



# Gem and Jewellery Trade Update

April - October 2021

# Global Economic Projections by UNCTAD – Key Feature

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# **Key Highlights**

- → During April October 2021, G&J exports increased by 4.82 % to US\$ 23.66 billion as compared to pre –covid levels of exports of US\$ 22.57 billion registered during April October 2019. G&J exports rose by 106.08 % during April October 2021 as compared to US\$ 11.48 billion recorded during same period last year.
- → During April October 2021, Cut and Polished Diamonds (21.98 %), Silver Jewellery (106.14 %), Platinum jewellery (284.82 %), Studded gold Jewellery (60.22 %) and polished lab grown diamonds (188.70 %) witnessed a positive export growth while the exports of plain gold jewellery (-58.68 %), Coloured Gemstones (-15.66 %) recorded a negative export growth rate w.r.t April-October 2019.
- → Imports of rough diamonds, rough lab grown diamonds and silver bar registered a positive import growth in April October 2021 as compared to import levels registered in April October 2019. It indicates continued production activities pertaining to making polished diamonds, lab grown diamonds and silver jewellery.
- → Gross exports from all the regions, barring Northern and Southern region, have recovered as exports recorded in April October 2021 are even more than the exports recorded in April October 2019 i.e. pre-covid level
- → Exports from SEEPZ, Surat, Jaipur & Kolkata SEZs have witnessed a rise in April October 2021 as compared to pre-covid level i.e in April October 2019. Overall, there is a decline of (-)34.57 % in exports to US\$ 4059.78 million in April-October 2021 from US\$ 6205.02 million recorded in April-October 2019.
- → Among the top 10 export destination, Gem and Jewellery exports to UAE has witnessed the highest fall of (-) 45.69 % followed by Belgium (-) 15.99%, Japan (-)12.71 %, and Hong Kong (-) 5.29 % during April- October 2021 as compared to April-October 2019. While, gem and jewellery exports to other destinations such as USA, Israel, Thailand, Singapore, UK and Netherland have shown a rise during the stated time period.
- → Strong Global demand in key gems and jewellery markets especially USA & China is the key driver for the positive export growth in the sector .
- → The Indian Economy is projected to expand by 7.2 % in 2021 and 6.7 % in 2022 according to UNCTAD's Trade & Development Report published in October 2021.

### Gem & Jewellery Gross Exports January to October 2021

	<b>Gross Exports</b>	<b>Gross Exports</b>	Gross Exports	
Months	FY2018-2019	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	
	US\$ Billion	US\$ Billion	US\$ Billion	
January	3.27	2.97	2.69	
February	3.69	2.97	2.7	
March	3.44	1.97	3.52	
Jan to March	10.41	7.91	8.91	
Months	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	FY2021-2022	
April	3.00	0.04	3.45	
May	3.36	1.06	2.94	
June	3.09	1.65	2.89	
July	3.05	1.51	3.45	
August	3.05	1.78	3.4	
September	3.42	2.51	3.36	
October	3.61	2.93	4.17	
Apr to October	22.57	11.48	23.66	
Jan to October	32.99	19.39	32.57	

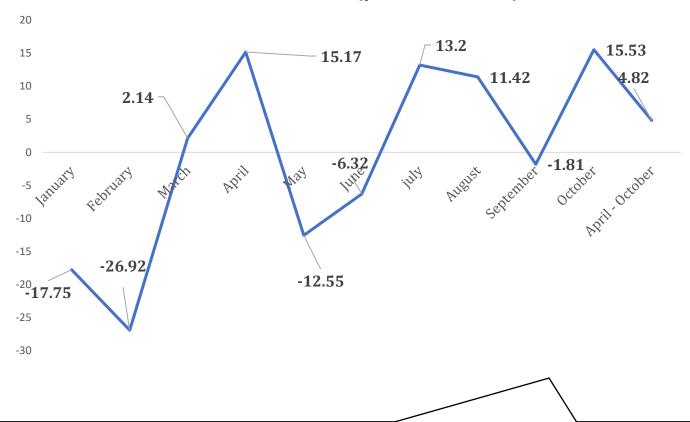
Source: GJEPC Analysis

Notes: (p) = Provisional,

Gross exports means inclusive of return consignments,

4.82 % growth over April – October 2019

# Gem and Jewellery Exports Growth: Jan – October 2021 over Jan-Oct 2019 (pre-covid-level)



G&J exports stood at US\$ 23.66 billion in April – October 2021; higher than the pre-covid level of exports of US\$ 22.58 billion recorded in April – October 2019

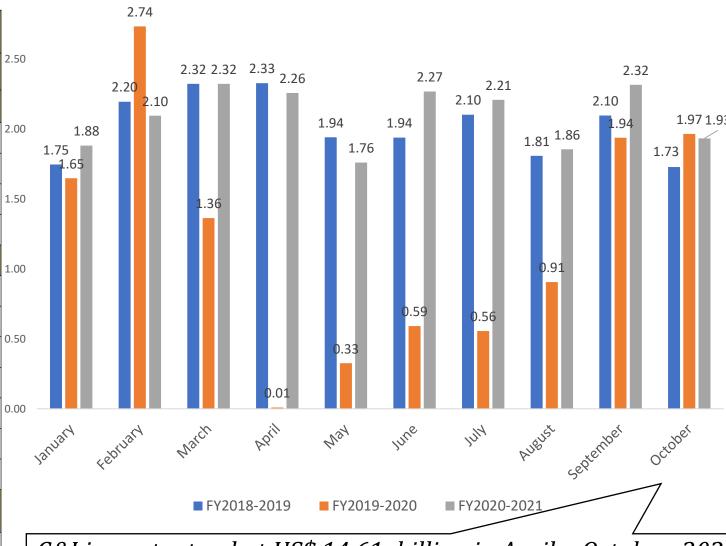
## **Gem & Jewellery Imports** January to October 2021

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Months	FY2018-2019	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	
	US\$ Billion	US\$ Billion	US\$ Billion	
January	1.75	1.65	1.89	
February	2.2	2.74	2.09	
March	2.32	1.36	2.38	
Jan to March	6.27	5.75	6.3	
Months	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	FY2021-2022	
April	2.33	0.01	2.26	
May	1.94	0.33	1.76	
June	1.94	0.59	2.27	
July	2.10	0.56	2.21	
August	1.81	0.91	1.86	
September	2.10	1.94	2.32	
October	1.73	1.97	1.93	
Apr to October	13.96	6.29	14.61	
Jan to October	20.23	12.04	20.91	

Source : GJEPC Analysis Notes: (p) = Provisional Figs for Gold Bar from MMTC April to October 2021 and Figs for Gold Bar from SBI, UBI & DIL October 2021 are not included as not available.

Imports (US\$ Billion)



*G&J imports stood at US\$ 14.61 billion in April – October 2021;* higher than the pre-covid level of imports US\$ 13.96 recorded in April – October 2019, indicating continued production activities in G&J sector.

# Commodity wise G&J Exports- April - October 2021 in comparison with Pre-Covid level April - October 2019

Commodities	April – October 2019	April – October 2020	April- October 2021 (P)	% Growth/Decline 2019/2021
	(US\$mn)	(US\$mn)	(US\$mn)	(Y-o-Y)
Cut & Pol Diamonds	12,243.17	7,266.31	14,933.85	21.98
Pol. Lab Grown Syn.				
Diamonds	254.24	288.42	734.01	188.70
Coloured Gemstones	207.58	84.91	175.07	-15.66
Pol. Synthetic Stone	0.71	0.42	2.61	269.84
Gold Jewellery	7,378.12	2,047.91	5,427.80	-26.43
Plain Gold Jewellery	5,377.04	921.62	2,221.59	-58.68
Studded Gold Jewellery	2,001.08	1,126.28	3,206.21	60.22
Silver Jewellery	741.26	1,208.38	1,528.01	106.14
Platinum Jewellery	4.83	5.67	18.58	284.82
Imitation Jewellery	36.99	23.70	45.24	22.33
Articles of Gold, Silver &				
others	315.26	68.64	35.64	-88.69
Others	1,388.26	485.47	757.32	-45.45
Gross Exports	22,570.41	11,479.82	23,658.13	4.82
Return Consignment	4,168.56	2,054.07	4,335.54	4.01
Net Exports	18,401.85	9,425.74	19,322.59	5.00

April - October 2021 exports growth in comparison with April - October 2019:

All key G&J commodities have witnessed a positive export growth

- Cut & Polished Diamonds(+21.98 %)
- Polished LGD (+188.70 %)
- Studded gold jewellery (+60.22 %)
- Silver Jewellery (+ 106.14 %)
- Platinum Jewellery (+284.82)

#### **Exports growth declined of:**

Plain Gold Jewellery (- 58.68 %) Coloured Gemstones (- 15.66 %)

## **Commodity-wise G&J Imports - April - October 2021**

Products	April – October 2019	April – October 2020	April – October 2021 (p)	% growth /decline 2019/2021
	US\$ Mill	US \$ Mill	US\$ Mill	(y-o-y)
Rough Diamonds	7,323.22	3910.78	10,472.42	43.00
Rgh Lab Grown Diamonds	171.85	240.01	644.22	274.87
Rough Coloured Gemstones	147.22	42.13	167.49	13.76
Rough Synthetic Stone	2.45	0.60	2.36	-3.59
Raw Pearls	9.15	0.38	3.72	-59.31
Gold Bar	4,789.47	476.74	1,372.59	-71.34
Silver Bar	21.82	17.75	40.46	85.43
Platinum Bar	88.33	86.67	79.83	-9.62
Sub - Total	12,553.52	4775.07	12,783.09	1.83
Imports of Cut & Pol. Diamonds	793.83	1208.36	852.64	7.41
Pol. Lab Grown Diamonds	54.72	21.43	23.50	-57.05
Col. Gemstones	334.16	182.75	741.56	121.92
Pol. Synthetic Stone	6.84	1.14	5.98	-12.64
Pearls worked	4.40	1.31	1.76	-60.05
Gold Jewellery	175.93	89.25	166.75	-5.22
Silver Jewellery	35.95	11.78	27.71	-22.92
Imitation Jewellery	0.76	0.88	3.23	323.41
Others	6.22	3.65	6.68	7.36
Sub - Total	1,412.82	1,520.55	1,829.82	29.52
Gross Imports	13966.34	6295.62	14,612.90	4.63



Imports of commodities - rough diamonds, rough lab grown diamonds, silver bar have witnessed a positive import growth in April - October 2021 over April - October 2019. It indicates towards the continued manufacturing activities in diamonds sector.

While, gold bar for export purpose has witnessed a steep decline reflecting contracted production and exports of gold jewellery and especially of the plain gold jewellery.

Source: GJEPC. Analysis

Notes: (p) = Provisional Figs for Gold Bar from MMTC April to October 2021 and Figs for Gold Bar from SBI, UBI & DIL October 2021 are not included as not available.

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# **GJEPC Region-wise Growth/Decline in Gross Exports**

Region	Gross Exports (April – October 2019)	Gross Exports (April – October 2020)	Gross Exports (April – October 2021)	% of Growth / Decline
	US\$ Million	US\$ Million	US\$ Million	2019/2021 (Y-o-Y)
Western Region	14987.89	8044.98	18352.07	22.45
Southern Region	4263.72	234.84	884.28	-79.26
Rajasthan Region	441.99	262.70	544.79	23.26
Gujarat Region	1296.05	2146.44	2587.26	99.63
Northern Region	1214.56	671.93	758.02	-37.59
Eastern Region	366.21	118.94	531.71	45.19
Total	22570.41	11479.82	23658.13	4.82

Source : GJEPC Statistics Dept. Analysis

Gross exports from all the regions ,barring the Southern and Northern region, have recovered as exports recorded in April – October 2021 are even more than the exports recorded in April – October 2019 i.e. during the pre-covid level .

# **Gem & Jewellery Port-wise Gross Exports : SEZ**

SEZs	April – October 2019 US\$ Million	April – October 2020 US\$ Million	2020 2021	
Seepz	1280.78	899.25	2151.41	67.98
Surat SEZ	717.01	1110.94	1491.34	107.99
Jaipur SEZ	121.21	93.91	160.24	32.20
Delhi SEZ	197.86	80.33	125.64	-36.50
Kolkata SEZ	27.97	22.70	62.99	125.21
Visakhapatnam SEZ	8.42	9.26	6.00	-28.72
Hyderabad SEZ	3.47	0.00	0.00	-100.00
Chennai SEZ	1.21	0.36	0.78	-35.62
Cochin SEZ	3847.09	53.02	61.39	-98.40
Total	6205.02	2269.76	4059.78	-34.57

Source : GJEPC Statistics Dept. Analysis

In April 2020 due to complete lock down, exports from SEZs were not recorded

Exports from SEEPZ , Surat , Jaipur & Kolkata SEZs have witnessed a rise in April – October 2021 as compared to April - October 2019. Overall, there is a decline of (-)34.57 % in exports to US\$ 4059.78 million in April-October 2021 from US\$ 6205.02 million recorded in April-October 2019.

Top 10 Export Destinations for G&J products: April-October 2021 (p)

Rank	Countries	April to October 2019	April to October 2020	April to October 2021	% growth /decline 2019/2021
		<b>US\$million</b>	<b>US\$million</b>	<b>US</b> \$million	(y-o-y)
1	U.S.A	5819.10	3802.12	9118.87	56.71
2	Hongkong	6156.17	4249.42	5830.78	-5.29
3	U.A.E	5983.43	1057.08	3249.90	-45.69
4	Belgium	1152.73	554.47	968.38	-15.99
5	Israel	534.57	335.27	930.08	73.99
6	Thailand	403.81	237.00	545.42	35.07
7	Singapore	405.06	127.23	461.77	14.00
8	United Kingdom	286.28	174.83	421.38	47.19
9	Netherland	205.83	3.63	404.76	96.64
10	Japan	251.77	137.17	219.78	-12.71
11	Others	1371.67	801.58	1507.03	9.87
	Total	22570.41	11479.82	23658.13	4.82

Source : GJEPC Statistics Dept. Analysis

## **Key Observations and trends – G&J Exports (April-October 2021)**





#### **Growth Drivers**

- **Cut and Polished Diamonds (21.98 % rise)** . Revival of demand in key jewellery retail markets especially US and China as compared to pre-covid 19 levels can be attributed to the revival in demand of the commodity during the festive period .
- Studded Gold Jewellery (60.22 % rise) Positive export growth can be attributed to pent up savings of the consumers has boosted consumer demand in key markets on account of the fiscal stimulus announced by major economies
- **Silver Jewellery (106.14 % rise)** The Shift in preferences of consumers in international markets towards silver jewellery is one of the primary reasons for the positive export growth of silver jewellery.

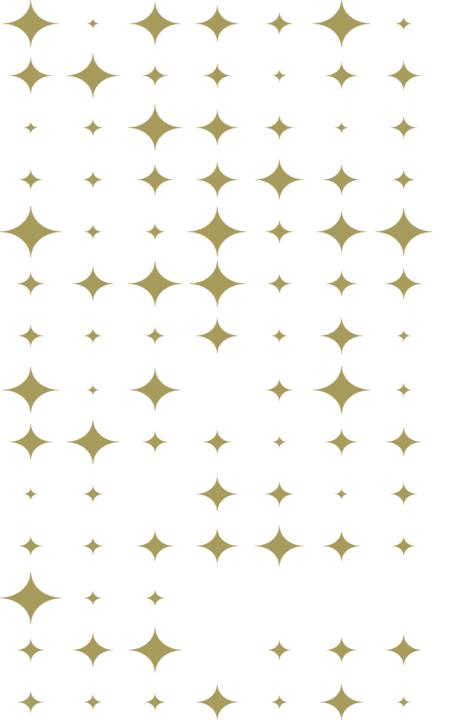
#### **Growth Obstructors**

- **Plain gold Jewellery (- 58.68 %) –** Decline in manufacturing jewellery quantity has gone down in the last two years, problems surrounding Hallmarking Unique Identification Number (HUID), and non-revival of demand in key export markets due to pandemic induced restrictions can be attributed to the decline in the plain gold jewellery exports.
- **Colored Gem Stones (-15.66 %)** Lack of export orders and non-availability of rough coloured gemstones from major key sourcing partners like Brazil and Africa due to the restriction of activities amid Covid-19 continued to be the major reasons of the sluggish revival of the sector during April –October 2021. However, the commodity has recorded positive growth during the month of October 2021 on account of growing demand of hand crafted precious jewellery set with coloured gemstones in key international markets

## Positive drivers of G&J exports



- Export growth over October 2021 is majorly attributed to strong demand from key export destinations, especially the US and China
- We understand that the overall sentiment in the gems and jewellery industry is quite positive with peak in manufacturing activity in pre-Diwali period due to the forthcoming festive and wedding season in international and domestic markets and resumption of various trade shows/exhibitions across the world.





**Key Featured Slides...** 

Global Economy projections by United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)

### **UNCTAD's Trade & Development Report, October 2021**

1. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development Report (UNCTAD) report - 'Trade & Development Report - From Recovery to resilience: The development dimension' released on 28th October 2021, the global economy is projected to expand by (+) 5.3 % in 2021. The strong recovery is majorly due to massive central banks actions in advanced economies, unparalleled government spending, rapid policy interventions and vaccine roll out in advanced economies which led to stabilization of financial markets and cushioned firms and households amid the pandemic.

### 2. Projected Growth in America is (+) 5.6 %, Europe (+) 4.3 % and Asia (+) 5.9 % in 2021

- → America is projected to expand by (+)5.6 % in 2021 which includes the USA (+ 5.7 %), Canada (+ 5.1 %), Brazil (+ 4.9%) and Argentina (+ 6.7 %)
- → Asia is projected to expand by + 5.9 % in 2021 which includes China (+8.3%), Japan (+2.4%), Korea (+3.9%), Indonesia (+3.6%), Saudi Arabia (+2.7%) and Turkey (+3.9%)
- **→ Europe** is projected to grow by 4.3 % in 2021 which includes France (+ 5.2%) ,Germany (+2.2 %) ,Italy (+ 5.5%) and UK (+6.7%)

## 3. India is expected to record a growth of 7.2 % in 2021 and 6.7 % in 2022.

#### **World Output Growth (Annual % change)**

Particulars	2019	2020	Proied	Projections	
			2021f	2022f	
World	2.5	-3.5	5.3	3.6	
Africa	2.9	-3.4	3.2	2.9	
North Africa (incl. South Sudan)	3.2	-5.2	4.2	3.1	
South Africa	0.2	-7	4	2.3	
America	1.7	-4.4	5.6	2.9	
Latin America & Caribbean	0.1	-7.1	5.5	2.6	
South America	-0.2	-6.5	5.5	2.5	
Argentina	-2.1	-9.9	6.7	2.9	
Brazil	1.4	-4.1	4.9	1.8	
North America	2.1	-3.7	5.7	3	
Canada	1.9	-5.4	5.1	2.9	
United States	2.2	-3.5	5.7	3	
Asia ( excl. Cyrus)	3.8	-1.1	5.9	4.7	
East Asia	4.3	0.3	6.7	4.7	
China	6.1	2.3	8.3	5.7	
Japan	0.3	-4.7	2.4	2.1	
Republic of Korea	2	-0.9	3.9	2.8	
South Asia	3.1	-5.6	5.8	5.7	
India	4.6	-7	7.2	6.7	
South East Asia	4.4	-3.9	3.5	4.7	
Indonesia	5	-2.1	3.6	4.9	
Western Asia (excl. Cyprus)	1.3	-2.9	3.5	3.2	
Saudi Arabia	0.3	-4.1	2.7	3.3	
Turkey	0.9	1.8	3.9	3.6	
Europe	1.5	-6.2	4.3	3	
Euro -Area	1.3	-6.6	4.1	3.4	
France	1.5	-8	5.2	3.4	
Germany	0.6	-4.9	2.2	3.2	
Italy	0.3	-8.9	5.5	3	
Russia	1.3	-3	3.8	2.3	
UK	1.4	-9.9	6.7	2.1	
Oceania	1.9	-2.4	3.1	2.8	
Australia	1.8	-2.5	3.2	2.8	

Source: UNCTAD secretariat calculations, based on United Nations Global Policy Model; United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), National Accounts Main Aggregates database, and World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP): Update as of mid-2021; ECLAC, 2021; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 2021; International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook, April 2021; Economist Intelligence Unit, EIU Country Data database; JP Morgan, Global Data Watch; and national sources. Note: Calculations for country aggregates are based on GDP at constant 2015 dollars. f = forecast

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