



## Decline in Indian Diamond Exports

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India's [diamond](#) export is anticipated to witness a significant downturn, with projections indicating a decrease to a 5-year low of approximately **USD 15-16 billion in 2023-24**.

- This bleak outlook is attributed to subdued demand from major markets such as the **U.S. and China**, which collectively contribute around 65% of India's diamond exports.
- Factors including the **emergence of alternative spending options**, the growing popularity of [lab-grown diamonds\(LGDs\)](#), and geopolitical tensions further exacerbate the export slowdown.
  - **LGDs** are manufactured in laboratories, as opposed to naturally occurring diamonds. However, the **chemical composition and other physical and optical properties of the two are the same**.
- **Major Diamond Producing Countries:** Russia, Botswana, Canada, South Africa, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
  - In India, **Surat is dubbed as the Diamond City**. It holds a commanding position in processing precious gems, with roughly **90% of the world's rough diamonds cut and polished in the city**.

**Read more:** [Lab-grown Diamonds](#)

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