration in the rice sector, with active participation from exporters, diplomats, students, policymakers, scientists, and farmers.
- APEDA showcased India's diverse agricultural and processed food products at the Anuga Food Fair 2025 in Germany from 4th to 8th October 2025, highlighting the nation's agri-export potential and reinforcing its presence in global food markets.
- During the month of October 2025, APEDA flagged off following new product to new destinations:
 - i. APEDA organized a flag-off ceremony on 28th October 2025, marking the first-ever air shipment of India's GI-tagged limes to the United Kingdom. The 500 kg consignment included Indie Lime (350 kg) from *Vijayapura, Karnataka*, and Puliyanakudi Lime (150 kg) from *Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu*. This milestone highlights India's efforts to expand the global reach of its GI-tagged horticultural produce, with both lime varieties—granted GI status in April 2025 celebrated for their unique regional identity and superior nutritional value.

VII. **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**

- During the month of October 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 17 exporters, 3 handling facilities, 3 storage facilities and. Currently, 529 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 75 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.
- On 02nd October MPEDA participated in fit India freedom run 6.0 and also MPEDA officials participated in the Fit India Freedom Run held on 12th October at Decathlon, Kalamassery, Kerala. Secretary, MPEDA, joined the event, promoting fitness, unity, and a healthy lifestyle among employees.

VIII. **Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)**

- During October 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 103.20 Crore, issued 765 policies, added 1,138 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 18.50 Crore.

IX. **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 16,632 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,152 under Advance Authorizations, 74 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 12,640 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,766 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during October 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of October 2025: -
 - i. Corrigendum to Notification No. 36/2025-26 dated 03.10.2025 on Exemptions for Export of Agricultural Commodities to Bhutan-reg.
 - ii. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 37/2025-26 dated 03.10.2025 on Amendment in Export Policy of De-Oiled Rice Bran-reg.

- iii. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 38/2025-26 dated 03.10.2025 on Export of 100 MT of wheat seed (DWR-162) under ITC (HS) code 10019100 from University of Dharwad to Indonesia -reg.
- iv. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 39/2025-26 dated 03.10.2025 on Amendment in Export Policy Condition under HSN 1006 of Schedule-II (Export Policy), ITC(HS) 2022-reg.
- v. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 40/2025-26 dated 10.10.2025 on Amendment in Import Policy Condition of specific items covered under Chapter 70, 73, 84 and 85 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)-reg.
- vi. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 41/2025-26 dated 10.10.2025 on Amendment in Import Policy Condition of Sulfadiazine API covered under Chapter 29 of ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule-I (Import Policy)-reg.
- vii. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 42/2025-26 dated 14.10.2025 on Amendment in Export Policy of Meat and Meat products-reg.
- viii. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 43/2025-26 dated 15.10.2025 on Amendment in import policy and policy condition of Areca Nuts falling under ITC HS Code 08028090 and 20081991 of chapter 20 of ITC HS 2022 Schedule I Import Policy -reg.
- ix. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 44/2025-26 dated 15.10.2025 on Syncing of ITC (HS), 2022- Schedule-1 (Import Policy with Finance Act 2025 (No. 07 of 2025) dated 29.03.2025-reg.
- x. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 45/2025-26 dated 15.10.2025 on Amendment in Import Policy Condition of specific ITC (HS) Codes of Chapter 29 and 38 of ITC (HS), 2022- Schedule-1 (Import Policy)-reg.
- xi. Corrigendum to Notifications No. 46/2025-26 dated 21.10.2025 on Partial amendment in Import Policy Condition of Synthetic Knitted Fabrics Covered under Chapter 60 of the ITC (HS), 2022-reg.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued following Initiation notification(s) during the month October 2025:
 - i. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Halo-Isobutene Rubber originating in or exported from China PR, Singapore and the United States of America.
- No CBIC imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR during the month October 2025.

XI. Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- During October 2025, 186 training sessions and 23 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers' organizations. 5,795 buyers and 1,949 sellers participated in these events.
- 20 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 crores in October 2025.

- The State Bank of India (SBI) (Organization under Ministry of Finance) has awarded a bid for “Hiring, Operation and Management of ATM – per transaction based” for Rs. 1,801 crores.
- Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) was awarded a bid for “Handling, Transport and Other Mining Services – Percentage Quote based – OB Removal” for Rs. 715 crores.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,139 crores in overall GMV in October 2025, followed by Delhi with Rs. 1,064 crore and Gujarat with Rs. 630 crores respectively.
- On 31st October, 2025, GeM signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) to develop a future-ready, knowledge-driven public procurement ecosystem. Signed by the CEO of GeM and the Director General of IIPA, the collaboration aims to strengthen capacity building, expert exchange, and research in digital procurement reforms, empowering officers to drive efficiency, transparency, and innovation in public procurement.
- GeM organized an Orientation-cum-Awareness Session on “*Compliance with the Law of the Land in Public Procurement through the GeM Portal*” at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, on October 31, 2025.
