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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during September,
2019

- Non-petroleum and Non Gems and Jewellery exports in April-August 2019-20 were USD 99.41 billion, as compared to USD 99.17 billion for the corresponding period in 2018-19, an increase of 0.24 per cent.
- Regional authorities of DGFT issued following authorizations/scrips during the month of September, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in September, 2019
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	9189
2.	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	18429
3.	Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS)	01
4.	Advance authorizations	1384
5.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	810

- DGTR organized a Level II training programme on trade remedial measures for DGFT and Cost Accounts Service Officers on 24.9.2019 benefitting total 27 participants. DGTR to promote transparency, efficiency and expedited relief to the domestic producers has introduced the online portal(ARTIS). This portal enables the Applicant domestic producer to submit online applications for different trade remedies like anti-dumping duty, safeguard duty and countervailing duty. Applicants can also monitor the current status of their applications through online portal.

- The Tea Board has launched the mobile app “Chai Sahayog” in all tea growing regions of India in September, 2019. The Tea Board published the first draft Indian Tea Genome Sequence of a popular Cultivar (TV-1) in September, 2019.
- The Coffee Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT, Madras for opening of India Coffee House at IIT, Madras.
- The Rubber Board launched a mobile application for domestic NR price collection on 23rd September and inaugurated a Help Desk for manufacturers and dealers of NR on 30th September 2019. The Board, also promoted Good Agricultural Practices such as rain-guarding, prophylactic spraying, fertilizer application, tapping defect correction, etc to enhance production and expected that 40% (around 2.5 lakh ha) of tappable area has been rain guarded up to September 2019.
- The Rubber Board organized 409 farmer education programmes with a participation of 10,316 farmers and 498 rubber producers societies meeting benefiting 8,664 farmers and certified 388 plantations having an area 312 ha during September 2019.
- The performance of the Rubber Training Institute (RTI) under training department of the Rubber Board during September 2019 is furnished in the following table as below: -

Sl. No.		No. of training Programme	No. of beneficiaries	No. of mandays
I.	Calendared programme	29	324	1,312
	In-house / outstation SCSP / TSP	13	273	997
II.	External Funded programme			
	PMKVY – RPL Project	105	3,150	9,450
	TSDM	2	41	670
	ASAP	8	-	248
	International Training	1	-	174
Total		158	3,788	12,851

- The Rubber Board received 10,150 sale bills during September 2019 from small rubber growers under Rubber Production Incentive Scheme funded by the Government of Kerala and confirmed the bills for effecting payment to growers as price incentive.
- The average auction price of Spice Board for small cardamom during the month of September was Rs.3044.77 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 1336 tons of cardamom (small) through e-auction.
- The quality evaluation laboratories of the Spice Board have analysed a total of 9736 parameters in spice samples during the month of September, 2019. The Spice Board has issued 116 Certificates of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 8 cardamom dealer licences during September, 2019.
- The Spice Board conducted a buyer seller meet and open house for small cardamom, black pepper and ginger at Kattappana, Idukki, Kerala on 27.9.2019, wherein more than 228 number of participants consisting of exporters/traders/farmers from various parts of the country were witnessed. The Divisional Office of Spice Board, Agartala also conducted its Second Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) training programme on Organic Production for 30 persons at Lasnkamura Village, West Tripura district from 16th to 18th September, 2019.
- Project Export Promotion Council of India (PEPC) member company M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. Oman has been awarded the main work contract of The Mandarin Oriental Muscat by Eagle Hills, Muscat, which involves the construction of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and the residences at the Mandarin Oriental, Muscat. L&T will oversee the overall construction within the site, which includes a 150-key hotel and 156 units of branded residences, as well as 1622 square meters of retail areas, podium and basement L&T will also undertake the

associated external work services and hard and soft landscaping works.

- Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for April-August, 2019-20 as compared to April-August, 2018-19: -

Capexil: 8.95 USD Billion registering a growth of 3.60% over the same period last year.

Plexconcil: 3.34 USD Billion registering a growth of 1.0% over the same period last year.

Shexxil: 0.90 USD Billion registering a growth of 14.88% over the same period last year.

Chemexcil: 7.93 USD Billion registering a growth 3.00% over the same period last year.

- Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs.34933 crores as on 30th September, 2019.
- GeM has provided training to 4111 buyers & 2024 sellers for capacity building in the month of September, 2019.
- GeM and Punjab Government signed MOU to establish GeM Organisation Transformation Team (GOTT) in the state of Punjab on 10.09.2019 at Chandigarh. Punjab has become the first state to establish GOTT PMU for transforming the procurement land scape through GeM.
- The status of all 474 Group 'B' and Ç' surplus staff who have been accepted by DoP&T in the Central (Surplus Staff) Roll of that Department is as under:

Total Group 'C' Staff got redeployed to various Deptt./Ministry/Organization	289
Total staff got retired, availed special VRS or died	155
Total surplus staff yet to be redeployed	30

- The following major events were approved with MAI support in September, 2019:
 - Source India Turkey 2019
 - Autoconnect 2019.
 - 84th edition of Thessaloniki international Trade Fair
 - Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair.
 - World Food Moscow.
- In September 2019 Rs.62.20 crores were released to Export Promotion Councils and trade bodies for undertaking export promotion activities under MAI Scheme.
- Monthly Progress Report for ECGC for FY 2019-20 for the month of September 2019**

(□ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	September 2019
1	Value of Exports supported (Business Covered)	□50,982
2	Gross Premium Earned	□93
3	No. of new buyers added	1,010
4	No. of policies issued	1,226
5	No. of Claims Paid	61
6	Claims Paid Amount	□41.7
7	No. of Claims Rejected	42

- Monthly Progress Report for NEIA for FY 2019-20 for the month of September 2019**

(□ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	September 2019
1	Number of new projects supported	1
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value)	□544.21
3	Number of Covers issued	4
4	Value of Covers issued	□502.74

- A Joint Statement was signed in Tashkent on 25th September, 2019 for launching Joint Feasibility Study for examining the potential of a Preferential Trade Agreement between Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of India.
 - ICC and SRTEPC organised an India Pavilion jointly in the Go Tex Show, Sao Paulo & BSM in Blumenau, Brazil on Textile Sector during 10-12 September, 2019 with an MAI assistance of Rs.38 lakhs each provided by the Deptt. of Commerce. The event was one-stop biggest marketplace for Brazil textile import business as well as presenting the latest fabrics and trends worldwide. The joint participation of ICC & SRTEPC in the event, the Indian Textile Sector is expected to benefit and increase its presence in the LAC Region.
 - An Indian delegation led by Hon`ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri accompanied by senior officials and a sizeable multi sectoral business delegation participated in the Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF), 2019, Greece from 7th to 8th September, 2019. The TIF opened up new opportunities for economic partnership and Investments between India and Greece as also between India and Balkan countries.
 - The draft tariff modalities on the Israel`s priority list of goods under India-Israel FTA negotiation in consultation with line Ministries/Departments has been finalized.
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