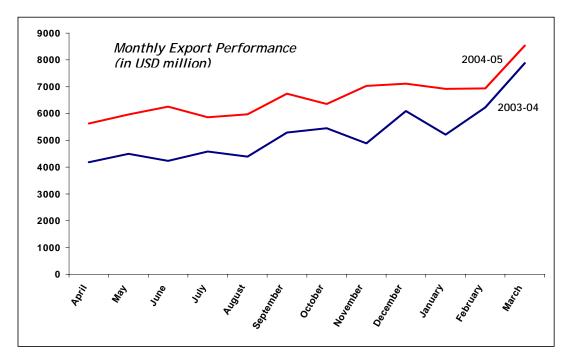


2004-05 ends with strong growth

India's merchandise exports during 2004-05 have reached nearly USD 80 billion – USD 79,593.59 million to be precise, posting a record growth of 24.41% over 2003-04. Exports in 2003-04 were to the tune of USD 63,978.78 million. The performance in 2004-05 is commendable, and the export growth is higher than what we achieved in the preceding fiscal. In rupee terms, Indian exports were worth Rs.3,57,076.54 crore during 2004-05, which is 21.72% higher than the performance in 2003-04.



Source: DGCI&S and CMIE

Engineering exports cross USD 13 billion mark

According to the data available from DGCI&S upto February 2005, India's exports of engineering goods have posted very strong growth during April - February 2004-05 in comparison to the same period of the previous fiscal. The provisional data indicate that exports of engineering goods and services from India have crossed the USD 13 billion mark to reach USD 13,072 million during this period. It means an astounding growth of over 39% in dollar terms. Exports of engineering goods only have attained a value of USD 12,844 million during this period, indicating a growth close to 40%.

In the month of February 2005, exports of engineering goods and services were to the tune of USD 1,429 million, higher by more than 48% over February 2004. Export of goods recorded a growth of 47.53% in February this year over the previous year.

Exports of engineering items have actually fallen in the month of February, in comparison to January, by about 4.5%.



What's up and what's down in February

In Comparison to monthly export performance in January 2005:

<u>What's up:</u> Aluminium other than products, residual engineering items, non-ferrous metals, manufactures of metals, ferro alloys, machine tools, primary & semi-finished iron & steel

What's down: Iron & steel bars/rods, machinery & instruments, mica, transport equipment

In comparison to cumulative export performance in April - February 2003-04:

<u>What's up:</u> Ferro alloys, non-ferrous metals, residual engineering items, primary & semi-finished iron & steel, transport equipment, manufactures of metals, iron & steel bar/rods, machinery & instruments, machine tools, aluminium other than products

What's down: Mica

Shares in total exports of engineering items have increased for primary & semi-finished iron & steel (from 20% to 22%) and transport equipment (from 19 to 20%) during April - February 2004-05 over the previous fiscal. The same has fallen in case of machinery & instruments (from 27% to 23%).

Monthly Export Performance of Principal Commodities and Services for February 2005 (figures in USD million)

Principal Commodity/Service	Cumulative Exports - APR 04 to FEB 05	% change over APR - FEB 0304	% change in FEB 05 over JAN 05	% change in FEB 05 over FEB 04
Machinen Cinetum onto	2004.25	21.15	0.00	7.05
Machinery & instruments	2994.35	21.15	-9.09	7.95
Manufactures of metals	2922.16	35.46	11.85	40.44
Primary & semi-finished iron & steel	2809.12	52.41	5.13	53.99
Transport equipment	2572.99	49.90	-3.08	52.42
Non-ferrous metals	670.13	70.90	14.21	27.32
Iron & steel bar/rods	343.58	28.24	-16.15	-20.30
Ferro alloys	161.82	182.16	11.15	88.83
Aluminium other than products	152.25	7.89	154.07	281.10
Machine tools	141.04	16.76	7.20	-12.15
Residual engineering items	63.63	59.59	18.39	8.42
Mica	12.62	-18.48	-6.54	-54.34
Management & Technical Services	228.00	13.43	-36.11	109.09
Total	13071.69	39.12	-4.41	48.24

Source: DGCI&S Provisional Data, EEPC Member Returns



Top destinations: APR FEB 200405

New entrants in the top 20 list: Indonesia, Thailand, Iran, Taiwan, Sudan

Out of the list: Nigeria, Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman

Monthly Export Performance to Top 20 Destinations for February 2005 (figures in USD million)

Importing Country	Cumulative Export APR - FEB 2004-05	% change over APR - FEB 2003-04	Exports FEB 05	Rank APR - FEB 2003-04	Rank APR - FEB 2004-05	% change FEB 05 over JAN 05	% change FEB 05 over FEB 04
USA	2058.98	110.10	198.95	1	1	13.90	93.38
UAE	855.37	53.55	74.07	2	2	-18.42	53.35
UK	676.54	27.06	66.48	3	3	-0.42	42.29
China	615.55	459.64	91.29	12	4	0.53	588.98
Italy	542.58	175.88	49.62	7	5	-11.63	86.26
Singapore	486.61	211.35	72.25	9	6	46.58	374.39
Germany	481.55	41.56	53.19	4	7	12.62	49.20
Sri Lanka	367.76	59.47	40.22	6	8	22.55	28.09
Belgium	366.36	333.97	36.16	16	9	-23.79	245.04
Spain	260.62	209.38	21.03	17	10	-35.41	288.72
France	260.54	139.12	28.3	13	11	20.02	187.89
Indonesia	234.77	249.93	27.4	24	12	-62.49	346.25
South Africa	234.02	202.86	18.3	20	13	-50.82	113.29
Bangladesh	230.31	-14.55	12.05	5	14	-6.44	-42.34
Saudi Arabia	219.3	80.48	21.95	11	15	13.38	90.37
Thailand	216.47	227.59	33.1	25	16	74.30	208.77
Netherlands	214.85	72.42	20.45	10	17	7.92	46.49
Iran	209.48	196.92	35.98	22	18	127.15	301.11
Taiwan (Taipei)	201.31	400.52	16.13	35	19	-38.13	561.07
Sudan	197.79	455.90	26.05	38	20	119.09	508.64

Source: DGCI&S Provisional Data, EEPC Member Returns



Top 5 destinations: product performance

Destinations	Substantial growth	Heavy decline	Significant this year, but no exports last fiscal
USA	Machine tools, machinery & instruments, manufactures of metals, transport equipment		Primary & semi- finished iron & steel, iron & steel bars/rods
UAE	Machine tools, transport equipment		Non-ferrous metals, primary & semi- finished iron & steel
UK	Machine tools, machinery & instruments, manufactures of metals	Transport equipment	Primary & semi- finished iron & steel
China	Machine tools, machinery & instruments, residual engineering items	Manufactures of metals	Primary & semi- finished iron & steel, ferro alloys, non- ferrous metals
Italy	Manufactures of metals, machinery & instruments	Machine tools	Primary & semi- finished iron & steel

Source: DGCI&S Provisional Data, EEPC Member Returns

Emerging Destinations

1. Growth in cumulative exports of the period under consideration: more than 50%

2. Exports between 0.5% and 1% of total exports of engineering goods in this period

Destinations	Cumulative Export APR - FEB 2003-04	Cumulative Export APR - FEB 2004-05	Growth%
Japan	75.38	114.02	51.26
Viet Nam	22.34	111.44	398.84
Canada	64.84	109.4	68.72
Turkey	60.71	102.97	69.61
Philippines	45.22	92.97	105.59
Libya	5.55	83.01	1395.68
Colombia	27.55	82.36	198.95
Hong Kong	33.09	81.64	146.72
Djibouti	13.9	77.38	456.69
Ghana	35.7	74.98	110.03
Kuwait	36.26	72.26	99.28

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