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MEPZ Special Economic Zone, Chennai

Special Economic Zones and Export Oriented Units contribute about one third of India's export basket. There are 268 SEZs are functional across the country with 5604 Units operating in different Sectors. There are about 1700 EOUs functioning across the country. They form the ideal example for 'Make in India', 'Local goes Global' and 'Ease of Doing Business'. They are in the forefront of achieving the \$ 400 billion dollar exports in 2021-22. They have given employment to 25 lakh people so far.

Government of India set up **Madras Export Processing Zone (MEPZ)** in the year 1984 as a multi-product Zone. It had been converted into a Special Economic Zone in the year 2003. MEPZ SEZ is located at Tambaram in a close proximity of 9 km from Chennai International Airport and about 30 km from the Chennai Sea Port. MEPZ SEZ has the jurisdiction of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and 100% Export Oriented Units (EOUs) located in the State of Tamil Nadu, UT of Puducherry (Pondicherry and Karaikal areas) and UT of Andaman & Nicobar islands.

MEPZ SEZ recognises the excellent performance of the Exporters and awards the Exporting Units for their exceptional performance every year in the sphere of Investments, Exports and Employment. The Awards are given in 7 Sectors and 25 Categories for the SEZ Units, EOU and the Developers. There are two Awards in each category.

Export Excellence Awards for the year 2018-19 are being given to **SEZ Units and EOUs** on 23rd May 2022, Monday at 10:30am at CTS Auditorium, MEPZ, Tambaram. **Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan**, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana as well as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry will be the Chief Guest for the function and she will distribute the Awards to the deserving Exporting firms. **Dr. Malini Shankar**, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Chennai will be the Guest of Honour for the function.

The Awards will be presented under the following Sectors:

Sl. No.	Sector	Category
1.	IT/ITES	1. Highest Physical Exports (Under this category, awards are given under 3 slabs: a. Physical exports below ₹ 10 Crore; b. Physical exports above ₹ 10 Crore but below ₹ 50 Crore; and c. Physical exports above ₹ 50 Crore) 2. Highest Employment 3. Highest Investment
2.	Electronics Hardware and Telecommunication	
3.	Engineering	
4.	Leather footwear sports goods, Textiles & Readymade Garments	
5.	Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber, Pharmaceuticals & Drugs	
6.	Food & Agro Products, Agricultural Products & Plantations	
7.	Miscellaneous	

Further, the top two Developers of **IT/ITES SEZs and Non-IT/ITES SEZs** are being given awards under the following categories:

1. Highest Physical Export
2. Highest Employment
3. Highest Investment

One Special Recognition Award is being given for the year 2018-19 for the SEZ Developers and **Special Achievement Award** is being given **under following category for the year 2018-19** for:

1. Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives.
2. Swatchh Bharat Initiatives.
3. Renewable Energy Initiatives.

A total of 138 of Awards for the year 2018-19 are to be distributed during the function on 23/05/2022.

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