



## WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL WATCH

January 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026





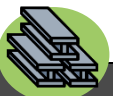


This is the first edition of the “*Weekly Industrial Watch*”, covering key news from the start of the year 1<sup>st</sup> January through the end of last week 25<sup>th</sup> January. Going forward, updates will be shared on a weekly basis. This week’s major Industrial highlights:

- Textile exports show mixed trends, Pakistan’s textile exports rose nearly 10% YoY in December 2025 to about \$1.59 bn, reflecting moderate performance despite sector strains. However, industry voices warn of closures and energy challenges with mills shutting over high costs.
- A new \$6.5 m joint venture was approved between SGFL and China’s Golden Star for non-leather footwear production and export.
- National Assembly has passed two key bills including “Corporate Social Responsibility CSR bill 2026” this will increase industry accountability and compliance requirements.
- Pakistan announced the “Made in Pakistan SME Cluster Showcase Expo 2026” and 19th Build Asia International Expo, expected to boost visibility of cement, steel, manufacturing and MSMEs.
- Government and foreign engagement (including Pakistan-Russia talks) are advancing the revival and modernization of Pakistan Steel Mills, while incidents like organized theft at the mill spotlight operational challenges.
- Large-scale manufacturing output grew strongly in November 2025, led by garments, cement and automobiles, even as overall export proceeds declined over several months.

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 <b>TEXTILE</b>	 <b>LEATHER</b>	 <b>SPORTS</b>	 <b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>	 <b>STEEL</b>	 <b>FERTILIZER</b>	 <b>CEMENT</b>
<a href="#">Heimtextil 2026 from tomorrow: Quality cotton prices stable amid limited trading</a>	<a href="#">Made in Pakistan-SME expo to begin from Jan 24</a>	<a href="#">Sports goods exports to China rise 7%</a>	<a href="#">Pakistan eyes major Chinese investment in 10 sectors as agriculture summit opens</a>	<a href="#">Fertiliser, steel prices fall; cement remains stable</a>	<a href="#">Fertiliser, steel prices fall; cement remains stable</a>	<a href="#">Fertiliser, steel prices fall; cement remains stable</a>
<b>Business Recorder, 12 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Daily Times, 19 Jan 2026</b>	<b>The Express Tribune, 01 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Arab News, 19 Jan 2026</b>	<b>DAWN, 04 Jan 2026</b>	<b>DAWN, 04 Jan 2026</b>	<b>DAWN, 04 Jan 2026</b>
<a href="#">Pakistan's strong participation in Heimtextil 2026 reflects growing export potential: TMA</a>	<a href="#">SGFL, China's Golden Star to launch \$6.5mn footwear project in Pakistan</a>	<a href="#">Export of sports goods up 15.86pc to \$179.33m in five months</a>	<a href="#">Nestlé's \$60m sparks cautious optimism</a>	<a href="#">PSM 'union men' involved in theft activities: FIA</a>		<a href="#">Cement Prices in North Region Suddenly Increased</a>
<b>Business Recorder, 13 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Business Recorder, 21 January 2026</b>	<b>The Nation, 05 Jan 2026</b>	<b>The Express Tribune, 23 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Business Recorder, 07 Jan 2026</b>		<b>ProPakistani, 20 Jan 2026</b>
<a href="#">Heimtextil 2026: Pakistani Pavilion Emerges as Major Attraction</a>	<a href="#">SAPM launches first 'Made in Pakistan SMEs Expo 2026'</a>	<a href="#">SAPM launches first 'Made in Pakistan SMEs Expo 2026'</a>		<a href="#">Pakistan Steel Mills hit by organised theft, FIA probe sought</a>		<a href="#">3 days, 19th Build Asia International Exhibition to be started tomorrow in Expo Centre Karachi</a>
<b>ARY News, 13 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Business Recorder, 22 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Business Recorder, 22 Jan 2026</b>		<b>Aaj News, 17 Jan 2026</b>		<b>Urdu Point, 21 Jan 2026</b>
<a href="#">European buyers roll out Pakistani carpets after US tariffs on India</a>				<a href="#">Federal government mulls new steel mill in Sindh</a>		<a href="#">Pakistan's factory output grows 10.37% in November despite continued export decline</a>
<b>The Express Tribune, 15 Jan 2026</b>				<b>The Express Tribune, 22 Jan 2026</b>		<b>Profit Pakistan Today, 23 Jan 2026</b>
<a href="#">FPCCI warns against widespread textile factory closures, unemployment</a>				<a href="#">Steel producers body wants power supplied to industry at lower cost</a>		

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[Pakistan's cost of doing business 34% higher than region: PBF](#)  
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