



India's Textile & Apparel Exports Maintain Growth Momentum amid Global Headwinds

Broad-based market diversification, value addition and targeted policy interventions underpin sectoral resilience

Strong performance in Handicrafts, RMG and MMF segments across diversified global markets fuels export growth in December 2025

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India's Textile and Apparel (T&A) exports have demonstrated resilience and steady growth despite a subdued global trade environment, reflecting the sector's adaptability, diversified market presence, and strength in value-added and labour-intensive segments. The sector recorded positive growth for the second consecutive month, with exports in December 2025 rising by **0.40% over December, 2024** to **USD 3.27 billion**, following strong growth in November 2025.

During December 2025, export growth was **broad-based across key segments**, led by **Handicrafts (7.2%)**, **Ready-Made Garments (2.89%)**, and **MMF yarn, fabrics and made-ups (3.99%)**. These trends underline India's competitive advantage in value-added manufacturing, traditional crafts, and employment-intensive production, even amid volatile global demand conditions.

On a **calendar-year basis (January–December 2025)**, textile and apparel exports remained stable at **USD 37.54 billion**, with notable cumulative growth in **Handicrafts (17.5%)**, **Ready-Made Garments (3.5%)**, and **Jute products (3.5%)**. Stability at this scale, despite geopolitical tensions and inflationary pressures in key markets, reflects the sector's structural strength and diversified export basket.

A key highlight of 2025 has been **significant market diversification**. During **January–November 2025**, India's textile sector recorded export growth across **118 countries and export destinations** compared to the corresponding period of 2024, reflecting a broad-based improvement in market performance. Strong expansion was observed in both emerging and traditional markets, including **the United Arab Emirates (9.5%)**, **Egypt (29.1%)**, **Poland (19.3%)**, **Sudan (182.9%)**, **Japan (14.6%)**, **Nigeria (20.5%)**, **Argentina (77.8%)**, **Cameroon (152.9%)**, and **Uganda (75.7%)**, along with steady growth in key European markets such as **Spain (7.9%)**, **France**, **Italy**, **the Netherlands**, **Germany**, and **the United Kingdom**.

This diversified growth pattern underscores the resilience of India's textile export sector and the strengthening of India's global market presence across a wide range of destinations.

This positive export performance is being reinforced by a **coherent policy framework focused on enhancing competitiveness, value addition, and market expansion**. Overall, the sustained export momentum, widening market footprint, and strong performance of value-added segments reaffirm India's

position as a **reliable and resilient global sourcing hub** for textiles and apparel. With continued emphasis on diversification, competitiveness, and MSME participation, the sector is well-placed to scale up exports and deepen its integration with global value chains in the period ahead.

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