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

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-September 2025 is estimated at US\$ 413.30 Billion, as compared to US\$ 395.71 Billion in April-September 2024, an estimated growth of 4.45%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-September 2025 was US\$ 220.12 Billion, as compared to US\$ 213.68 Billion during April-September 2024, registering a positive growth of 3.02%.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-September 2025 valued at US\$ 189.49 Billion registered an increase of 7.04% as compared to US\$ 177.03 Billion in April-September 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in September 2025 include Electronic Goods, Petroleum Products, Engineering Goods, Rice, Marine Products and Drugs & Pharmaceuticals.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 50.54 % from US\$ 2.07 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 3.12 Billion in September 2025.
- Petroleum Products exports increased by 15.22 % from US\$ 4.30 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 4.96 Billion in September 2025.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 2.93 % from US\$ 9.83 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 10.11 Billion in September 2025.
- Rice exports increased by 33.18 % from US\$ 0.69 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 0.92 Billion in September 2025.
- Marine Products exports increased by 23.44 % from US\$ 0.63 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 0.78 Billion in September 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 2.56 % from US\$ 2.56 Billion in September 2024 to US\$ 2.62 Billion in September 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- A delegation led by the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister (HCIM) visited the United States of America (USA) from September 22nd–24th, 2025. The Minister met with U.S. Trade Representative and US Ambassador-designate to India. The delegation held discussions with U.S. government officials on bilateral trade matters and with key US based businesses and investors to promote trade and investment.
- The 13th meeting of the High-Level Task Force on Investment (HLTFI), co-chaired by HCIM and Managing Director of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), was held on 18th–19th September 2025. The meeting reviewed the progress on the implementation of the India–UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

- Meetings of Commerce Secretary (CS) with Director-General in the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD) at the European Commission (EC) and Director-General in the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (SANTE), European Commission were held on 1st September, 2025 in Brussels, wherein discussions were held on the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and bilateral trade issues.
- 3rd round of India - New Zealand Free Trade Agreement negotiations was successfully concluded in Queenstown, New Zealand during 15th to 19th September, 2025.
- 13 rounds of negotiations between India and the European Union FTA have been completed till September 2025.

III. Export Infrastructure

- During the month of September, 2025, following funds were sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.48 Crore (last tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) to Airport Authority of India (AAI) for the project 'Establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, Manipur'.
 - ii. Rs. 1.22 Crore (last tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for the project 'Setting up common infrastructure facilities at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Niryat Suvidha Kendra at Chunar Tehsil, Mirzapur - U.P.
 - iii. Rs. 32 lakhs (1st tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) to Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (TIDC) for the project 'Border Haat at Kamalpur, Dhalai, Tripura.
 - iv. Rs. 1.68 Crore (2nd tranche of 1st installment of TIES Grant) to Tidel Neo Limited for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Melmanavur and Abdullapuram Villages, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
 - v. Rs.72.25 lakh (last tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) for the project 'Integrated Export Pack house for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Bihta, Patna.
 - vi. Rs. 68.50 lakh (1st tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) to UP Handicraft Development & Marketing Corporation (UPHDMC) for the project 'Development of Trade Promotion Centre at Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.
 - vii. Rs 10.93 lakh to M/s Sigma Research & Consulting Pvt. Ltd for the 'Impact Assessment & Mystery Shopping studies on TIES.

IV. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

- During the month of September 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 1,721.35 crores that is expected to provide employment to 12,780 persons.

V. Export Promotion

- Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in the International Peanut Industry and Technological Innovation Conference held in Daming City, Hebei Province, China from 10th to 11th September 2025. The conference

was organized under the theme “*Technological Innovation Driving, New Quality Productivity Empowering High-Quality Development of the Peanut Industry*” and brought together global experts, exporters and technologists.

- IOPEPC participated in the International Peanut Conference organized by CFNA, China, on 12th September 2025 in Qingdao, China. The conference served as platform to present and deliberate upon the Indian peanut scenario before international stakeholders, thereby strengthening India’s visibility and engagement in the global peanut trade.

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

- HCIM inaugurated APEDA’s Regional Office in Patna during the Bihar Idea Festival, held on September 11th, 2025 in Patna, Bihar.
- APEDA organized participation of 120 Number of stalls, 142 numbers of exhibitors/exporters with various product ranges participated under APEDA pavilion, from all over India.
- An MoU was signed with LuLu Retail to facilitate promotional activities for selected agri start-ups registered under APEDA under BHARATI initiative.
- A delegation of exporters led by APEDA visited Cambodia and Philippines for promotion of agri, meat and processed food products and for promotion of rice in Japan.
- During the month of September 2025, APEDA flagged off following new product to new destinations:
 - i. On 11th September 2025, flagged off of GI-tagged Makhana of 7 MT to New Zealand, Canada & USA.
 - ii. On 15th September 2025, flagged off of first organic tea to Taiwan.

VII. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- During the month of September 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 12 exporters, 3 processing plants, 5 handling facilities, 5 storage facilities and 3 peeling Shed. Currently, 529 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 75 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.
- MPEDA organized a HACCP training program in Visakhapatnam from 16th to 19th September 2025. 24 participants have attended and qualified for the training. As part of HACCP training program at Visakhapatnam, the team also conducted HACCP compliance audit at M/s. Ever Blue Seafoods Pvt Ltd Visakhapatnam on 20th September 2025.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During September 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 134.78 Crore, issued 1,239 policies, added 9,318 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 43.54 Crore.

IX. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 19,060 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,212 under Advance Authorizations, 11 under Service

Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 14,761 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 2,076 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during September 2025.

- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of September 2025: -
 - i. Corrigendum to Notification No. 29/2025-26 dated 08.09.2025 on Amendment in Export Policy of Animal By-Products-reg.
 - ii. Corrigendum to Notification No. 30/2025-26 dated 18.09.2025 on Amendment in Import Policy Condition of ATS-8 covered under Chapter 29 of ITC HS, 2022, Schedule- I (Import Policy)-reg.
 - iii. Corrigendum to Notification No. 31/2025-26 dated 23.09.2025 on Updation in SCOMET List 2025 as on 23.09.2025.
 - iv. Corrigendum to Notification No. 32/2025-26 dated 24.09.2025 on Export Policy of Second Generation (2G) Ethanol-reg.
 - v. Corrigendum to Notification No. 33/2025-26 dated 24.09.2025 on Amendment in Export Policy of Non-Basmati Rice under Chapter 10 of Schedule-II (Export Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022-reg.
 - vi. Corrigendum to Notification No. 34/2025-26 dated 24.09.2025 on Amendment in Import policy of specific ITC(HS) codes under Chapter 71 of Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022-reg.
 - vii. Corrigendum to Notification No. 35/2025-26 dated 30.09.2025 on Extension of RODTEP Scheme for DTA units beyond 30.09.2025 and applicability to DTA/AA/SEZ/EOU Export till 31.03.2026.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued following Initiation notification(s) during the month September 2025:
 - i. Initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of 2- Ethyl Hexanol originating in or exported from European Union, Indonesia, Korea RP, Malaysia, Taiwan and United States of America.
 - ii. Anti-dumping Investigation concerning imports of "Copper Data Cables" originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China.
 - iii. Initiation of sunset review of anti-dumping duty concerning imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Resin from China PR.
 - iv. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Ethambutol Hydrochloride" originating in or exported from China PR and the Kingdom of Thailand.
 - v. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Component R-125 from China PR.
 - vi. Initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of "Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Component R-32" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - vii. Initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of "Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Blends" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - viii. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Printed Circuit Board Tools" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - ix. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Belting Fabric made of 80% or more of polyester or nylon from China PR.
 - x. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Wallpapers"

- originating in or exported from China PR.
- xi. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation into imports of Diisononyl Phthalate originating in or exported from Malaysia.
 - xii. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Normal Butanol” or “N-BUTYL ALCOHOL” originating in or exported from Taiwan and Saudi Arabia.
 - xiii. Initiation of Countervailing Duty investigation concerning imports of "Aluminium Foil 80 Microns and below" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - xiv. Initiation of Sunset Review investigation concerning imports of “Aluminium Foil 80 micron and below" originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.
 - xv. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Solar Encapsulants excluding EVA Encapsulants” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - xvi. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Cold rolled flat products of Stainless Steel 300 and 400 series" originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia and Vietnam.
 - xvii. Initiation of countervailing duty investigation concerning imports of “Clear Float Glass” originating in or exported from Malaysia and Indonesia.
 - xviii. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Sublimation Paper originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP.
 - xix. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Mobile Covers" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - xx. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Solar Encapsulants” originating in or exported from South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam – reg.
 - xxi. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Melamine from China PR.
 - xxii. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “4-Amiriodiphenylamine (also known as 4-ADPA)” originating in or exported from China PR and European Union – reg.
 - xxiii. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Nylon 6 in any form, with relative viscosity of RV- 3.0 to 3.6, originating in or exported from China PR, Russia, Taiwan and Thailand.
 - xxiv. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation on imports of “Medical Examination Rubber Gloves” from Malaysia and Thailand.
 - xxv. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Borosilicate Table and Kitchen Glassware originating in or exported from China PR.
 - xxvi. Initiation of Bilateral Safeguard Investigation concerning imports of "NonPhthalate Plasticizers in the form of Dioctyl Terephthalate (DOTP) and Diethylhexyl Cyclohexane (DEHCH)" under the India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
 - xxvii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate Film (PET Films) originating in or exported from Bangladesh, China PR, Thailand and United States of America.
 - xxviii. Initiation of Countervailing Duty investigation concerning imports of “Jute Products” originating in or exported from Bangladesh and Nepal.
 - xxix. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation into imports of BIS (2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-4-

Peridyl) Sebacate (UV 770) originating in or exported from the European Union and China PR.

- xxx. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Certain Organophosphonates – Phosphonic Acids viz., (i) HEDP Acid and (ii) ATMP Acid originating in or exported from China PR
- xxxi. SSR anti-dumping investigation concerning import of Normal Butanol exported from Malaysia, South Africa and USA.
- No CBIC imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR during the month September 2025.

XI. Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- During September 2025, 289 training sessions and 43 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers' organizations. 9,601 buyers and 2,643 sellers participated in these events.
- 29 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 crores in September 2025.
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) has awarded a bid for "Handling, Transport and Other Mining Services – Percentage Quote Based" for Rs. 1,816 crores in Sep-2025.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,265 crores in overall GMV in September 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 1,004 crore and Maharashtra with Rs. 439 crores respectively.
- GeM signed an MoU with the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) in New Delhi. On behalf of the organizations, CEO-GeM, and Director, AJNIFM, signed the MoU.
- On 2nd September 2025, GeM Seller Team, in collaboration with the Joint Commissioner Industries, Banda, organized an MSME Seller Onboarding Workshop.
- On 17th September 2025, in line with the ongoing outreach program in States, GeM team led by Additional Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) met Hon'ble Minister for Education of Govt of NCT of Delhi.
