

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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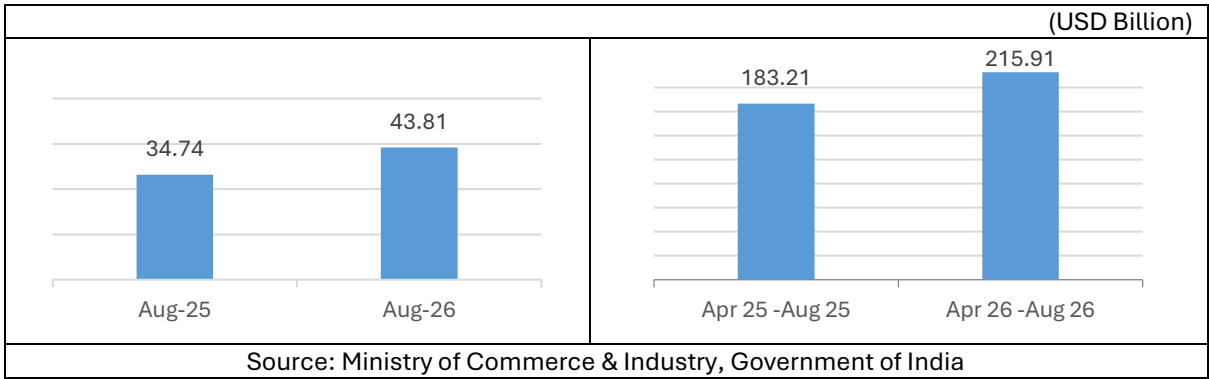
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Key Findings
Plastic exports have grown 20.7% in August 2026, marking the fifth consecutive monthly expansion this financial year, which indicates resilience despite global challenges such as high freight cost, rising raw material cost and tariff/non tariff barriers in certain markets.
Exports of all value added products (except Medical items) posted growth reflecting broad based rise in shipments during August 2026
August month also witnessed first ever monthly growth in export of Floor Covering this financial year, while Writing Instruments grew for the first time in the last four months.
Export of Medical items have been declining for the last two months because of intensifying competition and subdued demand in certain markets

TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India’s goods exports grew 26.12% in August 2026 to USD 43.81 billion from USD 34.74 billion in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of Engineering goods, petroleum products, organic & inorganic chemicals, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Marine, Meat and other products. So far this financial year (Apr-Aug 2026), merchandise exports grew 17.85% to USD 215.91 billion from the year ago period.

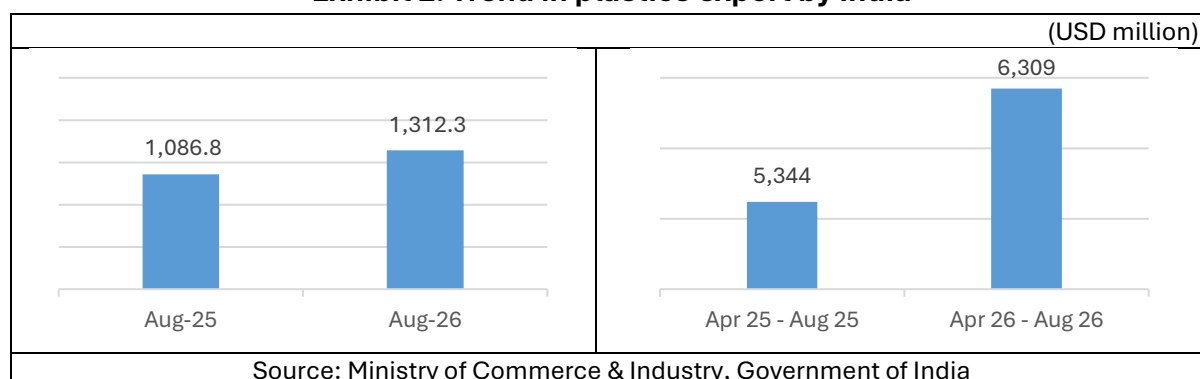
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

India’s plastics and allied product exports posted 20.7% growth to USD 1312.3 million in August 2026 from USD 1086.8 million in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of Films & Sheets, Floor Covering, Raw materials, Pipes & Fittings, Packaging Products, FIBC, Woven Sacks, Human Hair, FRP & Composites and other products. All value added products posted positive growth except Medical items.

Cumulative exports during April-August 2026 posted 18.1% growth to USD 6308.9 million from USD 5344.1 million in the year ago period.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India**PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL**

As mentioned earlier, plastic export growth in August 2026 was led by rise in shipment of almost all value added products such as FIBC, Woven Sacks, Films & Sheets, Human Hair, Pipes & Tubes and FRP & Composites. This growth was also aided by rise in shipment of raw materials.

At the same time, there was decline in shipment of Medical Equipments due to subdued demand in key markets.

Exhibit 3: Panel-wise % growth in plastics export by India

Panel	Aug -25	Aug -26	Growth	Apr 25- Aug -25	Apr 26- Aug -26	Growth
	USD million	USD million	%	USD million	USD million	%
Consumer & houseware products	72.2	75.7	+4.8%	367.9	361.6	-1.7%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	24.6	25.5	+3.7%	117.0	117.2	+0.2%
FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	161.8	177.5	+9.7%	746.1	768.9	+3.0%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	55.1	66.2	+20.1%	306.0	302.4	-1.2%
FRP & Composites	43.4	48.5	+11.8%	213.2	223.4	+4.8%
Human hair & related products	77.3	79.3	+2.7%	358.4	417.4	+16.5%
Medical items of plastics	49.5	42.9	-13.2%	237.4	220.4	-7.2%
Miscellaneous products and items nes	83.7	165.9	+98.2%	359.7	668.0	+85.7%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	61.7	68.4	+10.9%	296.0	309.7	+4.6%
Plastic films and sheets	155.5	211.1	+35.8%	804.4	1,095.8	+36.2%
Plastic pipes & fittings	28.0	32.5	+16.4%	131.4	148.0	+12.6%
Plastic raw materials	256.1	298.7	+16.6%	1,301.7	1,569.5	+20.6%
Writing instruments & stationery	18.1	20.0	+10.6%	105.0	106.8	+1.7%
Grand Total	1,086.8	1,312.3	+20.7%	5,344.1	6,308.9	+18.1%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & Houseware Products** grew 4.8%, primarily led by strong demand for Toothbrushes (HS 96032100) in Belgium, Brazil and other markets. There was diversification of exports of Tableware & Kitchenware (HS 39241010) to Benin, Tanzania and other unexplored markets. There is also strong growth in order inflows for other Tableware & Kitchenware (HS 39241090) from Benin.

Exports of **Cordage, Fishnets & Monofilaments** increased 3.7%, led by rise in shipment of Other Cordage (HS 56074900) to the Netherland, Chile and other markets. Export of Monofilaments (HS 39169090) grew to Belgium, Bangladesh and Italy. There was also increase in export orders for Twine, Cordage (HS 56081900) from USA, Brazil and other markets.

Exports of **FIBC, Woven Sacks, Woven Fabrics & Tarpaulin** registered 9.7% growth driven by shipments of FIBC (HS 63053200) to Australia and other markets. There was also growth in export of Other Woven fabrics (HS 54072090) to USA, UK and other markets. Export of Sacks & Bags (HS 63053300) grew to USA, Poland, Netherland, Germany.

Export of **Floor Covering, Leather Cloth and Laminates** grew 20.1% mainly led by increase in shipment of Plastic coated fabrics (HS 590390) UAE, Australia, Albania, Indonesia and other markets.

Export of **FRP and Composites** has grown 11.8% because of strong growth in order inflows for Other Articles of Plastics (HS 39269099) from USA, Germany. Exporters also benefitted from strong demand for this product in UK and Canada.

Shipment of **Human Hair & Related Products** grew 2.7% because of rise in shipment of value added Human Hair (HS 67030010) to China, Viet Nam, Singapore, UAE and other markets.

Exports of **Medical Items of Plastics** contracted by 13.2%, mainly due to a decline in exports of Cannulae (HS 90183930) to Brazil and UAE. There was also fall in shipment of Syringes (HS 90183100) to Australia, Germany and other markets.

Miscellaneous plastic products and items (n.e.s.) grew 98.2% because of sharp rise in shipment of Optical Fibres, Bundles & Cables (HS 90011000) to USA, China, Viet Nam, Poland and other markets. There was also encouraging demand for Polypropylene Articles (HS 39269080) from UAE and Poland. There is also increase in order inflows of Objective Lenses (HS 90021100) from Malaysia and UAE.

Exports of **Packaging Items – Flexible and Rigid** registered 10.9% growth, led by rise in shipment of Other Packaging or Conveyance articles (HS 39239090) to France, Liberia and Thailand. Also, there was encouraging demand for Caps & Closures for Bottles (HS 39235010) in USA, Nepal and Yemen. Exporters benefitted from increase in order inflows for Carboys, Bottles, Flasks and similar articles (HS 39233090) from Nepal and Russia.

Export of **Plastic Films and Sheets** recorded healthy growth of 35.8% led by growth in shipment of Plain, Flexible Propylene Sheets (HS 39202020) to USA, UK, Germany and other markets. There was also increase in order inflows for Plain, Flexible PET Sheets (HS 39206220) from USA, Italy, Spain, Netherland, Nigeria and other markets.

Exports of **Plastic Pipes and Fittings** grew 16.4% led by rise in shipment of PVC Pipes & Tubes (HS 39172390); There was also increase in demand for Fittings for Tubes, Pipes and Hoses (HS 39174000) in Saudia Arabia and UAE. Exporters also benefitted from growth in demand for Other Tubes, Pipes and Hoses (HS 39173990) from USA, Tanzania and other markets.

Plastic Raw Material exports witnessed 16.6% growth led by rise in shipment of Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (HS 39076190) to Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bangladesh, Canada, Djibouti and other

markets. Also, there was spike in demand for Acrylic Polymers (HS 39069090) in South Africa, Nigeria, UAE and other markets. Exporters also benefitted from increase in demand for Other Cellulose and its chemical derivatives (HS 39129090) from USA, Turkey, UK, Saudi Arabia and other markets.

Exports of **Writing Instruments and Stationery** grew 10.6% led by rise in shipment of Office or School supplies (HS 39261099) to Mexico and China. There was also increase in demand for Other Ball Point Pens (HS 96081019); Exporters also benefitted from strong order inflows for Felt Tipped and Other Porous Tipped Pens and Markers (HS 96082000) from USA and Zambia. There was also increase in shipment of Non-Metal Nib Points (HS 96089199).

Exhibit 4: Details of % change seen in top 50 items of export

Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug-25	Apr 26- Aug 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	450.1	450.14	+0.0%
'67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked; wool, other animal hair or other textile materials, prepared for use in making wigs or the like (excl. natural plaits of human hair, whether or not washed and degreased, but not otherwise processed): Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or	245.37	294.23	+19.9%
'90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	186.99	483.03	+158.3%
'39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other (Note that this HS Code has been replaced with HS 39232991 and HS 39232999 from this financial year)	225.05	225.42	+0.2%
'39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	210.97	220.91	+4.7%
'48239019	Paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, in strips or rolls of a width <= 36 cm, in rectangular or square sheets, of which no side > 36 cm in the unfolded state, or cut to shape other than rectangular or square, and articles of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres, n.e.s.: Decorative laminates	143.28	144.59	+0.9%
'05010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	111.04	121.24	+9.2%
'39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. poly"methyl methacrylate"): Other	98.65	130.46	+32.2%
'39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	104.37	95.6	-8.4%
'39076190	Other primary form	109.63	220.56	+101.2%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug-25	Apr 26- Aug 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Polypropylene articles , not elsewhere	112.57	109.93	-2.3%
'39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics (excl. boxes, cases, crates and similar articles; sacks and bags, incl. cones; carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles; spools, spindles, bobbins and similar supports; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures): Other	90.14	98.9	+9.7%
'39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	93.19	90.17	-3.2%
'39206220	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular poly"ethylene terephthalate", not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. those of poly"methyl methacrylate", self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , plain	88.34	135.13	+53.0%
'39202020	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , plain	82.03	177.94	+116.9%
'90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	71.1	70.79	-0.4%
'90183930	Needles, catheters, cannulae and the like, used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences (excl. syringes, tubular metal needles and needles for sutures): Cannulae	69.19	63.05	-8.9%
'39202090	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	65.1	86.04	+32.2%
'59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than poly"vinyl chloride" or polyurethane (excl. tyre cord fabric of high tenacity yarn of nylon or other polyamides, polyesters or viscose rayon; wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with plastic; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of plastics): Other	77.42	90.27	+16.6%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug-25	Apr 26- Aug 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	56.07	64.34	+14.7%
'39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	59.61	63.35	+6.3%
'96081019	Ball-point pens (detailed label not available)	52.78	51.25	-2.9%
'39219099	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	54.11	61.47	+13.6%
'54072090	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of ≥ 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of ≤ 1 mm: Other	50.71	65.48	+29.1%
'39076990	Other primary form	51.43	64.24	+24.9%
'39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide (excl. floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	44.75	50.02	+11.8%
'56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene, whether or not plaited or braided and whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics (excl. binder or baler twine)	49.07	45.41	-7.5%
'39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of $\geq 0,94$, in primary forms	50.86	64.83	+27.5%
'39206919	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked or only surface-worked, or only cut to rectangular, incl. square, shapes (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	48.76	59.15	+21.3%
'39219094	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , metallised	41.97	66.47	+58.4%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug-25	Apr 26- Aug 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39046990	Fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms (excl. polytetrafluoroethylene): Other	46.44	52.11	+12.2%
'39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	52.41	49.57	-5.4%
'39073010	Epoxide resins, in primary forms: Epoxy resins	43.07	70.75	+64.3%
'39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	42.07	34.46	-18.1%
'96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	38.39	41.96	+9.3%
'39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	36.79	57.26	+55.6%
'39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	36.26	43.72	+20.6%
'39201019	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	35.67	48.2	+35.1%
'39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	35.85	44.47	+24.0%
'39206929	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked or only surface-worked, or only cut to rectangular, incl. square, shapes (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	37.48	42.25	+12.7%
'39219096	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , laminated	37.91	41.46	+9.4%
'39204900	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. self-	34.07	41.7	+22.4%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug-25	Apr 26- Aug 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
	adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918)			
'59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with poly"vinyl chloride" (excl. wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with poly"vinyl chloride"; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of poly"vinyl chloride"): Other	33.1	32.84	-0.8%
'39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	28.64	31.16	+8.8%
'39206290	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular poly"ethylene terephthalate", not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. those of poly"methyl methacrylate", self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	35.91	48.33	+34.6%
'39259090	Building elements for the manufacture of floors, walls, partition walls, ceilings, roofs, etc., of plastic; gutters and accessories of plastic; railings, fences and similar barriers, of plastic; large shelves, for assembly and permanent installation in shops, workshops, etc., of plastic; architectural ornaments, e.g. friezes, of plastic; fittings and similar products for permanent mounting on buildings, of plastic: Other	32.74	27.07	-17.3%
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	39.17	23.22	-40.7%
'39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	30.22	30.00	-0.7%
'39249090	Household articles and toilet articles, of plastics (excl. tableware, kitchenware, baths, shower-baths, wash-basins, bidets, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware): Other	32.80	29.60	-9.8%
'39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	28.84	34.41	+19.3%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr 25- Aug 25	Apr 26 – Aug 26	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
'39076930	PET flake (chip)	41.59	11.76	Exports have declined because of supply constraints in the local market. India has become net importer of this product in the current financial year because of domestic shortage and rising demand. Therefore, there is slowdown in export of this product.
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	39.17	23.22	Exports have declined because of domestic shortage of this raw material. India is a net importer of this raw material due to local supply constraints.
'39031990	Polystyrene, in primary forms (excl. expansible): Other	23.85	8.76	India is a net importer of this raw material due to domestic shortage. As a result of domestic shortage, exporters preferred to cater to local demand, instead of supplying to overseas markets.
'39181090	Floor coverings, whether or not self-adhesive, in rolls or in the form of tiles, and wall or ceiling coverings "in rolls with a width of >= 45 cm, consisting of a layer of plastic fixed permanently on a backing of any material other than paper, the face side of which is grained, embossed, coloured, design-printed or otherwise decorated", of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	34.33	19.51	Exports have fallen because of slowdown in orders from the US market, which is the single largest market accounting for more than 75% of exports. Exports to USA has been falling because of additional tariff under Section 301 of US Trade Act 1974.
'39072990	Other polyethers n.e.s	44.52	34.06	India is a net importer of this raw material due to inadequate domestic availability. In view of the prevailing supply constraints, domestic manufacturers prioritized meeting local demand over exports, resulting in reduced overseas shipments.
'39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	104.37	95.6	Exports have declined due to inadequate domestic production capacity to meet growing domestic demand for this raw material. Consequently, manufacturers have prioritized supplies to the domestic market, leading to reduced export volumes.

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Plexconcil Research

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