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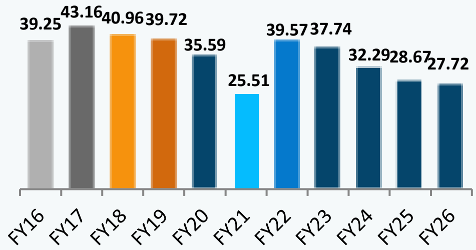
GEMS AND JEWELLERY

MARKET SIZE

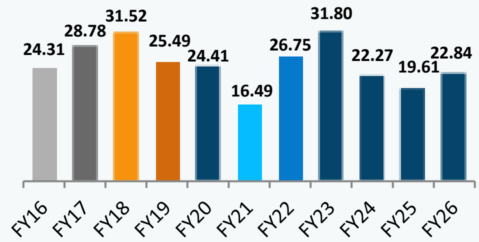
- Market Size: US$ 130 billion by 2030
- More than 300,000 gems and jewellery players
- Contributes about 7% to India's Gross Domestic Product
- Employs ~5 million people

SECTOR COMPOSITION

Net Export of Gems and Jewellery (US$ billion)

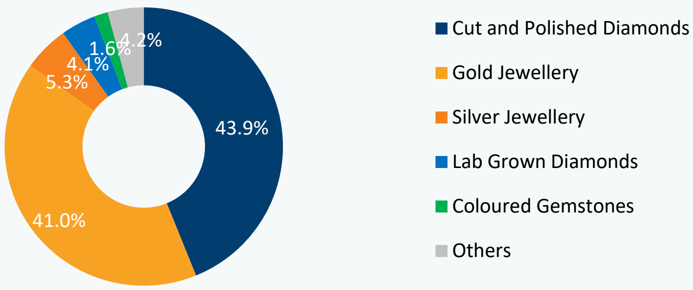


Import of Gems and Jewellery (US$ billion)



KEY TRENDS

Share of various segments in total gems & jewellery exports in FY26



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- Gold Monetisation Scheme
- BIS Hallmark Scheme
- Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

ADVANTAGE INDIA

- **Growing demand:** In April 2026, inflows into Gold ETFs increased by 34% month-on-month to Rs. 3,040 crore (US$ 343.98 million) from Rs. 2,265 crore (US$ 256.29 million) in March, reflecting continued investor preference for gold-backed investment products. During the same period, Silver ETFs recorded net outflows of Rs. 126 crore (US$ 14.26 million), marking the third consecutive month of outflows.
- **Increasing Investments:** Zeropearl VC led a US$ 0.65 million (Rs. 5.5 crore) pre-seed round in ONYA (Dec 2025 period), funding offline retail expansion and growth in India's fast-growing lab-grown diamond jewellery segment. Cumulative FDI inflows in diamond and gold ornaments in India stood at Rs. 9,962.78 crore (US$ 1.55 billion) between April 2000-March 2026.
- **Policy support:** India allows 100% FDI under the automatic route in the gems and jewellery sector, including gold and diamond processing and trading, subject to applicable regulatory conditions. In May 2026, India and the UAE reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen their economic partnership and expand bilateral trade to US$ 200 billion by 2032 under the India-UAE CEPA, with gems and jewellery remaining one of the key sectors driving bilateral trade.
- **Attractive opportunities**: India's gold demand is projected to remain in the range of 600–700 tonnes in 2026, with rising investment demand offsetting weaker jewellery consumption due to elevated gold prices.