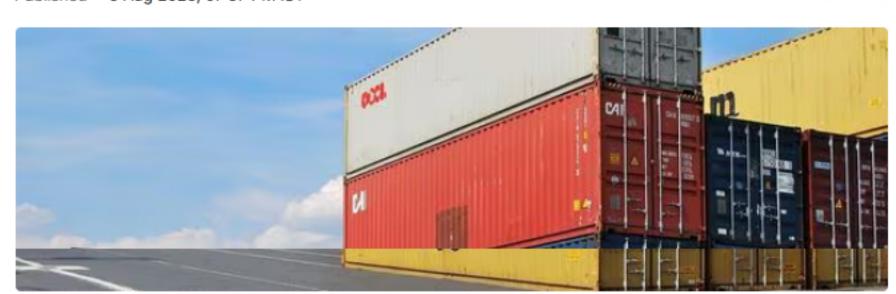
Gujarat, UP, MP log strong export gains in FY25 amid headwinds: FIEO

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India's merchandise trade deficit widened to \$282.8 billion in 2024-25, as imports rose to \$720.24 billion while exports held steady at \$437.42 billion. (Image: Pixabay)

Amid global trade turbulence, three of India's key industrial states—Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh—posted strong export performances in 2024-25, signalling a deepening resilience and diversification in the country's outbound trade, said a report.

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While exports dipped slightly from the previous year, the report noted the state's continued dominance across a broad range of sectors, led by traditional strengths and new growth areas.

The US, the Netherlands, and the United Arab Emirates remained Gujarat's top markets, while newer sectors such as aerospace and shipbuilding registered triple-digit growth, signalling a strategic shift toward high-value, innovation-driven exports, it added.

Uttar Pradesh climbed to the fifth spot among Indian exporting states, notching a record ₹1.86 trillion in overseas shipments.

The growth, the FIEO noted, was both deep and wide, cutting across electronics, garments, handicrafts, and emerging sectors such as aerospace and silk.

The report highlighted Gautam Buddha Nagar, home to electronics and software manufacturing clusters, as the state's export engine, contributing more than half of the total.

Government initiatives like one district one product (ODOP) were credited for supporting both modern industrial hubs and traditional artisan economies.

The US, UK, and Germany emerged as the state's leading export destinations.

Madhya Pradesh, meanwhile, posted its highest-ever exports at ₹66,218 crore, rising to 11th place nationally, its best ranking to date.