

*Message from Executive Director*  
**SANJEEV KUMAR SHARMA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

At ISEPC, our vision is to elevate Indian and other allied silk products, silk and textile handlooms, silk and silk Textile handicrafts to a level of international competitiveness and sustainability, ultimately positioning India as a global leader in this sector. To achieve this vision, we are committed to engaging with policymakers and regulators to create a favourable environment for industry growth. We strive to provide our members with accurate and real time data on products, markets, and emerging trends, enabling them to make informed business decisions. Additionally, we offer strong support to our members in addressing and resolving emerging issues promptly and effectively. All our initiatives are driven by a commitment to environmental safety, responsibility, and sustainability, ensuring that our industry's growth aligns with global sustainability standards.

***Extensive Interactions with Ministries:***

The Council interacts extensively with Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Finance and other Government Departments on various issues and provides inputs on matters related to exports of all Textiles products and to the Government from time to time.

***The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council's Activities:***

The Council carries out various export promotion activities by participating in Exhibitions abroad. In the FY 2024-25, the Council facilitated its members participation in around 10 international exhibitions, including Reverse Buyer Seller Meets and Bharat Tex. These efforts helped Members showcase their products and connect with international buyers. Council's participation in the National and International Exhibitions have been rewarding.

***Advisory Role***

We are committed to creating long term value for our members. We actively help exporters resolve issues faced by them with custom, DGFT, ECGC, and other export-related organizations. It assists in resolving problems related to RoSCTL, drawbacks, and other export concerns. In the fiscal year 2024-25, ISEPC held several meetings with the almost all the Central Ministries including Textiles, Commerce, MSME, Finance, Corporate Affairs, DGFT, and the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) to address and escalate the issues faced by its members. These efforts ensure that exporters receive the necessary support to overcome their challenges and continue their operations smoothly.

***Representations to the Government***

In the FY 2024-25, ISEPC made several representations to the Government on behalf of its members. Some of the important matters on which the Council had represented are to reduce GST rates from 18% / 15 to 5%, to exempt QCO requirements against Advance Authorization Scheme & EOUs, to introduce a new Scheme in place of the ATUF Scheme, to rectify the Inverted Duty Structure in our Sector, to extend the benefit of RoSCTL our left out products, and grant of Export Performance Certificates to member exporters etc.

### **Seminars and Webinars**

ISEPC organized various Seminars and Webinars to raise awareness and provide valuable information to the industry. These events include a Conference on Growing Opportunities in Silk Textiles and other allied products, handlooms and silk handicrafts, Export Potential and way forward to Exports. Seminar, Webinars on RODTEP Rates Data Submission and on Export ORT Finance, and the National Conclave on Standards & Regulations for Silk organized by BIS, among others. These initiatives aimed to educate and support industry stakeholders by offering insights into new opportunities, export potential, financial matters, and regulatory standards.

### **Dissemination of Data & information:**

To provide latest updates on our products, both in India and around the world, ISEPC bringing out its own information system which is to be relayed via what's app medium. It includes important Government notifications and circulars, GST updates, and highlights the key activities and initiatives undertaken by the Council to support the industry. This on line method serves as a valuable resource for industry stakeholders, keeping them informed and updated on important developments in the textile, trade, commerce and industry.

### **Membership base**

In FY 2024-2025, we had a total 1272 valid members, of which 67 were new members. Most of our members were from northern region. We are hopeful of getting more members from Southern Western and Eastern states, where many units are shifting from one region to other region and one segment to others segments and increasing their blends. To add new members and also to provide services to existing members in rest of three regions, we need to organize Membership Pakhwada.

### **Way Forward**

The Council will remain committed to improve the Quality of Services to its members and to provide all kinds of assistance to them so that exports of silk and other allied silk products, including handloom and handicraft products to grow and achieve its true potential.

### **Analysis of Silk and Silk Products Export Performance (April 2024-25 – February 2026)**

This note presents an analysis of India's export performance for silk and silk products. The data is compiled from the Statistics of Export released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, comparing the period of April 2024 to February 2025 with the corresponding period of April 2025 to February 2026. The export figures, expressed in Million US\$, are tabulated below:

**Value in Million US\$: (Source: DGCI&S)**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>April 2024 – Feb 2025 (Final)</b>	<b>April 2025 – Feb 2026 (Provisional)</b>	<b>Growth %</b>
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Commodity	April 2024 – Feb 2025 (Final)	April 2025 – Feb 2026 (Provisional)	Growth %
Raw Silk (HS 5002)	2.98	0.25	(-) 91.61
Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics & Made-ups (HS 5004, 5005, 5006, 5007, 5801, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6307)	114.47	212.55	(+) 85.68
Silk Readymade Garments (HS 6101, 6102, 6103, 6104, 6105, 6106, 6107, 6108, 6109, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6115, 6117, 6201, 6202, 6203, 6204, 6206, 6207, 6208, 6209, 6214, 6215, 6217)	76.63	70.54	(-) 7.94
Silk Waste (HS 5003)	29.82	31.55	(+) 5.80
Silk Carpet (HS 5702, 5705)	39.03	51.45	(+) 31.82
Handloom Products of Silk (HS 6211, 62141030, 63049991, 5007)	25.68	28.44	(+) 10.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>288.61</b>	<b>394.78</b>	<b>(+) 36.78</b>

### Analysis of Exceptional Growth in Silk and Silk Products Exports (April 2025 – February 2026)

This note provides a detailed analysis of India's silk and silk products export performance, drawing from the latest statistics released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata. The comparison spans the period of April 2024 to February 2025 against the corresponding period of April 2025 to February 2026.

#### Overall Performance Highlights:

The period of **April 2025 to February 2026** has witnessed a remarkable surge in India's total silk and silk products exports, demonstrating an **exceptional growth of 36.78%**, rising from US\$ 288.61 Million to US\$ 394.78 Million. This significant increase underscores the sector's resilience and growing global demand for Indian silk.

#### Key Drivers of Growth:

The primary catalyst for this impressive growth has been the outstanding performance of **Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics & Made-ups**. This category recorded an **extraordinary increase of 85.68%**, with exports soaring from US\$ 114.47 Million in the previous period to an impressive **US\$ 212.55 Million** in the current period. This exponential rise suggests a robust international appetite for Indian silk textiles and processed products, indicating successful market penetration and strong manufacturing capabilities in value-added silk items.

#### Further contributing to the positive trajectory are:

- 1) **Silk Carpets:** This segment displayed a strong growth of **31.82%**, with exports increasing from US\$ 39.03 Million to **US\$ 51.45 Million**. This highlights the sustained demand for India's artisanal silk carpets in global markets.
- 2) **Handloom Products of Silk:** Continuing to showcase the unique craft of Indian handloom, this category registered a healthy growth of **10.74%**, moving from US\$ 25.68

Million to **US\$ 28.44 Million**. This growth points to the enduring appeal of traditional, handcrafted silk products;

3) **Silk Waste:** This category also saw a positive growth of **5.80%**, with exports increasing from US\$ 29.82 Million to **US\$ 31.55 Million**, indicating efficient utilization of by-products within the silk industry;

4) **Areas for Strategic Focus:**

While overall growth is commendable, certain segments require attention:

A. **Raw Silk (HS 5002):** Experienced a significant decline of 91.61%, dropping from US\$ 2.98 Million to US\$ 0.25 Million. This steep reduction warrants further investigation to understand underlying factors and potential strategies for revival or value addition within India;

B. **Silk Readymade Garments:** Saw a modest dip of 7.94%, with exports decreasing from US\$ 76.63 Million to US\$ 70.54 Million. This segment, representing finished products, could benefit from targeted promotional efforts and adaptation to evolving fashion trends to regain momentum;

### **Conclusion:**

The period of April 2025 to February 2026 has been exceptionally strong for Indian silk exports, primarily driven by the stellar performance of Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics & Made-ups, and robust growth in Silk Carpets and Handloom Products. This broad-based growth in value-added products positions India strongly in the global silk market, despite challenges in specific raw material and garment segments. This positive momentum is a testament to the hard work of our exporters and the inherent quality of Indian silk, and it provides a strong foundation for future strategic initiatives.

Submitted for first-hand information to the Members of the Council

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