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# Gems and Jewellery Sector

The Gems and Jewellery sector in India is one of the largest in the world and contributes to about 29% of the global consumption. In FY 2014-15, the sector constituted 13.30% of the country's total merchandise exports. India is the largest diamond processing center in the world and accounts for 85% of world's processed diamonds (2014-2016).

The Indian Gems and Jewellery industry has gained popularity worldwide because of its talented craftsmen and its superior practices in cutting and polishing fine diamonds and precious stones. The market in India is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 16% over the period 2014-19 according to an industry report. The Industry currently employs around 4.5 million skilled and semi-skilled workers across India and is expected to provide employment opportunities to more than 8.23 million persons by 2022.

## Policy Initiatives & Investments

### FDI Policy

100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through automatic route is allowed in the sector.

### Exports

The net exports of Gems and Jewellery during FY 2015-16 was USD 39.28 billion. The export of cut and polished diamonds stood at USD 21 billion in FY 2015-16 as against USD 17 billion in FY 2012-13.

## Gold Monetization Scheme

The Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) in the form of Gold Deposit Scheme (DPS) and Gold Metal Loan (GML), launched in November 2015, allows individuals, trusts and mutual funds to deposit gold with banks in return for interest. This is helping reduce dependence on gold imports and alleviate pressure on trade balance.

The designated banks accept gold deposits under the Short Term (1-3 Years) Bank Deposit as well as Medium (5-7 years) and long (12-15 years) Term Government Deposit Schemes.

The Government also launched the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, under which gold bonds denominated in grams of gold are issued to individuals by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

## Fiscal incentives

- Customs duty on import of Imitation Jewellery increased from existing level of 10% to 15% with the view to protect local manufacturers (Budget 2016-17).
- In order to provide clarity, section 10AA of the Income-tax Act has been amended to provide a sunset date of March 31, 2020 for commencement of activity of manufacture or production of any article or thing or providing services by a unit located in a Special Economic Zone (SEZs) for availing the deduction under the section.



- The Small Scale Industry (SSI) eligibility limit has been raised from INR 12 crore to INR 15 crore
- SSI exemption limit has been raised to INR 10 crore as against INR 6 crore in a financial year.
- A separate Harmonised Systems Code (HS Code) for lab-grown diamonds has been issued. (Budget 2016-17). This would help create a fair trade environment for natural and lab-grown diamonds.
- Exporters of Imitation Jewellery segment are being incentivized under Interest Equalization Scheme and Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).
  - Exports of notified goods/products to notified markets, is rewarded under MEIS in form of Duty Credit Scrips. The MEIS reward rate for Imitation Jewellery is 5%.
  - Interest Equalisation Scheme (previously known as Interest Subvention Scheme) on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit was approved with effect from 1st April, 2015 for five years. Under the scheme, Banks reduce the interest rate charged to the eligible exporters as per extant guidelines on interest rates on advances by the rate of interest equalization. The current rate of interest equalisation is 3 %.

**Major Investments & FDI Inflows:** 3.6 times growth in FDI equity inflow in Diamond, Gold & Ornaments from USD 95.17 million (April 2012-March 2014) to USD 338.72 million (April 2014-March 2016).

During April 2016-December 2016), a total of USD 121.21 million has been received as FDI equity inflow in Diamond, Gold & Ornaments.<sup>1</sup>

*Details of major FDI equity inflow are provided in the table below*

#	Name of Indian Company	Country	Name of Foreign Collaborator	FDI Equity Inflows (USD Million)
1	Kalyan Jewellers India Pvt. Ltd.	Mauritius	Highdell Investments Ltd.	193.18
2	Caratlane Trading Pvt Ltd	Singapore	Internet Fund III Pte Ltd	29.81
3	Firestar International Pvt Ltd.	Cyprus	Jade Bridge Holdings Ltd.	20.26
4	Firestar International Pvt Ltd.	Mauritius	Forocom Worldwide Investment Ltd	17.71

## Infrastructure Development

### Special Notified Zone

With a view to develop India into an international diamond training hub, a Special Notified Zone (SNZ) was opened at Bharat Diamond Bourse in Mumbai on December 20, 2015. The creation of SNZs has ensured the regular availability of direct supply of rough diamond in the country itself and within easy access, not only save time and effort of travel by diamond manufacturers, who move to different centres to procure rough diamonds, but has also minimized middlemen commissions and eventually costs.

1. Data from DIPP FDI Cell



- Total 28 viewing sessions (200 days) have been organized at SNZ as on December 16, 2016, wherein foreign rough diamond mining companies have displayed 31,48,314 carats of rough diamonds worth USD 486.6 million.
- Since inception 482 companies have participated in the viewing sessions at SNZ

### Jewellery Park

A Jewellery park is being developed at Mumbai to encourage the local handmade workers and factories in Zaveri Bazar, Dahisar areas of Mumbai to relocate them in the park and develop their trade. This will help in improving living standard of the workers and small scale manufacturers and improve the work environment in which the workers currently operate.

### Common Facility Centres

Setting up of 4 Common Facility Centres (CFCs) in Ahmedabad, Amreli, Visnagar and Palanpur has been approved by the Government at a cost of INR 16.15 crore. The Centres will provide access to common pool of state of the art machinery/equipment at a reasonable rate for individual small & medium diamond manufacturer, which will improve the quality, productivity and yield of the finished diamonds. CFCs will also be served as a platform for technology transfer and re-skilling of the existing artisans by providing them training on diamond grading aspect. A total of 200 small & medium diamond manufacturer will get access to the facility.

### Skill development

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), which was launched in July 2015, 70,205 people have enrolled for training out of which 51,569 have been certified.
- Under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), a sub-component of PMKVY, 22,640 artisans have been certified across the country.
- Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI) is working towards development of 310 National Occupational standards (NOSs), which specifies the standard of performance the individual has to meet.
- In December 2016, the foundation stone for the fifth centre of Indian Institute of Gem & Jewellery (IIGJ) was laid in Varanasi, UP. The other four centres are located in Mumbai, New Delhi, Jaipur and Kolkata. IIGJ offers several courses in Jewellery Design, Manufacturing & CAD, extending from 6-months to 1-year, with emphasis on job training.
- GJSCI certified India's third Centre of Excellence at Mallapuram, Kerala on August 29, 2016. This centre in Kerala is upskilling artisans by providing access to a state of the art facility and offering training by qualified trainers.
- An exclusive gems & jewellery sector online job portal ([www.gjscijobs.com](http://www.gjscijobs.com)) was launched by GJSCI on August 4, 2016 to bridge the gap between employers and workers in the industry.

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