ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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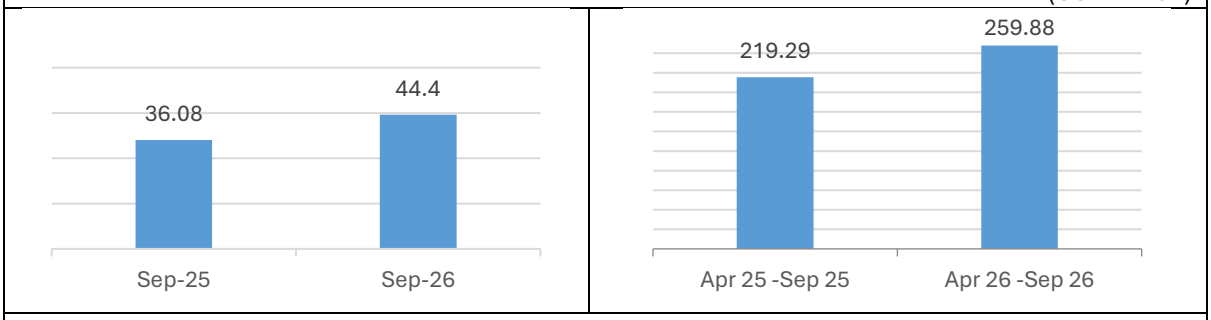
Key Findings
Plastic exports posted 25.9% growth in September 2026, marking sixth consecutive monthly expansion in the current financial year
All 13 product panels posted growth driven by improving competitiveness from rupee depreciation, diversification of exports to emerging markets and easing of supply chain issues in certain product categories.
Export of medical items posted growth after declining in the previous two months
There is sustained demand for floor covering as its exports have grown consecutively for the last two months

TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India's goods exports grew 23.04% in September 2026 to USD 44.4 billion from USD 36.08 billion in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of Petroleum products, Engineering goods, Gems & Jewellery, Textiles & Fabrics, Plastics, Handicrafts, Rice, Meat and other agro products. So far this financial year (Apr-Sep 2026), merchandise exports grew 18.5% to USD 259.8 billion from the year ago period.

Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India

(USD Billion)



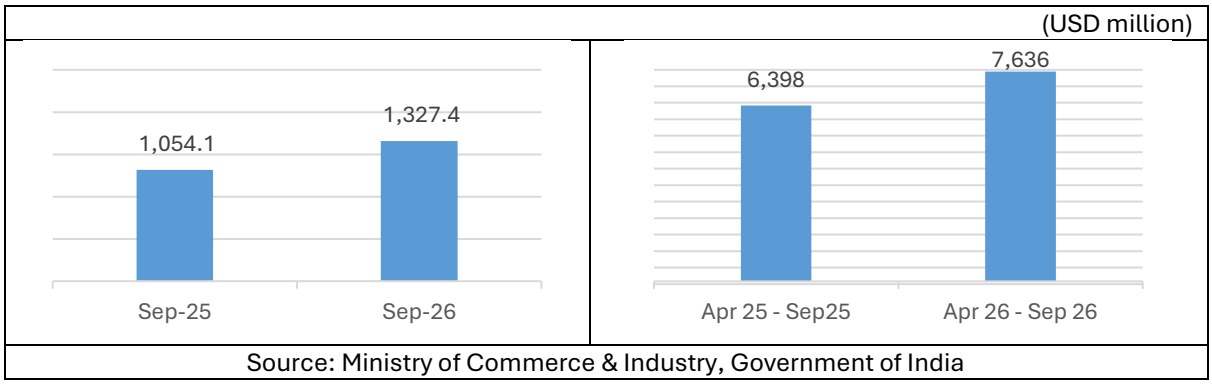
Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

India's plastics and allied product exports posted 25.9% growth to USD 1327.4 million in September 2026 from USD 1054.1 million in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of Films & Sheets, Floor Covering, Raw materials, Pipes & Fittings, Packaging Products, Consumer & Houseware Products, Cordage & Fishnets, FIBC, Woven Sacks, Human Hair, FRP & Composites and other products. All value added plastics posted positive growth during the month.

Cumulative exports during April-September 2026 posted 19.3% growth to USD 7636.3 million from USD 6398.4 million in the year ago period.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

As mentioned earlier, plastic export growth in September 2026 was led by rise in shipment of all value added products as well as raw materials.

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

Panel	Sep -25	Sep -26	Growth	Apr 25-Sep -25	Apr 26-Sep -26	Growth
	USD million		%	USD million		%
Consumer & houseware products	72.4	91.8	+26.8%	440.4	453.6	+3.0%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	22.5	28.0	+24.6%	139.5	145.2	+4.1%
FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	159.3	175.7	+10.3%	905.4	944.9	+4.4%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	50.8	66.1	+30.1%	356.8	368.4	+3.3%
FRP & Composites	40.1	47.9	+19.3%	253.3	271.4	+7.1%
Human hair & related products	78.3	83.8	+7.0%	436.7	501.2	+14.8%
Medical items of plastics	46.2	50.4	+9.0%	283.7	270.8	-4.5%
Miscellaneous products and items nes	75.0	152.7	+103.6%	434.6	820.7	+88.8%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	55.8	69.9	+25.3%	351.8	378.8	+7.7%
Plastic films and sheets	155.3	205.1	+32.1%	959.7	1,301.0	+35.6%
Plastic pipes & fittings	25.4	35.6	+40.2%	156.8	183.5	+17.1%
Plastic raw materials	252.7	299.9	+18.7%	1,554.3	1,869.4	+20.3%
Writing instruments & stationery	20.4	20.6	+0.9%	125.4	127.4	+1.6%
Grand Total	**1,054.1**	**1,327.4**	+25.9%	**6,398.4**	**7,636.3**	+19.3%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & Houseware Products** posted nearly 27% growth led by sharp rise in shipment of Headgear (HS 65061090) to Nepal, Colombia and Guinea. Exporters benefited from rise in order inflows for Tooth Brushes (HS 96032100) from Belgium, USA, Brazil, Mexico and other countries.

Exports of **Cordage, Fishnets & Monofilaments** grew 24.6%, led by rise in shipment of Twine Cordage (HS 56074900) to Malaysia, Chile, Netherland, Norway and other markets. There was also strong demand for Knitted nets of Twine (HS 56081900) from USA, Brazil, UK, Oman and other countries.

Exports of **FIBC, Woven Sacks, Woven Fabrics & Tarpaulin** posted 10.3% growth led by rise in shipment of FIBC containers (HS 63053200) to Poland, Philippines, Romania, Thailand and other countries. There was also robust order inflows for Woven Fabrics (HS 54072090) from USA, UK, Morocco, Italy, Netherland, Poland and other markets. Export of Sacks & Bags (HS 63053300) also witnessed strong growth to USA, Somalia, Poland, Netherland, France, Morocco.

Export of **Floor Covering, Leather Cloth and Laminates** grew 30.1% driven by rise in demand for certain floor covering products (HS 59039090) from USA, UAE, Lithuania, New Zealand and Switzerland. There was also strong demand for miscellaneous floor covering products (HS 39181090) from Angola, Philippines and other markets.

Export of **FRP and Composites** has grown 19.3% because of increase in sales of miscellaneous plastic products (HS 39269099) to USA, Canada, Oman, Turkey, Israel and other countries.

Shipment of **Human Hair & Related Products** grew 7.0% because of rise in export of value added Human Hair (HS 67030010) to China. Exporters also managed to get fresh orders from Bangladesh, Tunisia, Cameroon, Bhutan, Singapore, Spain, Hong Kong and other markets.

Exports of **Medical Items of Plastics** grew 9.0%, largely because of strong demand for Spectacle Lenses (HS 90015000) from UAE, Germany, Thailand and other countries. There was also growth in shipment of medical, surgical instruments and equipments (HS 90189032) to Jordan and Malaysia and UK. There was also new market opportunities for this product from Zambia and Algeria, indicating signs of export diversification.

Miscellaneous plastic products and items (n.e.s.) posted 103.6% export growth led by sharp rise in shipment of Optical Fibres (HS 90011000) to USA, China, Poland, Viet Nam. There was also considerable rise in order inflows for Objective Lenses, Cameras (HS 90021100) from Malaysia, UAE, UK, Israel and other markets. There was also new export opportunities in Iran Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria, Mauritius, Ethiopia, Morocco, Greece, Somalia, Mozambique and other markets.

Exports of **Packaging Items – Flexible and Rigid** registered 25.3% growth, driven by strong order inflows for Packaging articles (HS 39239090) in France, Liberia, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Kenya and other destinations. There was also growth in shipment of other Sacks & Bags (HS 39232100) to UK, Puerto Rico, Australia, Germany and other markets.

Export of **Plastic Films and Sheets** recorded healthy growth of 32.1% led by rise in shipment of Flexible, Plain Plates & Films (HS 39206220) to USA, Italy, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Russia, Egypt, Belgium and other markets. There was also remarkable rise in export of other Flexible, Plain Films & Sheets (HS 39202020) to UK, Italy, Brazil, Turkey and other destinations.

Exports of **Plastic Pipes and Fittings** grew 40.2% led by rise in shipment of Rigid Tubes, Pipes & Hoses (HS 39172110) to USA, Germany, Australia, Thailand; There was also surge in order inflows for Flexible Tubes, Pipes & Hoses (HS 39173100) from USA and Singapore. Exporters also benefited from strong demands for other Flexible Tubes, Pipes & Hoses (HS 39173990) in USA, Australia, Canada and other markets.

Plastic Raw Material witnessed 18.7% growth in shipment because of rise in demand for Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) in primary forms (HS 39076190) to Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bangladesh, Nepal, Djibouti, Oman, Tunisia, Egypt and so on.

There was also increase in order inflows for Acrylic polymers (HS 39069090) from Nigeria, Kenya, Nepal, South Africa, Canada and other countries. Exporters also benefited from robust demand for Other Polyethers (HS 39072990) in Taiwan and Japan. Export of Polyethylene (HS 39012000) also grew to China, Tanzania, Bangladesh, South Africa.

Exports of **Writing Instruments and Stationery** grew 0.9% aided by rise in demand for Ball Point Pens (HS 96081099) in Thailand, Australia, Mexico. Exporters also found new market opportunities for this product in Slovakia and Syria. Shipment of Felt Tipped and other Porous tipped Pens (HS 96082000) grew USA, Bangladesh, Slovakia. Also, exporters found new market opportunity in Ireland and Syria for this product.

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

Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep-25	Apr 26-Sep 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	547.99	552.37	+0.8%
'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	296.99	351.19	+18.2%
'90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	232.07	596.36	+157.0%
'39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	274.86	277.05	+0.8%
'39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	249.87	268.45	+7.4%
'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	174.71	176.95	+1.3%
'05010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	137.37	147.36	+7.3%
'39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. poly"methyl methacrylate"): Other	118.01	157.01	+33.0%
'39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	135.21	109.38	-19.1%
'39076190	Other primary form	130.24	249.35	+91.5%

Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep-25	Apr 26-Sep 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	131.95	132.14	+0.1%
'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; sppols, spindles, bobbins and similar supports; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures): Other	107.52	122.05	+13.5%
'39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	109.7	110.8	+1.0%
'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	101.74	158.12	+55.4%
'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	98.79	198.29	+100.7%
'90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	83.26	84.3	+1.2%
'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	85.38	76.31	-10.6%
'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	78.42	104.86	+33.7%
'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	85.5	109.31	+27.8%

Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep-25	Apr 26-Sep 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	67.23	77.66	+15.5%
'39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	70.36	75.73	+7.6%
'96081019	Ball-point pens (detailed label not available)	64.61	61.89	-4.2%
'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	64.15	76.23	+18.8%
'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	59.18	81.22	+37.2%
'39076990	Other primary form	60.35	71.47	+18.4%
'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	56.03	59.65	+6.5%
'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)	58.8	57.97	-1.4%
'39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	58.82	79.02	+34.3%
'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, polythylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	57.38	72.51	+26.4%
'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	51.22	78.83	+53.9%

Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep-25	Apr 26-Sep 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39046990	Fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms (excl. polytetrafluoroethylene): Other	52.07	63.34	+21.6%
'39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	60.65	59.37	-2.1%
'39073010	Epoxide resins, in primary forms: Epoxy resins	50.72	81.77	+61.2%
'39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	50.06	41.87	-16.4%
'96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	46.79	51.56	+10.2%
'39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	44.34	66.23	+49.4%
'39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	44.87	52.75	+17.6%
'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	43.22	56.9	+31.7%
'39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	43.65	54.74	+25.4%
'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, polythylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	44.67	52.03	+16.5%
'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	44.52	50.1	+12.5%
'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	41.03	49.78	+21.3%

Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep-25	Apr 26-Sep 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
	rectangles (excl. self-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	39.86	38.31	-3.9%
'39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	35.35	39.76	+12.5%
'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	41.97	56.99	+35.8%
'39259090	Building elements for the manufacture of floors, walls, paartition 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	39.05	33.09	-15.3%
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	46.44	27.88	-40.0%
'39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	36.44	36.23	-0.6%
'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	39.38	36.41	-7.5%
'39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	34.9	42.14	+20.7%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep 25	Apr 26 – Sep 26	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
'39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	135.21	109.38	Exports have fallen because of slowdown in order inflows from Nepal, Turkey, Mexico, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Also, shortage of this raw material in the domestic market led to overall decline in shipment
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	46.44	27.88	Exports have fallen due to weak demand in major importing countries such as China, Japan and Belgium. Also, higher domestic consumption and rising input cost led to decline in shipment of this raw material.
'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	85.38	76.31	Exports have fallen because of intensifying competition from China and other Asian countries supplying disposable medical items. Specifically, India is facing competitive pressure in Brazil, UAE, Egypt, Afghanistan, Italy and Sudan.
'39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	50.06	41.87	Shipment of this product has been affected largely by the high tariff in USA, which is the single largest market for this product. Also, slowdown in demand in advanced economies such as UK, Germany and Australia have affected export of this product. Exports to UAE is also falling due to logistics and freight issue amidst the West Asia crisis.
'39259090	Building elements for the manufacture of floors, walls, paartition 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	39.05	33.09	These are construction and building materials whose demand depends on investment cycle in real estate and infrastructure projects. Slowdown in construction sector in USA and UAE have contributed to decline in export of this product.

HS Code	Description	Apr 25-Sep 25	Apr 26 – Sep 26	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
	plastic; architectural ornaments, e.g. friezes, of plastic; fittings and similar products for permanent mounting on buildings, of plastic: Other			High freight and logistics cost (amidst West Asia crisis) added to fall in shipment to prominent markets such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
'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	39.38	36.41	These are household plastic articles, many of which are discretionary consumer products. Demand for these products is influenced by consumer spending patterns and tends to fluctuate with economic and consumption cycles. Also, high tariff in USA has affected sales in that country. Export to UAE, the third largest destination, is affected by maritime disruption amidst West Asia crisis.

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

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