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RUPEE RESERVES DEPLETING, IRAN STRUGGLES TO IMPORT FROM INDIA



The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran. India faces the possibility of losing one of its largest markets for basmati rice exports, Iran, following the depletion of rupee reserves held by the West Asian nation in recent weeks, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran, the people added. Iran has been paying for imports by using rupee reserves built up from oil exports to India, before New Delhi stopped buying Iranian crude in mid-2019 because of US sanctions on Tehran.

While the Iranian side has been working on ways to resume basmati rice imports from India, importers in that country have begun exploring the option of increasing rice procurements from other producers such as Pakistan, Turkey and Thailand,

the people said. Iran imported almost a million tonnes of the aromatic rice from India in 2022-23, 20.35% of the total basmati exports of 4.5 million tonnes from the country. Two persons, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said India-Iran trade has fallen sharply since 2019-20 after New Delhi stopped buying Iranian crude in May 2019. Till then, Iran was among the top three suppliers of energy to the country, along with Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

"It seems Iran has exhausted all its rupee reserves, and thereby trade in local currencies of the respective countries is not possible," one person said. Read here: India's Rupee trade sets example; How Iran is ditching the U.S. dollar in Africa A second person, an expert on India's currency management, said:

Source: Times of India















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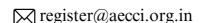
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EUROPEAN, US TELECOM VENDORS LOOK TO DEEPEN MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES IN INDIA

Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson's president and chief executive, India is the world's second-largest telecommunications market and has registered strong growth in the last decade. The country has mobile subscriber base of around 1.16 billion1 as of November 2021

which is expected to touch 1.42 billion2 by 2024. The number of broadband subscriber base has increased to 801.6 million3 in November 2021 which is expected to touch 900 million by 20254.

India's data consumption is

around 12 GB per Month/user and islikely to touch 25GB5 per Month/User by 2025.
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which in turn will reduce prices for consumers," the government said in a statement.

The energy ministry said the measure would prevent unauthorised "grey" exports of motor fuels.

The ban is indefinite and further actions will depend on the saturation of the market, according to Russian First Deputy Energy Minister Pav Sorokin.

"We expect that the market will feel the effect quickly enough. But then it will depend on the saturation of the market and the results," Sorokin said.

Source: Reuters













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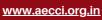
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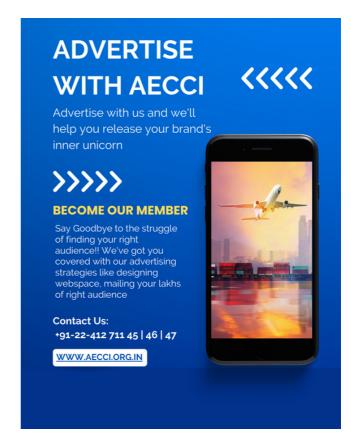




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- ➤ The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran, the people added. Iran has been paying for imports by using rupee reserves built up from oil exports to India
- The broader declining trend, he stressed, is driven by slower demand for Indian goods from large markets like the U.S. and Europe, where growth is slowing down and interest rate hikes to curb inflation are further denting business levels.



- Merchandise imports for the period April-January 2022-23 were US\$602.20 billion in comparison with \$494.06 billion during the period April-January
- > Iran imported almost a million tonnes of the aromatic rice from India in 2022-23, 20.35% of the total basmati exports of 4.5 million tonnes from the country.
- > India's goods exports plummeted 22.02% year-over-year in June to hit an eight-month low of \$32.97 billion, while imports fell 17.5% to \$53.1 billion, as per data from the Commerce Ministry.

INDIA'S GOODS EXPORTS DROPPED 22% TO HIT 8-MONTH LOW

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The goods trade deficit for June fell 8.8% from levels seen last June as well as this May, to \$20.13 billion. This is the second month in a row that the deficit has been over \$20 billion after a four-month streak of lower gaps between imports and exports, but economists aren't too worried about the scale of the deficit yet relative to last year's higher gaps.

After a 6.7% rise in 2022-23 that lifted goods exports past a record \$450 billion, outbound shipments have now tanked 15.13% in the first quarter (Q1) of 2023-24, to a little over \$102 billion, while imports over the same period



have dropped 12.7% to \$160.3 billion.

"The trade deficit in Q1 was lower at \$57.6 billion versus \$62.6 billion last year. This trend is likely to continue this year, with exports facing increasing headwinds from a weak world economy, while lower commodity prices may provide some relief," said Bank of Baroda economist Aditi Gupta.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal emphasised that the fall in exports appeared steep partly due to the strong base from last June, when India recorded its highest monthly shipments of \$42.3 billion. India's goods exports plummeted 22.02% year-over-year in June to hit an eight-month low of \$32.97 billion, while imports fell 17.5% to \$53.1 billion, as per data from the Commerce Ministry. June marked the seventh time in nine months that India's merchandise exports have declined, but the dip in outbound shipments was the sharpest in this period. The goods trade deficit for June fell 8.8% from levels seen last June as well as this May, to \$20.13 billion.

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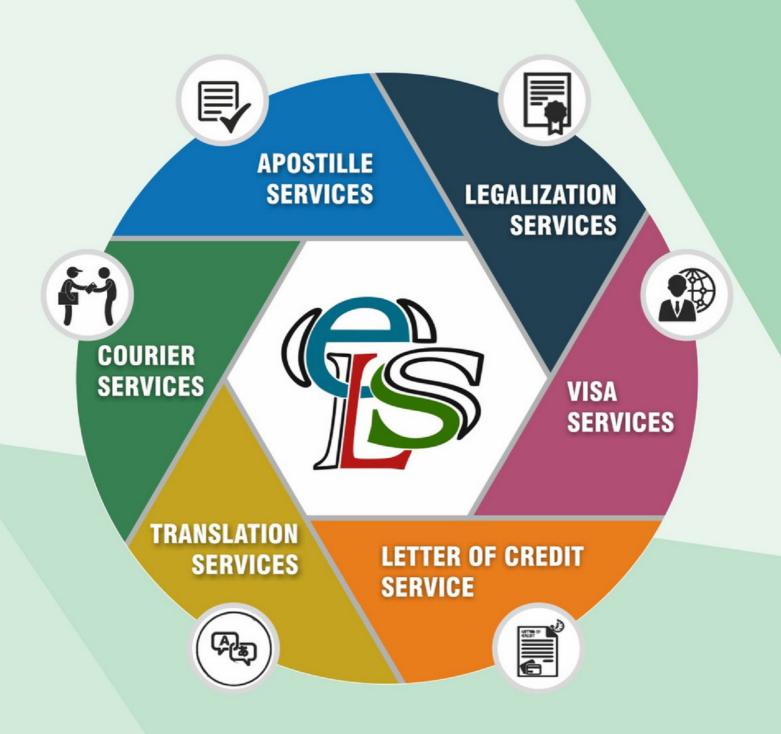
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