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समस्त अधिकार आरक्षित, इस प्रकाशन का कोई भी भाग, छोटे अंशों के सिवाय, वाणिज्यिक प्रयोग के उद्देश्यों के अलावा, महानिदेशक, वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी से पूर्व अनुमति बिना छाया प्रतिलिप्यांकन, अभिलेखन या सूचना भंडारण तथा पुनः स्थापना पद्धति सहित इलेक्ट्रॉनिक अथवा यंत्रकीय विधि द्वारा किसी भी रूप या प्रकार से विक्रयार्थ पुनर्प्रकाशित नहीं किया जा सकता है ।

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Preface

Trade has several aspects, many of which seldom come to the forefront. For example, people would like to know about the trade through Foreign Post Offices, or even enquire about the major commodities that are traded through airports. Another aspect of trade includes transit to other countries like Nepal and Bhutan that is carried out through India. These aspects, albeit important, are rarely factored into the daily discussions on trade. The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) regularly comes out with its publication the **Selected Statistics of Foreign Trade of India during 2019-20** which tells about such aspects of trade, which though are minute, are almost indispensable to have a complete view of Foreign Trade in India.

In this edition we provide information on many diverse aspects of trade in India for the year 2019-20. It is hoped that it will be of immense help to its readers, as had been in earlier years, since the information on such aspects are rarely found in any other publication.

Any comment or suggestion towards the improvement of this publication or including any interesting yet novel dimension of Indian Trade, which is generally not included elsewhere, will be highly appreciated.

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प्रस्तावना

व्यापार के कई पहलू हैं, जिनमें से कई शायद ही कभी सबसे आगे आते हैं। उदाहरण के लिए, लोग विदेशी डाकघरों के माध्यम से व्यापार के बारे में जानना चाहते हैं, या यहां तक कि हवाई अड्डों के माध्यम से व्यापार की जाने वाली प्रमुख वस्तुओं के बारे में पूछताछ करना चाहते हैं। व्यापार के एक अन्य पहलू में नेपाल और भूटान जैसे अन्य देशों के लिए पारगमन शामिल है जो भारत के माध्यम से किया जाता है। ये पहलू हालांकि महत्वपूर्ण हैं, व्यापार पर दैनिक चर्चा में शायद ही कभी शामिल होते हैं। वाणिज्यिक जानकारी और सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय (डी.जी.सी.आई.एंड.एस.) नियमित रूप से 2018-19 के दौरान भारत के विदेश व्यापार के चयनित सांख्यिकी प्रकाशित करता है जो व्यापार के ऐसे पहलुओं के बारे में बताता है, जो हालांकि सूक्ष्म हैं, एक संपूर्ण दृष्टिकोण रखने के लिए लगभग अपरिहार्य हैं।

इस संस्करण में हम वर्ष 2018-19 के लिए भारत में व्यापार के कई विविध पहलुओं पर जानकारी प्रदान करते हैं। यह आशा की जाती है कि यह अपने पाठकों के लिए बहुत मददगार होगा, जैसा कि पहले के वर्षों में होता था, क्योंकि इस तरह के पहलुओं की जानकारी शायद ही किसी अन्य प्रकाशन में मिलती है।

इस प्रकाशन के सुधार के लिए कोई टिप्पणी या सुझाव या भारतीय व्यापार के किसी भी दिलचस्प लेकिन आयाम सहित, जो आम तौर पर कहीं और शामिल नहीं है, की अत्यधिक सराहना की जाएगी।

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This annual publication contains the statistics for 2018-19 in respect of certain important aspects of the foreign trade of India, which are not separately available in other related publications of this Directorate. Some of these aspects are mentioned below:

I. Data of India's foreign trade in treasure including currency notes are presented in the publication on a yearly basis.

II. India's foreign trade (value only) data in merchandise is shown according to Customs Zones.

III. The unit value and Quantum indices of foreign trade of India published in this volume are constructed by using Fisher's formula. The indices are of chain base type.

IV. Three types of terms of trade are regularly constructed by this office. These are Net Terms of Trade, Gross Terms of Trade and Income Terms of Trade.

❖ Net Terms of trade is defined as the ratio of unit value index of exports to that of imports.

❖ Gross Terms of Trade is defined as the ratio of quantum index of imports to that of exports, whereas

❖ Income Terms of Trade is defined as products of Net Terms of Trade and quantum index of exports.

All these are, however, expressed in percentages.

V. The quantity and value of principal articles imported into and exported through foreign post offices and classified according to kind have been presented here. The data are compiled from returns received from Foreign Post Offices. Quantities for some of the commodities are shown as '0' owing to insignificant value compared to their units.

VI. Information on the quantum of imports of certain items like liquors, spirit, wines, oil (Mineral including kerosene, diesel, lubricating oils and HSD), cigarette, tobacco, condensed milk, soap etc. which are left unclaimed in the customs bonded warehouses at the end of the accounting year are shown in the publication according to Customs Zones.

VII. The direct transit trade of both the neighboring land-locked countries namely Nepal and Bhutan passing through India are shown by the country of consignment in case of imports and by the country of destination in case of exports. An attempt for giving commodity code in 8-digit ITC(HS) along with the name of the commodities passing through the direct transit trade has been made from 2011-12 publication. The statistics are compiled on the basis of returns received from Customs Offices.

VIII. India's foreign trade (both export and import) through India's major airports have been covered to analyze the trade pattern of principal commodities through air.

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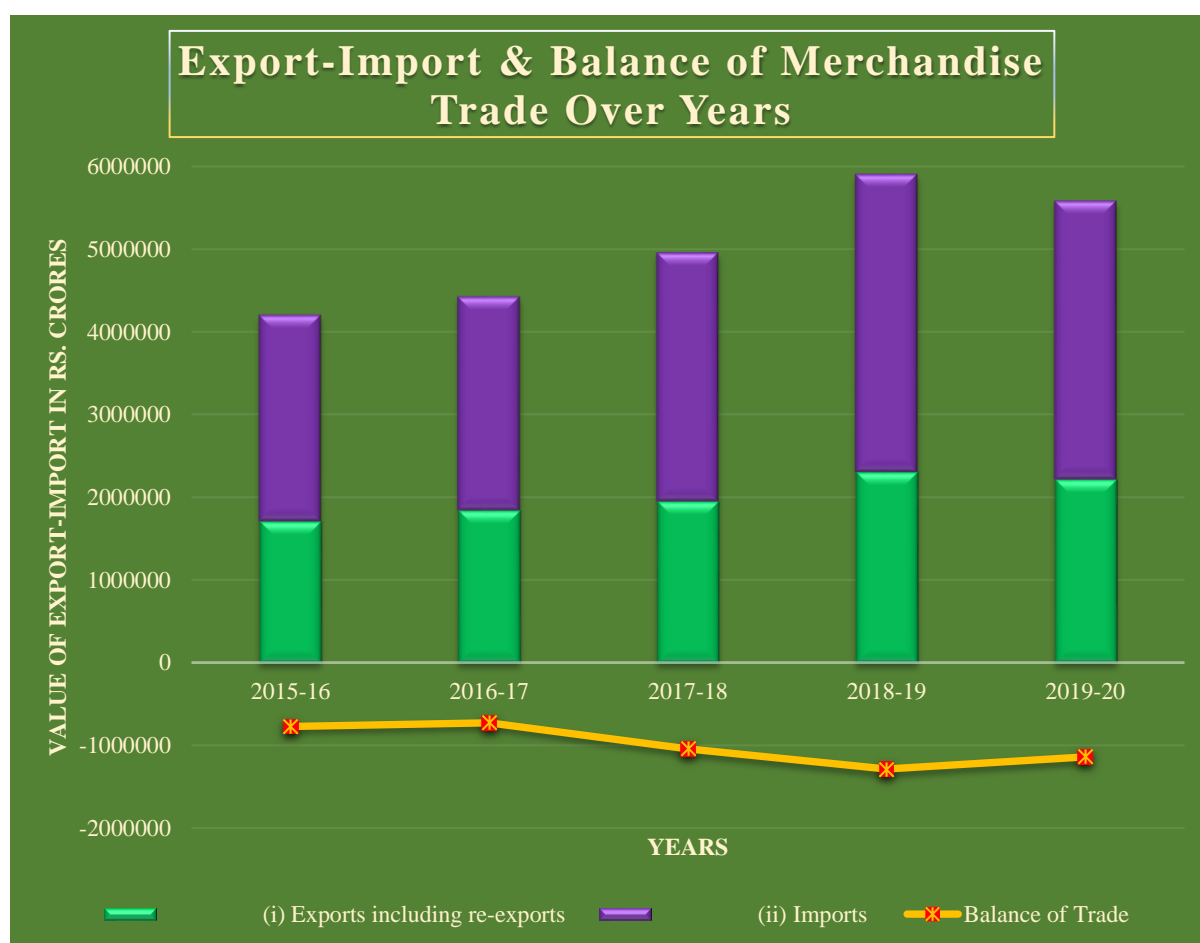
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A Brief Review of Selected Statistics of Foreign Trade of India during 2019-20

1. **TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE:** During 2019-20, total export¹ was Rs. 22,19,854 crores showing a decline by (-) 3.81% over that in 2018-19 while total import was Rs. 33,60,954 crores, a decline by (-) 6.5% over 2018-19. After 2015-16, this was the first occasion when total export has declined. In 2015-16 though the decline was much sharper by (-) 9.5%. Total import also declined for the first time since 2015-16. In 2015-16 import registered a decline by (-) 9.0%.

2. **BALANCE OF TRADE:** India's Deficit in Balance of Trade in Merchandise trade, during the year 2019-20, stood at Rs. (-) 11,41,100 crores as compared to Rs. (-) 12,86,948 crores in 2018-19 implying a reduction in deficit by 11.3 % over 2018-19. India had always had deficit in Balance of Trade in Merchandise trade in the last five years.



¹ Export includes Re-export

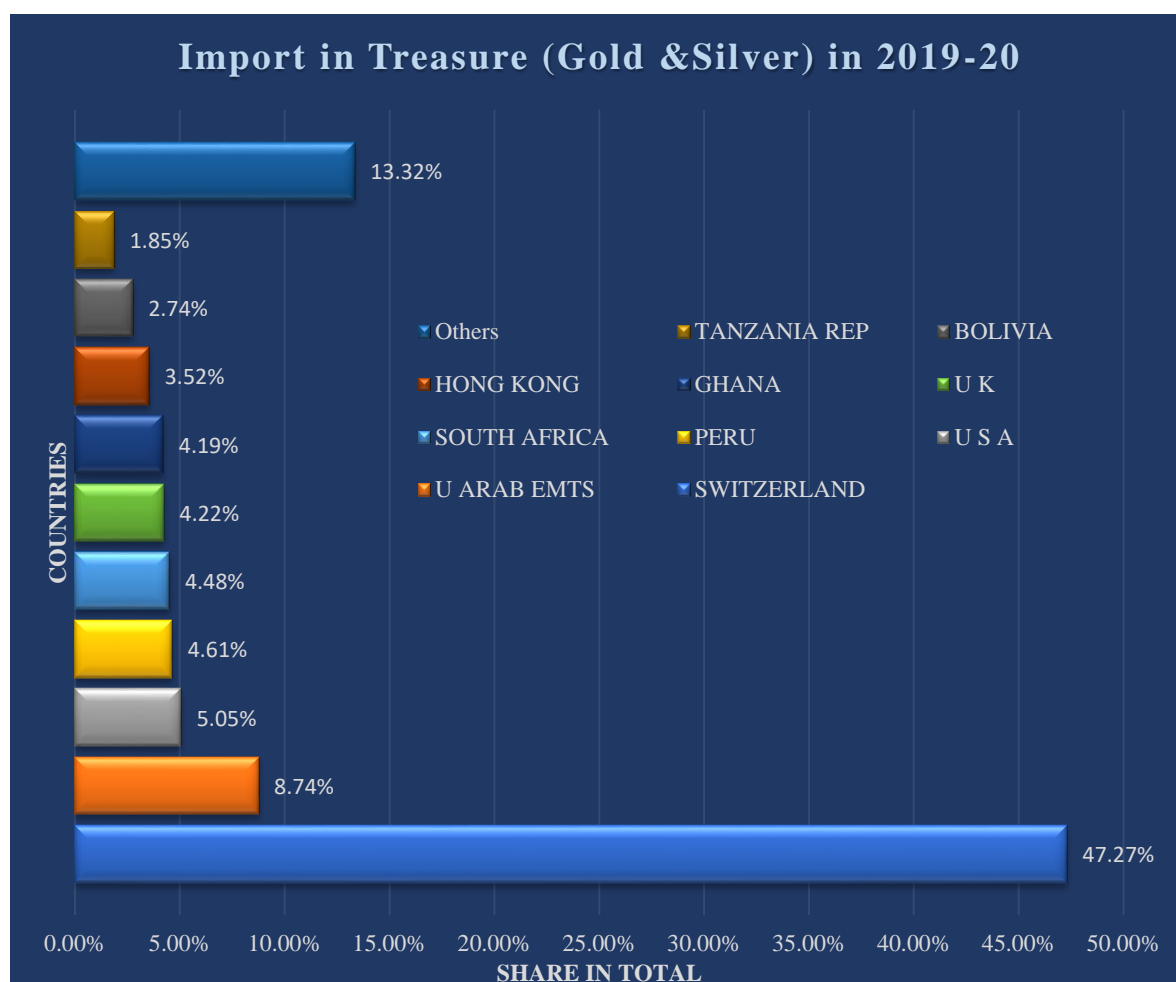
3. FOREIGN TRADE IN TREASURE (Gold & Silver):

a. The total export of gold was Rs. 9603 crores in 2019-20, a rise by 16.16 % over Rs. 8,266 crores of export of gold in 2018-19 while that of silver was Rs. 68 crores in 2019-20, a decline by 16.9 % over Rs. 82 crores in 2018-19. Gold and silver has started being exported since 2017-18 only.

b. The total import of gold in the year 2019-20 was Rs. 1,99,250 crores, down by 13.19 % over Rs. 2,29,537 crores of import of gold in 2018-19 while that of silver was Rs. 19,162 crores, down by massive 26.83 % over Rs. 26,189 crores during previous year. Before 2017-18, miniscule amount of import of gold and silver used to take place.

c. Due to higher fall in the import of gold and silver compared to marginal fall in export of those items, 2019-20 witnessed an improvement in terms of a reduction in deficit of Balance of Trade in Treasure (Gold/Silver).

d. The import of gold and silver is taking place, mainly, as unworked or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form. Switzerland, UAE, USA, Peru, South Africa, UK, Ghana, Hong Kong, Bolivia and Republic of Tanzania are top 10 source of import of gold and silver to India.

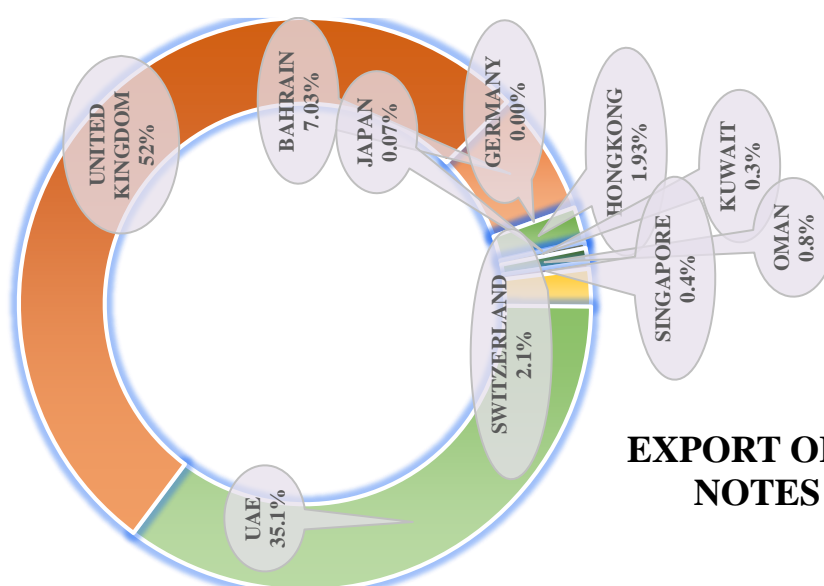


4. **FOREIGN TRADE IN TREASURE (Currency Notes):**

a. The total Exports of currency notes has been declining over the last three years. During 2019-20 it was Rs. 4,542 crores, a decrease by 5.37% over export of currency notes of Rs. 4,799 crores during 2018-19. Export of Currency was Rs. 5,431 crores in 2017-18. No Export of currency notes took place during three years prior to 2017-18.

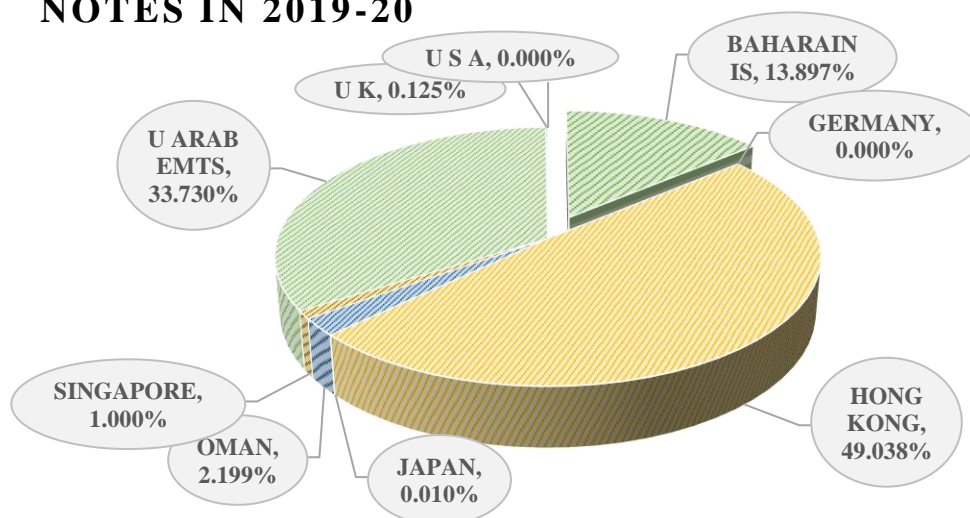
b. The total Imports of currency notes during 2019-20 was Rs. 33,543 crores, an increase by 5.28% over imports of currency notes of Rs. 31,860 crores during 2018-19. It stood at Rs. 25,068 crores in 2017-18. Imports of currency notes were negligible during previous three years.

c. UK, UAE, Switzerland, Bahrain are the top countries where export of currency notes took place in 2019-20. Hong Kong, UAE, Bahrain, Oman and Singapore are top sources of import of currency notes.



EXPORT OF CURRENCY NOTES IN 2019-20

IMPORT OF CURRENCY NOTES IN 2019-20



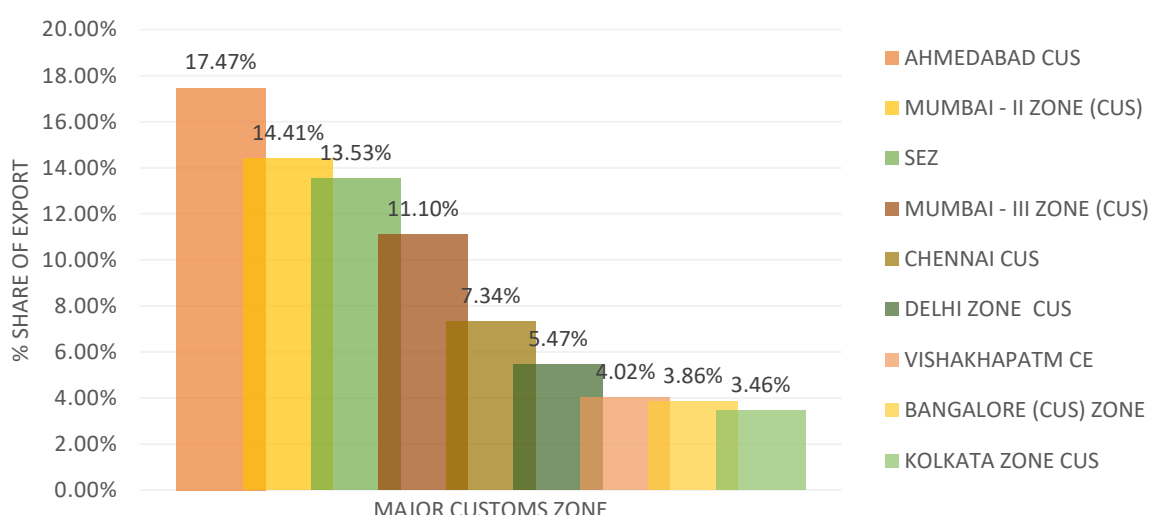
5. MAJOR CUSTOM ZONES IN INDIA'S FOREIGN TRADE BY VALUE:

a. The top 10 zones accounted for around 83% of the total exports in 2019-20, in which around 13.5% of the exports happen through SEZs. The same zones featured in the top 10 for 2018-19 also with a share of 83% of the total exports.

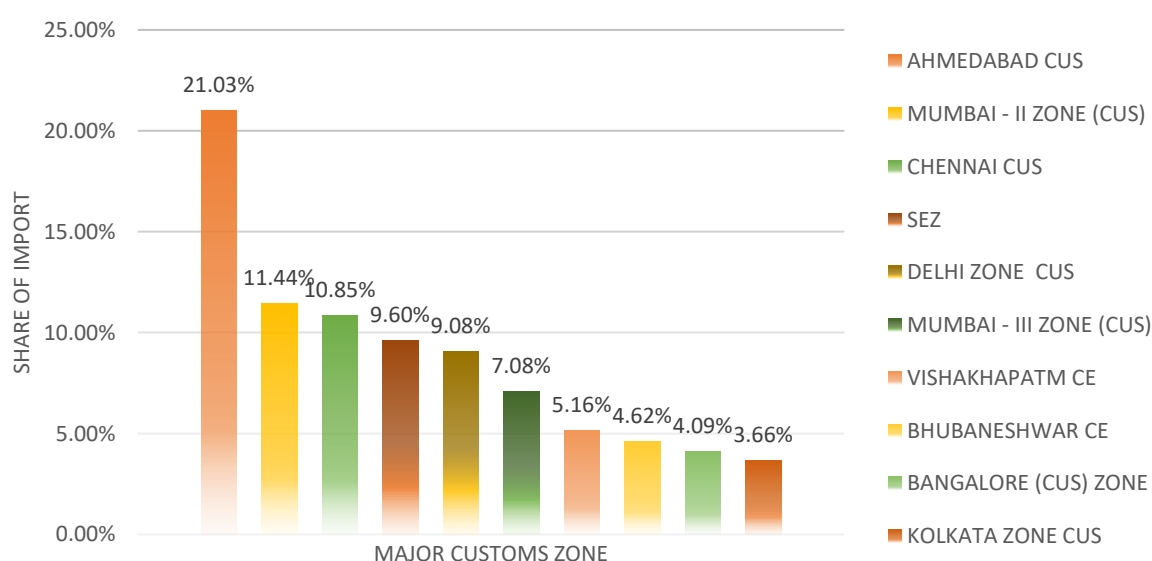
b. Again, the same top 10 zones contributed to 87% of the total imports in 2019-20, in which 10% of the imports move into SEZs. They are also included in the list of top 10 customs zone for 2018-19 with a share of 87% of the total imports.

c. It is to note that Ahmedabad, Mumbai II Zone, Mumbai III Zone, Delhi, Chennai, Vishakhapatnam, Bangalore and Kolkata Zones are present in the top 10 of both Export and Import.

EXPORT-MAJOR CUSTOMS ZONEWISE SHARE IN 2019-20



IMPORT-MAJOR CUSTOMS ZONEWISE SHARE IN 2019-20



6. **INDIA'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY FOREIGN POST OFFICE:**

The value of Postal Exports was Rs. 59.65 crores for the year 2019-20 (Table No. 9A) as compared to Rs. 64.96 crores in the previous year, implying a decrease of 8.17%.

a. The value of Postal Imports is miniscule at Rs. 0.63 crores during the year 2019-20 as compared to Rs. 9.12 crores in 2018-19 (Table No. 9B), implying a decline of 93.09% over last year.

b. Important items of Postal Exports were Jewellery and articles made of Silver jewellery, gold jewellery, jewellery of other precious and semi-precious stones and imitation jewellery. Important items of Postal Imports include Silver and Gold Jewellery studded with precious and semiprecious stones, Imitation Jewellery for personal use, Laboratory Glassware, Articles of Vulcanised Rubber excluding mats/gasket and other inflatable articles, Suits of Cotton etc.

c. 64% of the exports by Foreign Post Office go to the USA. Australia, Japan, Canada, UK, France and Germany are other important export destinations with shares of export more than 3% in each in 2019-20. Together they constitute about 85% of exports by Foreign Post Offices. In case of imports through Foreign Post Offices, 12% of it comes from USA. Among rest, Hong Kong, Canada, Netherlands and Germany are major source countries of import with shares above 3% in each in 2019-20. Bulk of the import through Foreign Post Offices in 2019-20, i.e., about 61% comes from unspecified source countries.

VALUE OF COMMODITIES EXPORTED THROUGH FOREIGN POST OFFICES IN 2019-20			
ITC (HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	Share in Total
71131120	Silver Jewellery set with Gems	32.42	54.35%
71039990	Other Stone Cut (Topaz Aquamarine etc.)	7.62	12.78%
71131940	Jewellery of Gold set with Precious and Semi- Precious Stones other than Diamonds	2.73	4.57%
71039100	Otherwise Worked Rubies Sapphires and Emeralds	2.67	4.48%
71179090	Other Imitation Jewellery for Personal Adornment (other than Art ware)	1.87	3.13%
71131130	Other Articles of Silver Jewellery	1.40	2.34%
71031029	Other Semi- Precious Stone Uncut	1.27	2.13%
71131930	Jewellery of Gold set with Diamond	1.06	1.77%
71162000	Articles of Precious or Semi- Precious Stones (Natural/Synthetic/Reconstructed)	0.93	1.56%
71131990	Articles of Other Precious Metals	0.84	1.41%
63041910	Bedsheets and Bed Covers of Cotton	0.75	1.26%
	Others	6.10	10.22%
Total		59.65	100%

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED THROUGH FOREIGN POST OFFICES IN 2019-20

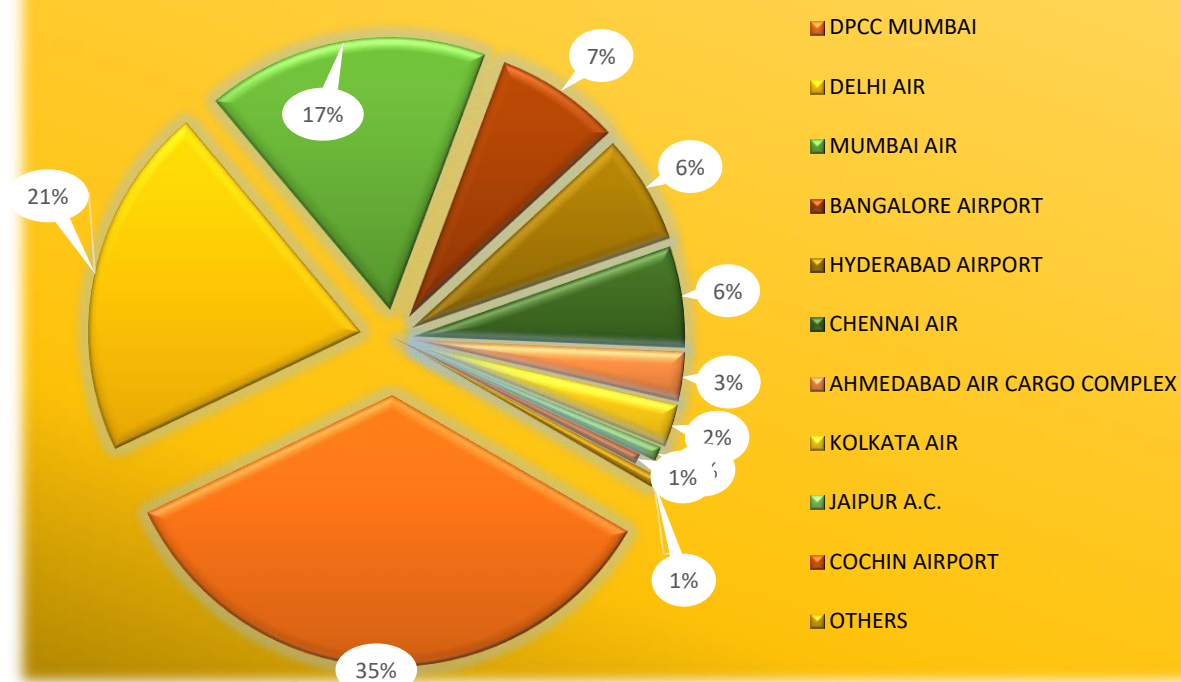
ITC (HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	Share in Total
98049000	Dutiable Articles Intended for Personal use	0.388	61.50%
71031029	Other Semi- Precious Stone uncut	0.163	25.77%
71042000	Other Synthetic/Reconstructed Precious/Semi- Precious Stones Unworked/Simply Swan/Roughly Shaped	0.032	5.01%
71131120	Silver Jewellery set with Gems	0.015	2.38%
70179090	Other Laboratory Glassware	0.008	1.28%
71131940	Jewellery of Gold set with Precious and Semi-Precious Stones other than Diamonds	0.003	0.55%
71179090	Other Imitation Jewellery for Personal Adornment (Other than Art ware)	0.003	0.49%
71039100	Otherwise Worked Rubies Sapphires and Emeralds	0.003	0.48%
40169990	Other Articles of Vulcanised Rubber Excluding Mats/Gaskets and other Inflatable Articles	0.003	0.43%
62041200	Suits of Cotton	0.002	0.34%
	Others	0.011	1.77%
	Total	0.63	

7. TRADE PATTERN THROUGH MAJOR AIRPORTS:

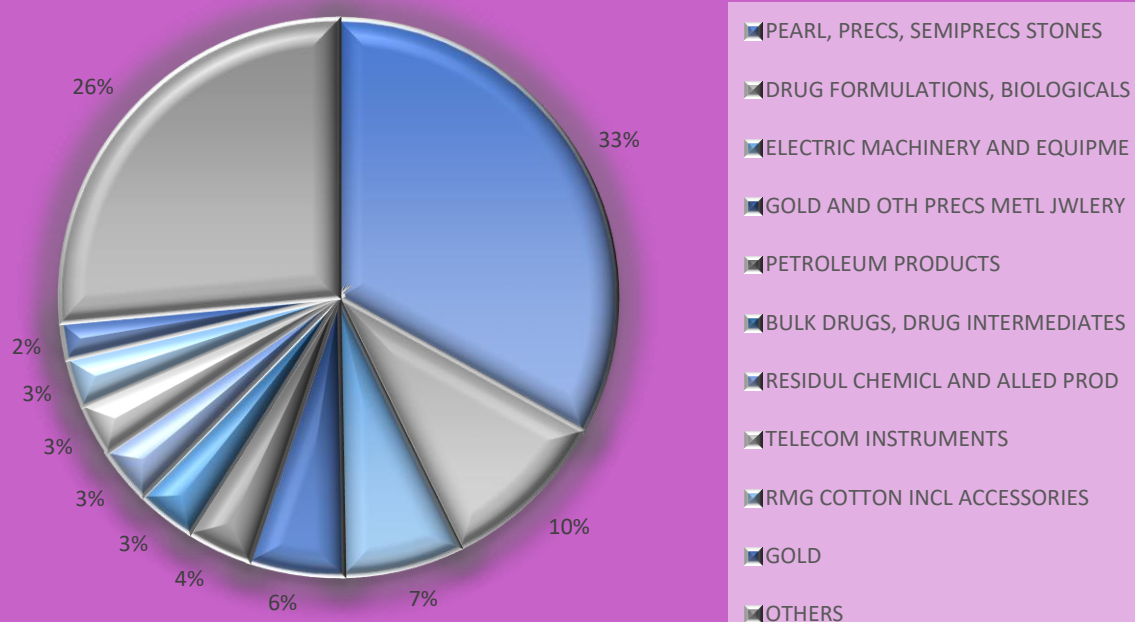
a. Analysis of pattern of Foreign Trade, both exports and imports, in terms of principal commodities through various major airports reveals interesting insights. Top 6 airports account for 92.32 % of the total exports through airports while the top 6 airports account for almost 94.54 % of the total imports through airports.

b. The main items exported are Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones which account for around 33%, along with 'Drug formulations, Biologicals' accounting for 9.77%, Electrical Machinery and Equipment for 6.96% and Gold and Other Precious Metal Jewellery for 5.46% of the total exports through Airports. On the other hand the main items imported are Gold (18.83%), Pearl Precious and Semi-precious stones (13.57%), Electronic Components (12.56%), Telecom Instruments (11.54%) accounting for 56.50% of total imports through airports.

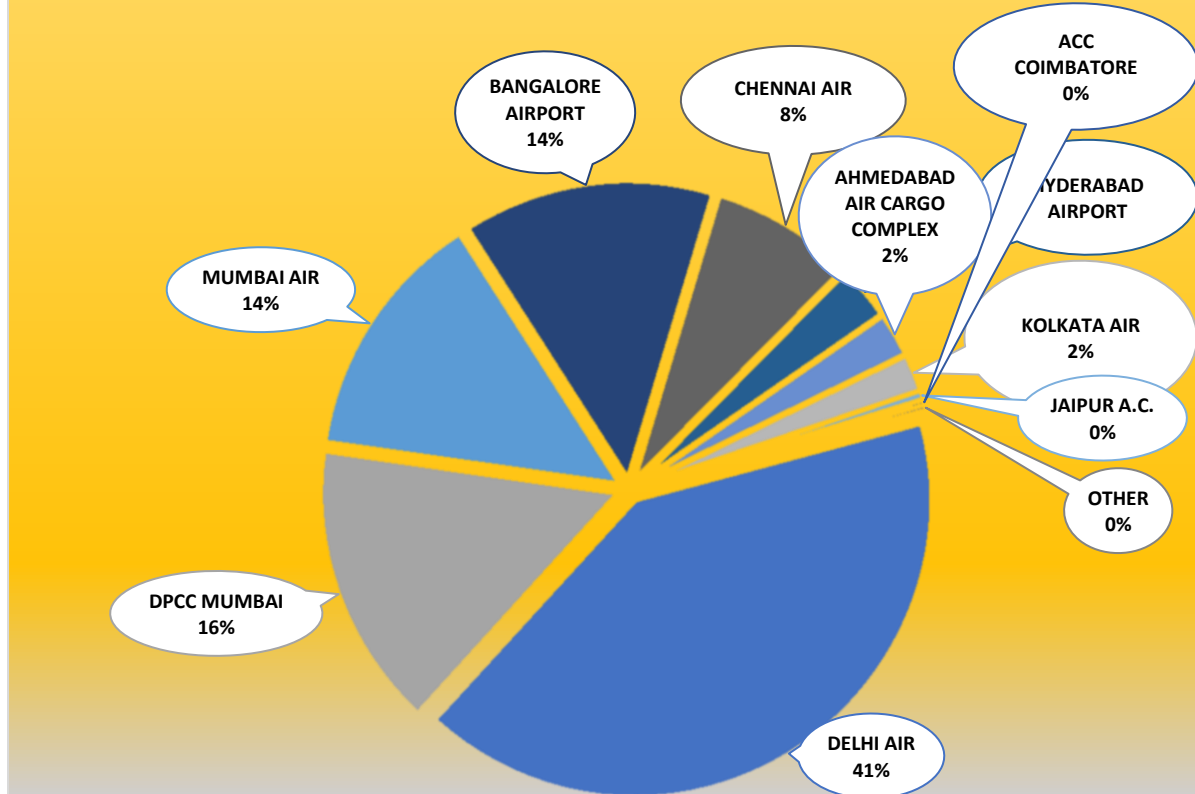
Share of Major Airports in Air-Borne Foreign Trade (Export) of India during 2019-20



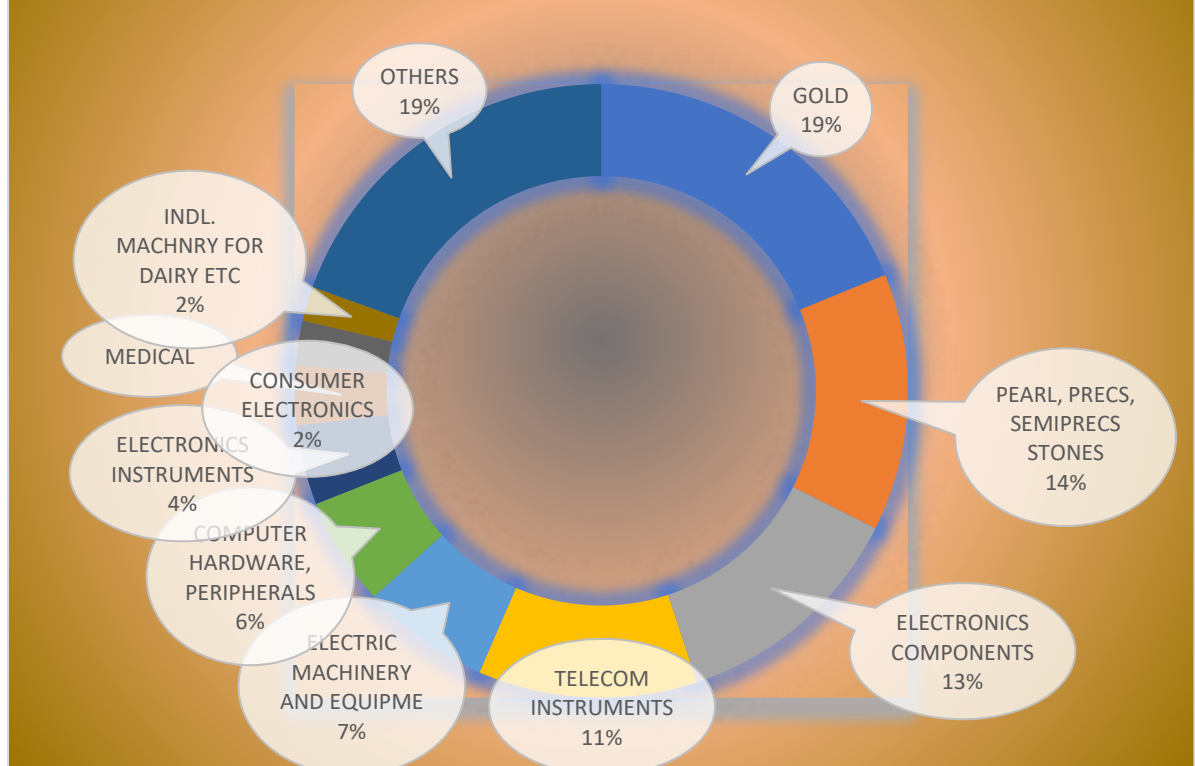
Share of Principal Commodities in Air-Borne Foreign Trade (Export) of India during 2019-20



SHARE OF MAJOR AIRPORTS IN AIR-BORNE FOREIGN TRADE (IMPORT) OF INDIA DURING 2019-20



Share of Principal Commodities in Air-Borne Foreign Trade (Import) of India during 2019-20



8. TRANSIT TRADE THROUGH INDIA:

The Outward Transit Trade from Nepal is Rs.108.93 crores, while the Inward Transit Trade is Rs. 31, 60,777.43 crores. Polyester yarn, Men's cotton shirt, Food preparation, Carpets of Wool, Hand Decorated Articles etc. are main item of outward transit trade from Nepal.

OUTWARD TRANSIT TRADE FROM NEPAL IN 2019-20			
ITC(HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	% Share in Total
54023300	Textured Yarn of Polyesters	32.80	30.1
57024110	Carpets of Wool/Fine Animal Hair	5.45	5.0
55095100	Other Yarn of Polyester Staple Fibres Mixed mainly/solely with Artificial Staple Fibres	4.84	4.4
39269099	Other Articles of Plastic NES	4.60	4.2
55092100	Single Yarn containing 85% or more by weight of Polyester Staple Fibres	4.57	4.2
62044220	Dresses of Cotton	4.19	3.8
56022990	Other Textile Felt	3.96	3.6
19059090	Other Bread, Pastry, Rice Paper and similar Products	3.84	3.5
97019099	Other Hand-Decorated Manufactured Articles	3.54	3.2
	Others	41.14	37.8
	TOTAL	108.93	

INWARD TRANSIT TRADE INTO NEPAL IN 2019-20			
ITC(HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	% Share in Total
60019200	Other Pile Fabrics of Man-made Fibres	2491054.70	78.81
85184000	Audio-Frequency Electric Amplifiers	479892.34	15.18
94018000	Other Seats	131078.36	4.15
09041130	Black Pepper Garbled	49947.97	1.58
15111000	Crude Palm Oil and its Fractions	722.01	0.02
15071000	Soya Bean Crude Oil whether or not Degummed	574.33	0.02
27011920	Steam Coal	447.62	0.01
84749000	Parts of Machines of Heading 8474	423.61	0.01
31021000	Urea whether or not in Aqueous Solution	347.25	0.01
	Others	6289.23	0.20
	TOTAL	3160777.43	

For Bhutan the Outward Transit Trade is Rs. 8.49 crores while the Inward Transit Trade is Rs. 176.52 crores.

OUTWARD TRANSIT TRADE FROM BHUTAN IN 2019-20			
ITC(HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	% Share in Total
08022100	Hazelnuts in Shell, Fresh or Dried	0.04	0.5%
72023000	Ferro-Silico-Manganese	2.92	34.3%
87032391	Motor Car with Cylinder Capacity>=1500 CC but <3000CC with Spark-Ignition	5.54	65.2%
	Total	8.49	

INWARD TRANSIT TRADE INTO BHUTAN in 2019-20			
ITC(HS) Codes	Commodity Description	Value in INR Crore	% Share in Total
87032391	Motor Car with Cylinder Capacity>=1500CC but <3000CC with Spark-Ignition	16.37	9.3%
85365010	Control and Switch Gear	11.40	6.5%
84304190	Other Self Propelled Boring/Sinking Machinery	9.89	5.6%
27040020	Coke and Semi-Coke of Lignite or of Peat	7.95	4.5%
85177090	Other Parts of Telephonic/Telegraphic Apparatus	7.51	4.3%
87032491	Motor Car with Cylinder Capacity>=3000CC with Spark-Ignition	5.62	3.2%
85365090	Other Switches	5.52	3.1%
84314990	Parts of other Machinery of Headings 8426,8429,8430	5.17	2.9%
85176290	Machines other than PLCC equipment, Modems, Voice Frequency telegraphy, HDSL, DLC, SDH, Multiplexes	4.90	2.8%
85166000	Other Ovens, Cookers, Cooking Plates, Boiling Rings, Grillers and Roasters	4.14	2.3%
	Others	98.05	55.5%
	Total	176.52	100.0%

9. **STOCK AT BONDED WAREHOUSES:** In certain cases when goods on reaching Indian Ports are not cleared by the Customs Authority, they are kept in Bonded Warehouses. Statistics on quantity of certain principal articles of imported merchandise that remain in the customs bonded warehouses at the end of March, 2020 is reported (Table No. 10). These items are subject to customs duty.

10. **INDEX NUMBERS OF FOREIGN TRADE OF INDIA:** The trade index numbers are being published based on the Report on the implementation of the methodology suggested by the Indian Statistical Institute for compilation of Foreign Trade Indices with the Base Year 2012-13. These new series of index numbers with base 2012-13 = 100 are at principal commodity level and at global level, both for Export and Import and these are provided in Table 6 and 7 respectively. The Table on "Terms of Trade" is presented in Table – 8 along with graphical representation.

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