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Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
Department of Commerce  
(Import Monitoring Cell)

**Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during November, 2019**

- As per the latest data available for October 2019, there is decline in imports, which is more pronounced in comparison to exports. As a result, there is decline in merchandise trade deficit by (-) 19.26%. The imports during October 2019 were USD 37.39 billion (Rs. 2,65,628.46 Crore), which was (-)16.3 per cent lower in Dollar terms and (-)19.3 per cent lower in Rupee terms over imports of USD 44.68 billion (Rs. 3,28,973.56 Crore) in October 2018.
- Regional authorities of DGFT issued following authorizations/scrips during the month of November, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in October, 2019
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	10240
2.	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)	18181
3.	Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS)	02
4.	Advance Authorizations	1564
5.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	935

- The Tea Board has taken steps to enrol the small tea growers & other eligible growers under PM-KISAN and PMKMY (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yojana) through their respective Department. An around 22000 Small Tea Growers in the Nilgiris District have already got the benefit under PM- KISAN Scheme.
- The Tea Board has made available Chai Sahyog app in Google play and other website to download the app for the android user/smart phone.

- The Quality Control Laboratory of Tea Board has done NABL audit and evaluation to enhance the scope of 33 pesticides and 49 made tea samples were tested for FSSAI and quality parameters.
- Executive Director of the Rubber Board inaugurated the Rubber processing unit of M/s Manjali Rubber Industries, Pulikanni, Kerala on 8 November 2019. The Rubber Board also organized 403 farmer education programmes with a participation of 10,885 farmers and 635 RPS meeting benefiting 10,920 farmers and certified 507 plantations having an area 377 ha during November 2019. In addition, the Board formed *three* RPS, *ten* Tappers' Bank & *four* Labour groups/ common interest groups as a part of empowering rubber growers.
- The Rubber Board, under annual mass contact programme, conducted 8 meetings in NE region with the objective of promoting scientific tapping and quality upgradation benefitting 387 growers / tappers. In convergence with MGNREGS, the Board also carried out the cultural operations in 1,381 ha of rubber plantations, benefitting 2641 beneficiaries. The Rubber Board, under Tappers Intensive Skill Improvement and Development programmes, also organized 22 programmes for tappers benefitting 321 participants during November 2019.
- The Rubber Board received 8,100 sale bills during November 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 performance of the Rubber Training Institute (RTI) under Training Department of the Board during November 2019 is furnished in following table below:

Sl. No.		No. of training Programmes	No. of beneficiaries	No. of man-days
I.	Calendared programme In-house / outstation SCSP / TSP	54 3	1,441 65	2,675 270
II.	External Funded programme			
	PMKVY – RPL Project	12	360	1,080
Total		69	1,866	4,025

- The average auction price of the Spice Board for small cardamom during the month of November 2019 was Rs. 2773.71 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinayakannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 1594 tons of cardamom (small) through e-auction.
- The Quality Evaluation Laboratories of the Spice Board analysed a total of 7876 parameters of spice samples During the month of November 2019.
- The Spice Board issued 86 Certificates of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 7 Cardamom Dealer Licences during November, 2019.
- The Spices Board in association with APEDA organized a Buyer Seller Meet (BSM) on 14.11.2019 at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Large Cardamom, Ginger, Turmeric, Chilli, Mandarin Oranges, Kiwi, Kiwi Wine etc are the focus products for the BSM. International buyers from more than 10 countries were present during the programme. Around 100 farmers and 20 exporters were also participated in the BSM. The Board also organized a Conference-cum International Buyer Seller Meet on the Agri/Horti products at Gangtok Sikkim on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. 15 exporters and more than 100 farmers participated in the event.
- Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for April-October, 2019-20 as compared to April-October, 2018-19: -
 

Capexil: 12.44 USD Billion registering a growth of 1.9% over the same period last year.

Shexil: 1.23 USD Billion registering a growth of 5.17% over the same period last year.

Chemexcil: 11.06 USD Billion registering a growth 0.68% over the same period last year.
- GeM has provided training to 3828 buyers & 2590 sellers for capacity building in the month of November, 2019.
- Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 39.283 crores as on 28th November, 2019.

- MSME sellers/service providers have been awarded contract worth Rs. 19903 Cr. (50.74%) of total contract value.
- GeM and Govt. of NCT of Delhi have signed MOU for seamless procurement of Goods and Services. GeM and Central Bank of India also have signed an MOU for array of services on Gem portal including GPA, (e-P BG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) etc.
- The status of all 474 Group 'B' and 'C' 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	290
Total staff got retired, availed special VRS or died	158
Total surplus staff yet to be redeployed	26

- **Monthly Progress Report for ECGC for the month of November, 2019**

( in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	November 2019
1	Value of Exports supported (Business Covered)	55,179
2	Gross Premium Earned	117.7
3	No. of new buyers added	2,482
4	No. of policies issued	1,186
5	Claims Paid in No.	54
6	Claims Paid Amount	23.3
7	Claim Rejected in No.	78

- **Monthly Progress Report for NEIA for the month of November 2019**

( in Crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>November 2019</b>
1	Number of new projects supported	8
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value)	189.46
3	Number of Covers issued	8
4	Value of Covers issued	154.48

- Special Economic Zone Division has issued instruction No.101 dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 regarding delegation of power for shifting of one unit from an SEZ to another SEZ within the jurisdiction of same DC and Instruction No. 102 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 regarding compliance of contiguity condition as per rule 5 and rule 7 of the SEZ Rules, 2006.
- Pharmexcil with the support of DoC led a pharma delegation to Armenia, Belarus, Russia & Uzbekistan during 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Pharma companies got good business opportunities in the event.

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