

# April exports up 9% to \$38.49 b

## Trade deficit widens to 5-month high of \$26.42 b

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** India's exports rose by 9.03% to \$38.49 billion in April on healthy growth in sectors such as electronics and engineering goods, while the trade deficit widened to a five-month high of \$26.42 billion.

According to the commerce ministry data released on Thursday, imports increased by 19.12% year-on-year to \$64.91 billion in April due to a rise in shipments of crude oil and fertiliser.

The spurt in imports widened the trade deficit - the difference between the value of imports and exports - to the highest since November 2024 when it was recorded at \$31.77 billion.

The sectors which recorded export growth during the month included tobacco, coffee, marine products, tea, ready-made garments of all textiles, rice, gems and jewellery, spices, petroleum products

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and pharmaceuticals.

The outbound shipments of electronics and engineering goods rose by 39.51% and 11.28% to \$3.69 billion and \$9.51 billion, respectively.

Crude oil imports in April rose by 25.6% to \$20.7 billion while gold imports were up by 4.86% to \$3.09 billion.

Commenting on the data, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said, "I hope India will maintain this export momentum and it should be a good year for us" despite global uncertainties.

"We have opened this year with a bang," he told reporters here adding exporters have achieved resiliency in their businesses.

The secretary also said that the strategy to focus on 20 countries and six

commodities is yielding positive results and the commerce ministry will continue to focus on this.

He added that many free trade agreements are going to be concluded soon.

According to the data, the estimated value of services exports for April 2025 was \$35.31 billion compared to \$30.18 Billion in April 2024.

The estimated value of services imports for April 2025 was \$17.54 billion as compared to \$16.76 billion in April 2024.

Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPCC) Secretary General Mithileshwar Thakur said India's apparel exports grew by 14.43% despite ongoing global economic challenges, currency fluctuations and the uncertainty surrounding US reciprocal tariff policy.

## India-US trade agreement talks progressing 'very' well: Comm Secy

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Negotiations for the proposed bilateral trade agreement between India and the US are progressing "very" well and a team will soon be leaving for Washington to further give an impetus to the talks, a top government official said on Thursday.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that an Indian team will be going to Washington for further discussions.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead the team of senior Indian officials to Washington for discussions, starting May 17, with their US counterparts on the agreement.

He will hold meetings with US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer and US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick during his visit.

While Goyal will be in Washington from May 17-20, India's chief negotiator Rajesh Agrawal will hold the deliberations with his US counterpart from May 19-22.

# April unemployment rate at 5.1%

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The rate of unemployment in the country, measured in monthly term for the first time, stood at 5.1% in April this year, showed the government data released on Thursday.

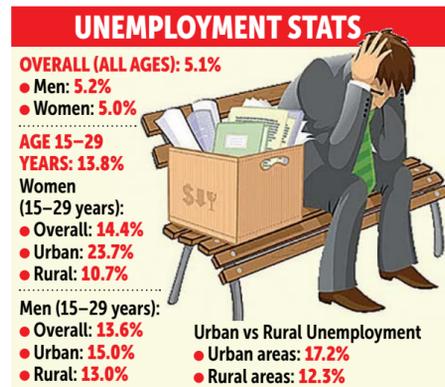
The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation released the first monthly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) as part of efforts to monitor the proportion of unemployed people among those eligible for jobs in the country in real time.

## GOVT'S MONTHLY DATA

Until now, the labour force survey was released on a quarterly basis as well as annual basis.

The latest data collected in current weekly status (CWS) showed that unemployment rate for persons of all ages during April 2025 worked out to be 5.1% in April 2025. The pace of joblessness among men stayed slightly higher at 5.2% compared to that of women at 5%.

Joblessness among those in the age group of 15-29 was 13.8% across the country. The rate of unemployment



ment in urban areas stood at 17.2%, while it was 12.3% in rural areas.

CWS refers to the activity status determined on the basis of a reference period of last 7 days preceding the date of survey.

The study further showed that unemployment rate (UR) among women in the age group of 15-29 was 14.4 across the country (rural-urban), while it was 23.7 in cities and 10.7% in villages.

Joblessness among men aged 15-29 years was recorded at 13.6% in the country, while it was 15% in cities and 13% in villages.

The data also showed



Urban vs Rural Unemployment

that Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) among people aged 15 years and above was 55.6% during April 2025.

The participation rate in rural areas was 58.0% while it was 50.7% in urban areas.

LFPR among males aged 15 years and above in rural and urban areas were 79.0% and 75.3%, respectively.

Among females aged 15 years and above, the rate of labour force participation was 38.2% for rural areas during April 2025.

LFPR refers to the percentage of persons in labour force (i.e. working or seeking or available for

work) in the population. Worker Population Ratio (WPR) defines the proportion of those who are employed among total population.

WPR in rural areas among those aged 15 years and above was 55.4% in April, the data showed.

The ratio in urban areas was 47.4%, while the overall WPR at the national level was recorded at 52.8% last month.

WPR among females aged 15 years and above in rural and urban areas were 36.8% and 23.5% respectively. The overall female WPR of the same age group at the country level was 32.5%.

Considering the need for high-frequency labour force indicators with enhanced coverage, the sampling methodology of PLFS has been revamped from January 2025.

Across the country, a total of 7,511 first-stage sampling units have been surveyed during April 2025.

The number of households surveyed was 89,434 (49,323 in rural areas and 40,111 in urban areas) and number of persons surveyed was 3,80,838 (2,17,483 in rural areas and 1,63,355 in urban areas).

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**Urgently looking for receptionist** boy or girl for a store in Panjim Call : 8411027042.

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**Required for a hotel : Stewards .** Contact : 8329355698 ( timing 9 am to 6pm ) or whatsapp

**Wanted Goan Cook, Dishwasher,** kitchen helpers. Food and accommodation provided in North Goa. 9890422440.

**Vacancy for Drivers for private** vehicles on shift basis at Margao (South Goa). Retired individuals are also welcome to apply. Contact 9922922162.

**Wanted Driver- Experienced LMV** Driver, staying in & around Margao, valid license, having two wheeler, age above 40yrs, polite demeanour preferred. Send biodata & Aadhar card on email- sanoxypov@gmail.com or WhatsApp to 9699272850

**Wanted Full time Female Cook** (morning, afternoon, evening) for a Residence in TALEIGAO. Timings: 9am to 9pm. Salary: 25,000. Food & Restroom provided. Contact: 9823060393. 9552009933.

**Wanted Dishwasher/ waiter for** Bar Restaurant in Ribandar food accommodations provided call 9822102472

**Need Back Office Accounting Associate** for night shift. Requirements: Fluent in English speaking over the phone. Basic computer skills necessary. (Microsoft office & email writing) Hours 8.00pm to 3.00am. Pay starts from 18K. email: kboffice2019@gmail.com and aparna.raut1971@gmail.com Address: Raia- Santimol.

**Wanted experienced Tandoor** Cook for restaurant at Candolim. Salary 28k plus free food and accommodation. Contact: 9021134611

**Wanted Waiters, Dish Washers,** Kitchen Helper, Tandoori Cook Required for a Restaurant in Margao, Food and Accommodations available. 8605016391

**Wanted urgently all-rounder cook,** waiters and cashier for a bar and restaurant in fatorda margao 7499224898

**Wanted a sales girl and boy for a** jewellery store in mapusa. Experience in same field will be preferred. Contact no: 9764215087/ 8830109162

**Wanted Driver for Taxi Service** in Panjim, Goa. Contact: +91 8605007400

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**Office Peon/ Drivers/ 12th Pass** Candidates/ B.Com Graduates Accounts/ Computer Technicians/ CCTV Technicians. Walk in Interview on Friday 16.05.2025 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m. Shilpa Computers, Next to Popular High School, Margao- Goa 0832 2706262 Email: siddharthnaik1977@gmail.com (WhatsApp CV on 9422059762)

**Wanted experienced Driver** urgently, of Goan origin, resident of Panjim and surrounding area. Contact - 9175462754, 7028715764

**Wanted an Optometrist for Eye** Clinic in Margao. Whatsapp your CV to 9371834012

**Wanted Architectural Assistant /** Draftsman / Civil Engineer to prepare plans for Margao Office. Contact: 9623770612

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**Wanted Site Engineer / Site** Supervisor for a residential project in Margao. Contact: +919404435945.

**Wanted waiters, Allrounder** cooks, Receptionist in utorda Goa 9048299100

**Urgently required for 7 Star hotel** in Dubai Waiters bell boy kitchen helper cashiers billing clerk Contact on WhatsApp number 8806761023

**Require Front Office Associate** (Male/Female) for Resort in Salcete, South Goa. Candidate should be minimum HSSC or Graduate. Can be a fresher or experienced and able to work in Shifts. Interested candidate can Whatsapp CV / Call on 8550998280.

**Looking for driver for Tata 207/** ace or similar vehicles in Cuncoim IDC. He should be willing to handle the outdoor sales of chilled water jars. Contact- 9763820508 / 7020626533

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**Wanted Immediately Service** advisors- 3 no, floor incharge- 1no, for two wheeler service centre at borda, Margao, and at ponda Contact no. 8087073756

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**Wanted One Special Educator on** Contract Basis. Candidates should submit hand-written application with photo & relevant documents by 24-05-2025, 10.00 a.m at St. Mary of the Angels Convent High School, Chinchinim.

**Wanted Accounts Assistant For a** Tax Consultant St.inez- Panaji B.Com With Knowledge of Tally. Freshers may also apply. Contact -9890219115

**Wanted L.D.C. (XII, Computers)** on Contract basis for the academic year 2025-2026. Walk in with original Testimonials and valid Employment Exchange Card on 26/05/2025 at 9 am at Regina Mundi School, Chicalim.

**Require Female Billing Staff with** Computer knowledge for medical distributor Margao. Staff must have Konkani knowledge. In and around Margao Preferred. Call 9970817543

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**Wanted Urgently in Margao:** Sales Representative for Electronic Showroom, should be fluent in English, Konkani, Salary- 15,000/-. To 25000 Call: 9850400751/ 7378500171. Email Resume to sales.plaza@solarenterprises.in Walk in Interview on 21.05.2025 12 noon onwards

**Required-Technical Assistant** With Mechanical Engineering background and basic computer skills (MS Word, Excel) needed to assist compile data for workshop reference books. Freshers welcome. Preferably from in and around Margao. Hours: 8:30 AM to 1:15 PM. Ideal for those with passion for learning engineering and want to progress further in a desk job. Email resume: jer.afwork30@gmail.com

**Looking for male candidate 12 th** passed residing around margao, need to have some knowledge of billing & accounts also to interact customers on phone contact 7083137144

**Wanted one Primary Teacher,** XII/D.El.Ed., TETC contract basis from 04/05/25- 29/10/25. Candidates as per Govt. Recruitment Rules, Attend interview on 23/05/2025 at 08:30 am, with application, testimonials, employment card, original, photocopies in Pope John XXIII Primary School, Quepem

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**Wanted all rounder chef/** continental chef, salary: 25000+ and Kitchen helper salary: 17000+ to work for Hotel in Donapaula. Salary: 25,000+contact: 8806448765

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# 'Apple's investment plans in India intact'

## Govt sources claim company proposes India to be major mfg base

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** iPhone maker Apple's investment plans for India are intact and the company proposes to have a major manufacturing base for its products in the country, government sources said.

Soon after US President Donald Trump made a statement that he has asked Apple CEO Tim Cook to cut India manufacturing, Indian officials spoke to executives of the Cupertino-based firm.

Apple executives assured the Indian government officials that the company's investment plans are intact and the country would be a major manufacturing base of Apple.

"Apple has said that its investment plans in India are intact and it proposes to continue to have India as a major manufacturing base for its products," the source said.

Cook has announced that Apple will source the majority of iPhones sold in the US from India in the June quarter while China will produce the vast majority of the devices for other markets amid uncertainty over