

Exports of Iron & steel, chemicals and agro products grow remarkably

The latest edition of The World Statistical Review 2020, released by World Trade Organisation carries interesting data on the performance of India in foreign trade. According to the report, India's exports volume grew at an annual average rate of 4.4% during 2010-2019 and this is the third largest growth among large economies after Mexico (5.5%) and China (4.8%). During the period, India witnessed the fastest growth in imports at 4.4% per annum and this is followed by China (4.5%) and Mexico (3.5%). Today, India is the 18th largest exporter and 10th largest importer of goods in the world.

The share of India in world exports has tripled from 0.6% in 1993, during the early years of economic reforms to 1.8% in 2019. During the same period, the share of China in world exports grew from 2.5% to 13.6%, the share of Mexico grew from 1.4% to 2.5%, while the share of Brazil and South Africa remained stagnant around 1.2% and 0.5% respectively.

The share of India in world imports grew more than four times from 0.6% to 2.6% since 1993, while the corresponding figure for China rose from 2.7% to 11%. The share of Brazil grew marginally from 0.7% to 1% and that of South Africa remained stagnant around 0.5%.

Sectoral improvements

Iron & steel, chemicals and agro commodities witnessed remarkable growth in exports from India in the last 20 years. The share of India in world export of iron and steel grew from 0.9% to 2.9% since the year 2000 and today India is the seventh largest exporter in this category. At the same time, India is also the ninth largest importer of iron and steel, with global share of 2.3%, which has grown from 0.5% in 2000. Despite this, India has a trade surplus of USD 2 billion in iron & steel sector.

The share of India in world export of chemicals has more than tripled from 0.7% to 2.4% between 2000 and 2019. India has a trade deficit of USD 6 billion in chemicals sector as it is also a significant importer in this category. The share of India in global import of chemicals grew from 0.8% to 2.6% in the last 20 years and the country is the sixth largest importer of chemicals. India is one of the ninth largest exporters of agro commodities and our share in world export has grown from 1.1% in 2000 to 2.1% in 2019.

Lacklustre growth in textile

India is the third largest exporter of textiles in the world after China and European Union. Its share in world export of textile has grown from 3.6% to 5.6% in the last 20 years. At the same time, the share of India in world export of clothing materials hardly grew from 3.0% to 3.5% in the last 20 years, as Bangladesh and Vietnam surpassed India in this category. Today, India is the fifth largest exporter of clothing materials after China, EU, Bangladesh and Vietnam. India's exports of clothing materials is just half of Bangladesh's exports of USD 34 billion, while it is 54% of Vietnam's export value of USD 31 billion.

Services Sector

The World Statistical Review 2020 carries some interesting information about India's services exports. India is the 8th largest services exporter, with a share of 3.5% in world exports and 10th largest importer in the world with a share of 3.1% in world imports today. USA is a prime destination for India's services exports with annual export worth USD 28 billion. India is the fourth largest exporter of services to USA after European Union, Canada and Japan. On the other hand, India is the eighth largest export destination for USA in services sector. India is also one of the top five destinations of services exports for Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

India is the second largest exporter after European Union of computer services, with a global share of 12.6%. India is the ninth largest exporter of travel services, with a share of 2.1% in world exports in 2019 and it reflects marginal improvement from 1.5% in 2010. India is also one of the top 10 exporters of construction and financial services.

Notifications

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Expansion of scope of ECLGS scheme to support MSMEs

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KVIC bags purchase orders worth more than Rs. 45 crore from government

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DGFT

Amendment in Handbook of Procedures

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/f3c16b47-f64c-4ea3-bdc5-d04dfe25d27b/PN%205%20dt%2027-05-21%20Eng.pdf>

CBIC

Imposition of anti-dumping duty on Acetoacetate imported from China

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd30-2021.pdf>