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Foreign Trade: Trade Deficit widens to USD 29.65 billion in August'24; imports hit all time high of \$64.36 bn

- India's merchandise trade deficit jumped nearly 23.4% to USD 29.65 billion in August'24 from a
 deficit of USD 24.02 billion registered in August'23.
- The country's merchandise exports showed signs of weakness declined 9.3% year on year to USD 34.71 billion in August'24 as against USD 38.28 billion recorded in August'23.
- The country's merchandise imports bills **rose 3.3% year on year** to **USD 64.36 billion** in August'24, compared with previous year.

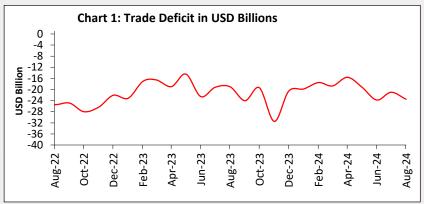
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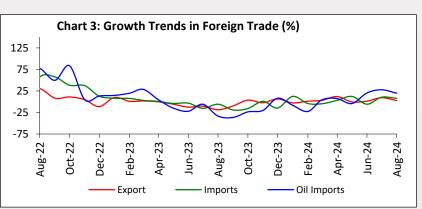
	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23
Exports	-9.3%	-1.5%	2.6%	9.1%	1.1%	-0.7%	11.9%	3.1%	1.0%	-2.8%	6.2%	-2.6%	3.4%
Imports	3.3%	7.5%	5.0%	7.7%	10.3%	-6.0%	12.2%	3.0%	-4.9%	-4.3%	12.3%	-15.0%	0.7%
Trade Deficit	23.4%	23.7%	9.3%	5.5%	32.3%	-17.7%	12.9%	2.7%	-14.4%	-6.7%	19.6%	-30.8%	-3.4%

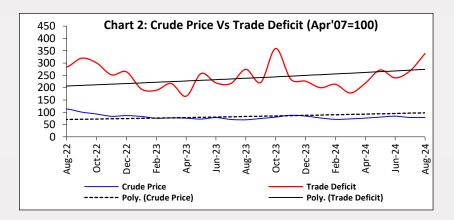
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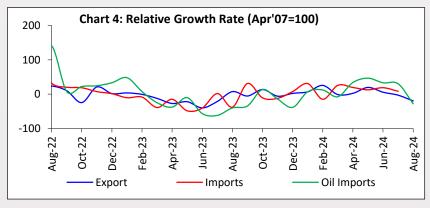
Movement of key macroeconomic variables impacting trade deficit

- The Rupee ranged between Rs. 83.73 Rs 83.97 per USD before closing at Rs 83.87 per USD in the month of August'24, vis-à-vis Rs. 83.74 per USD closed in July'24.
- WTI Crude prices ranged between \$ 72.76 \$ 81.45 a barrel in the month of August'24.



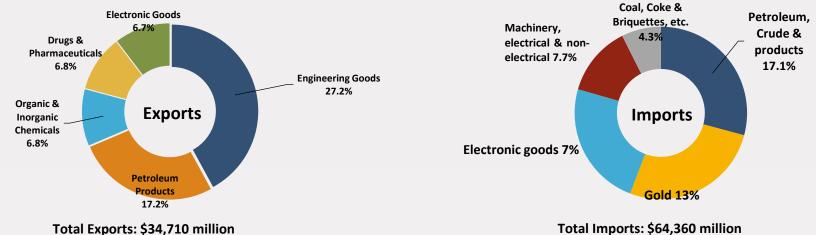






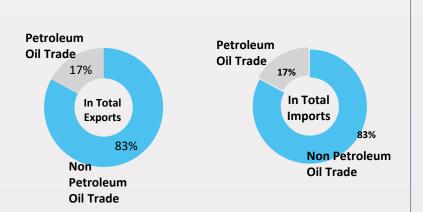
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Weightage of top five commodities exported and imported in August'24



Total Exports: \$34,710 million

Petroleum Oil contribution in Foreign Trade



India's top five trading partners

Exporting partners

Exporting partners									
Country	Value in USD mil. (Apr'24- May' 24)	Share %							
USA	20,882.94	19.0							
UAE	8,825.64	8.0							
Netherlands	7,186.64	6.5							
Singapore	3,960.77	3.6							
China	3,737.31	3.4							

Importing partners

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Country	Value in USD mil. (May'24- May' 24)	Share %								
China	25,566.57	14.7								
Russia	18,361.68	10.6								
UAE	13,958.74	8.0								
USA	11,526.88	6.6								
Iraq	8,374.55	4.8								

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- The country's service exports stood at **USD 30.69 billion** August'24 (estimate), **rising nearly 7%** compared to **USD 28.71 billion** recorded during the same period of the previous year.
- India's services imports grew by 4% and stood at USD 15.7 billion in August'24 (estimate) in comparison with USD 15.09 billion (estimate) recorded in August'23.
- Accordingly, net export of services for the month August'24 was recorded at USD 14.99 billion, recording
 a rise of 10% year on year.

Trends in Service Trade for Trailing Twelve Months (Year on Year)

	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23
Receipts	6.90%	8.43%	8.92%	11.75%	14.70%	-6.24%	17.34%	17.14%	-10.61%	6.54%	13.44%	0.51%	8.34%
Payments	4.04%	5.90%	10.76%	8.82%	21.56%	-6.60%	2.81%	8.23%	-16.19%	-12.93%	6.00%	-8.36%	-0.85%
Net Exports of Services	10.06%	11.22%	6.57%	15.93%	6.60%	-5.79%	34.84%	27.18%	-4.88%	32.50%	21.97%	11.66%	20.74%

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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