

India Export Calendar 2026

Trade fair, scheme deadline & compliance calendar for Indian exporters

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How to Use This Calendar

This calendar consolidates four categories of information Indian exporters need to track across the year:

- **Trade fairs** — international and domestic exhibitions where buyers source Indian goods.
- **Scheme deadlines** — FTP 2023 scheme obligations (EPCG, Advance Authorization, RoDTEP, etc.).
- **Compliance windows** — Customs, GST, income-tax and other regulatory deadlines.
- **Reference data** — top HS codes with RoDTEP rates, key agency contacts, and source links.

How to read date entries: Where an exact 2026 date has not been officially confirmed at time of compilation, the entry reads '(verify [source])' — always cross-check before booking travel or planning shipments.

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Q1 2026 (January – March)

Trade Fairs

Fair	Location	Dates	Relevance	Source
Heimtextil Frankfurt	Frankfurt, Germany	Jan 2026 (verify messefrankfurt.com)	Home textiles, furnishing fabrics, bath linen — strong India exporter presence	messefrankfurt.com
Maison & Objet Paris (Ed. 1)	Paris, France	Jan 2026 (verify maison-objet.com)	Home decor, lifestyle, gift — Indian handicrafts, Madhubani, brassware	maison-objet.com
Ambiente Frankfurt	Frankfurt, Germany	Feb 2026 (verify messefrankfurt.com)	Consumer goods, tableware, kitchenware — high-volume Indian exporter event	messefrankfurt.com
Sourcing at Magic Las Vegas (Ed. 1)	Las Vegas, USA	Feb 2026 (verify magicfashionevents.com)	Apparel and accessories sourcing — garment exporters targeting US buyers	magicfashionevents.com
India Intl Garment Fair (Ed. 1)	Pragati Maidan, Delhi	Jan 2026 (verify aepc.in)	Ready-made garments, fashion wear — organized by AEPC	aepc.in

Compliance & Scheme Deadlines

Deadline	Date	Detail	Authority	Source
GST Refund — Rolling Window	Rolling	Claims within 2 years of 'relevant date' (export date for zero-rated supplies)	CBIC	CGST Act §54; cbic.gov.in
RoDTEP Scrip Validity	Rolling	Scrips valid 12 months from generation; transfer or utilize before expiry	DGFT	dgft.gov.in → RoDTEP
AD Code Registration	Before first shipment at each port	One-time per port of export; mandatory before Let Export Order	Customs / Bank	Customs EDI; icegate.gov.in
ITR — Advance Tax Planning	Q1 planning	Applicable to proprietors; plan advance tax installments; 1st installment due 15 Jun	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
RCMC Renewal	Anniversary of issue	Certificate valid 5 years; check issue date and plan renewal	EPC / APEDA	EPC portals; apeda.gov.in

Q2 2026 (April – June)

Trade Fairs

Fair	Location	Dates	Relevance	Source
Canton Fair Phase 1	Guangzhou, China	Apr 2026 (verify cantonfair.org.cn)	Electronics, machinery — for Indian importers and sellers targeting Chinese buyers	cantonfair.org.cn
Canton Fair Phase 2	Guangzhou, China	Apr–May 2026 (verify cantonfair.org.cn)	Consumer goods, gifts, home decor	cantonfair.org.cn
IHGF Delhi Fair Spring	Greater Noida (India Expo Centre)	Apr 2026 (verify ihgfdelhifair.in)	Handicrafts, home decor, furniture, fashion accessories — premier India buyer-seller meet	ihgfdelhifair.in ; epch.in

Compliance & Scheme Deadlines

Deadline	Date	Detail	Authority	Source
IEC Annual Update	Apr–Jun 2026	IEC holders must confirm/update details annually on DGFT portal; no fee but mandatory	DGFT	dgft.gov.in → IEC
Advance Authorization EODC	Per authorization	EODC must be submitted within prescribed period from EO expiry; per FTP Ch 4 + HBP Para 4.49	DGFT RA	dgft.gov.in
EPCG Redemption	Per license	EO period is 6 years from issue date (extendable); redemption per FTP Para 5.21	DGFT RA	dgft.gov.in
GST Refund — Rolling	Rolling	Same 2-year window from relevant date	CBIC	CGST Act §54
Duty Drawback Claim	Within 1 year of Let Export date	Sections 75/76, Customs Act; 18-month condonation on application; per Customs Manual Ch. 23	Customs	cbic.gov.in → Customs Manual Ch. 23
Advance Tax (1st Instalment)	15 Jun 2026	15% of estimated tax liability; applicable where total tax > ₹10,000	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in

Q3 2026 (July – September)

Trade Fairs

Fair	Location	Dates	Relevance	Source
India Intl Garment Fair (Ed. 2)	Pragati Maidan, Delhi	Jul 2026 (verify aepc.in)	Ready-made garments — organized by AEPC	aepc.in
Sourcing at Magic Las Vegas (Ed. 2)	Las Vegas, USA	Aug 2026 (verify magicfashionevents.com)	Apparel and accessories — US buyer meet	magicfashionevents.com
Maison & Objet Paris (Ed. 2)	Paris, France	Sep 2026 (verify maison-objet.com)	Home decor, lifestyle — second annual edition	maison-objet.com
Texworld India	Mumbai / Delhi	Sep 2026 (verify texworldindia.com)	Fabrics, textiles, trims — B2B sourcing for garment manufacturers and exporters	texworldindia.com
IFAT India	Mumbai	Sep 2026 (verify ifat-india.com)	Water, sewage, waste and recycling tech — environment sector exporters	ifat-india.com

Compliance & Scheme Deadlines

Deadline	Date	Detail	Authority	Source
ITR Filing — Non-Audit Cases	31 Jul 2026	Proprietors and partnerships without tax audit; export income declared here	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
Advance Tax (2nd Instalment)	15 Sep 2026	45% cumulative of estimated tax liability	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
GST Refund — Rolling	Rolling	2-year window from relevant date of export	CBIC	CGST Act §54
RoDTEP Scrip — Monitor Validity	Rolling	Scrips generated Q3 2025 expire Q3 2026; review and utilize before expiry	DGFT	dgft.gov.in
Duty Drawback — Monitor	Rolling	Claims for exports made Q3 2025 must be filed by Q3 2026	Customs	Customs Act §75/76

Q4 2026 (October – December)

Trade Fairs

Fair	Location	Dates	Relevance	Source
Canton Fair Phase 3	Guangzhou, China	Oct–Nov 2026 (verify cantonfair.org.cn)	Textiles, garments, shoes — strong India competition and sourcing quarter	cantonfair.org.cn
IHGF Delhi Fair Autumn	Greater Noida (India Expo Centre)	Oct 2026 (verify ihgfdelhfair.in)	Handicrafts, home furnishings — autumn edition; major international buyer attendance	ihgfdelhfair.in ; epch.in
IITF — India Intl Trade Fair	Pragati Maidan, Delhi	Nov 2026 (verify itpo.gov.in)	Multi-sector; domestic and international trade; MSME pavilion	itpo.gov.in

Compliance & Scheme Deadlines

Deadline	Date	Detail	Authority	Source
ITR Filing — Audit Cases	31 Oct 2026	Businesses requiring tax audit (trading turnover > ₹1 crore)	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
ITR Filing — Transfer Pricing Cases	30 Nov 2026	Exporters with international transactions subject to transfer pricing	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
Advance Tax (3rd Instalment)	15 Dec 2026	75% cumulative of estimated tax liability	Income Tax	incometax.gov.in
GST Annual Return (GSTR-9)	31 Dec 2026 (verify CBIC circular)	For registered exporters with turnover > ₹2 crore; confirm exact date annually	CBIC	cbic.gov.in
EPCG / AA — Year-End Review	Dec 2026	Review all active licenses; calculate pending EO; plan Q1 2027 shipments accordingly	DGFT RA	dgft.gov.in
RCMC — Check Renewal Dates	Dec 2026	Review all RCMC certificates; renew before expiry to maintain scheme eligibility	EPC / APEDA	EPC portals

Top 10 HS Codes for Indian Exporters

RoDTEP rates are as notified under DGFT Notification No. 19/2015-20 dated 17 Aug 2021 and subsequent amendments. Rates apply at the 8-digit ITC-HS level. Verify current rate at dgft.gov.in → **Trade Notices** → **RoDTEP** → **Appendix 4R** before generating scrips or filing ICEGATE declarations.

HS Code	Description	Indicative RoDTEP Rate	Key Markets	Notes
1006.30	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled	~0.5–1.5%	Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia	Basmati (1006.20) has separate rate; verify both
0803.90	Fresh bananas (other than plantains)	~2–3%	Middle East, UK, EU	Seasonal; verify phytosanitary compliance per destination
0809.90	Other fresh stone fruit (incl. litchi)	~2–3%	China, EU, Middle East	GI-tagged litchi from Bihar — premium positioning
0813.40	Other dried fruit (incl. makhana/fox nuts)	~2–3%	USA, EU, Southeast Asia	GI tag: Mithila Makhana (Bihar) — GI No. 603
5303.90	Jute yarn (other)	~1–2%	EU, USA, Middle East	JMDC export promotion; verify DGFT Jute SOP
5305.00	Coir & other vegetable textile fibres	~1–2%	EU, USA	COIR Board assistance; coirboard.gov.in
6301–6310	Handloom textiles and made-ups	~1–3%	USA, EU, Japan, Australia	Handloom Mark certification strengthens buyer trust
9701.10	Paintings (Madhubani/Mithila art)	Refer Appendix 4R, DGFT	USA, EU, Canada	GI-tagged; no export duty; cultural goods classification
0910.91	Mixed spices	~1–2%	Middle East, USA, UK	Spice Board registration required; spicesboard.com
0902.10	Green tea (not fermented)	~1–2%	USA, EU, Russia	Tea Board certification; teaboard.gov.in

** Rates above are indicative ranges. Actual rates apply at the 8-digit ITC-HS level. DGFT amends the schedule periodically. Always confirm via dgft.gov.in → Notifications → Appendix 4R before filing claims.*

Key Contacts for Indian Exporters

Agency	Role	Contact	Website
DGFT	FTP, IEC, RCMC, RoDTEP, EPCG, AA	Helpdesk: 1800-111-550	dgft.gov.in
APEDA	Agri-product exports, registration, HACCP support	info@apeda.gov.in 011-2651-3204	apeda.gov.in
EPCH	Handicraft exporter support; IHGF Delhi Fair organizer	info@epch.com	epch.in; ihgfdelhifair.in
FIEO	RCMC for general merchandise; trade advocacy	communication@fieo.org	fieo.org
CBIC	Customs, duty drawback, GST refunds, IGST	—	cbic.gov.in
ICEGATE	E-filing: shipping bills, drawback, import/export docs	—	icegate.gov.in
Spice Board India	Mandatory registration for spice exporters	—	spicesboard.com
Tea Board of India	Tea exporter registration and certification	—	teaboard.gov.in
COIR Board	Coir product export promotion	—	coirboard.gov.in
BIADA	Industrial land and infrastructure — Bihar-based exporters	—	biadabihar.in
Patna CCI	Customs jurisdiction for Bihar-routed exports	—	ccipatna.com
RBI	FEMA compliance, forex remittances, export credit	—	rbi.org.in

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Sources

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Source	Purpose	URL	Note
DGFT — FTP 2023	FTP scheme rules (IEC, EPCG, AA, RoDTEP)	dgft.gov.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
DGFT Notification 19/2015-20 (17 Aug 2021)	RoDTEP Schedule of Rates (Appendix 4R)	dgft.gov.in → Trade Notices	Verify amendments before claiming
DGFT HBP Para 4.49	Advance Authorization EODC procedure	dgft.gov.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
CBIC Customs Manual, Ch. 23	Duty Drawback procedures and timelines	cbic.gov.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
Customs Act 1962, §§75 & 76	Duty drawback legal basis	cbic.gov.in → Acts	Verify before relying on for filing
CGST Act 2017, §54	GST refund for zero-rated exports	cbic.gov.in → Acts	Accessed: 2026-05-19
EPCH / IHGF Delhi Fair	IHGF fair dates and registration	ihgfdelhifair.in	Verify 2026 dates before travel booking
Messe Frankfurt	Heimtextil and Ambiente fair dates	messefrankfurt.com	Verify 2026 dates before travel booking
ITPO	India International Trade Fair (IITF) dates	itpo.gov.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
APEDA	Agricultural product export support	apeda.gov.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
Canton Fair	Canton Fair phases and dates	cantonfair.org.cn	Verify phases before booking
RBI Master Direction	Export of Goods & Services (FEMA)	rbi.org.in	Accessed: 2026-05-19
Income Tax Department	ITR filing deadlines	incometax.gov.in	Confirm circulars for 2026 AY

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