

Uttar Pradesh's exports go up by 152.6% in April-May



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LUCKNOW: The [Uttar](#) Pradesh's exports for April and May touched Rs 21,500.85 crore this year, up by a massive 152.67% over the same period in 2020.

A government spokesperson said even as UP currently ranks sixth among states in terms of exports, the government is in talks with ambassadors of 10 countries in order to boost exports.

As per the data provided by the Centre, UP exported carpets and footwear worth Rs 744.15 crore and Rs 742.47 crore, respectively, against Rs 247.63 crore and Rs 147.04 crore last year.

Similarly, leather wallets, bags and other products worth Rs 493.80 crore were exported this year as against Rs 79.21 crore last year while toys worth Rs 120.83 crore were exported this year as against Rs 26.19 crore in the corresponding period last year.

[Glassware](#) worth Rs 310.77 crore, against Rs 39.99 crore in 2020, was exported this year. Cotton and silk worth Rs 72.87 crore, textiles of Rs 328.60 crore and toys, photo frames and other artefacts made of wood to the tune of Rs 433.81 crore were exported in April and May this year.

"The demand for traditional products made of wood, jute, silk and carpets has been on the rise in the United States and European countries. Additionally, products made in Lucknow, Kanpur, Saharanpur, [Moradabad](#), [Bareilly](#), Varanasi, Bhadohi and [Gorakhpur](#) are also in high demand in Nepal, Bangladesh and South Asian countries," the spokesperson said.

"The state's 'one district-one product' (ODOP) initiative has also led to a significant rise in exports of carpets, silk sarees, textile fabric, oven fabric and manmade staple fabric, footwear and other leather products, glassware, iron, steel, aluminum, rice, sugar, milk, flour and plastic products to the United States, European countries, Nepal, Bangladesh and South East Asia during the pandemic," a senior official said.

According to [MSME department](#), [export](#) of vegetables and fruits such as mangoes, grapes, vegetables, peanuts, processed fruits, juices and nuts has also increased significantly in the recent past.

"The demand for seeds of fruits and vegetables, cucumbers and flowers has also increased. The state is also receiving bulk orders from abroad for medicines, fertiliser, fish products, rice, sugar and artificial flowers," the official said.