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Trade Updates

India's trade deficit narrows on month to $27.1 billion in Feb; Tariff uncertainty, Iran conflict loom
India's merchandise trade deficit widened to $27.10 billion in February 2026, compared with $14.42 billion in the same month last year, with exports at $36.61 billion and imports at $63.71 billion, according to commerce ministry data released Monday. Economists had projected India's February trade deficit at $28.8 billion, according to a Reuters poll, lower than the $34.68 billion deficit recorded in the previous month.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-trade-deficit-at-27-1-billion-in-february-tariff-uncertainty-iran-conflict-loom/articleshow/129603951.cms

China overtakes Netherlands as India's third-largest export market
China overtook the Netherlands to become India's third-largest export destination in February, according to commerce department data. Exports to seven of India's top 10 destinations contracted during the month, with overall exports declining 0.81 per cent year-on-year to $36.61 billion. These 10 countries together account for over 50 per cent of India's merchandise exports.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/china-overtakes-netherlands-third-largest-export-destination-feb-126031701101_1.html

Free Trade Agreements

India inks terms of reference with Philippines, Maldives for trade pact talks
India has inked terms of reference with the Philippines and the Maldives to start negotiations for free trade agreements (FTAs), the Commerce Ministry said on Monday. The terms of reference (ToR) outline the scope and modalities of a proposed trade pact. With the Philippines, a Southeast Asian nation, negotiations will begin for a preferential trade agreement (PTA), while with the Maldives, it will be for a free trade agreement (FTA), the ministry said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-inks-terms-of-reference-with-philippines-maldives-for-trade-pact-talks/articleshow/129610630.cms

EU, India focus on implementing FTA, defence deal: Ursula von der Leyen
European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Monday said the EU and India are now focused on efficiently implementing their recently concluded free trade deal and security partnership. Her remarks came after a meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is on a two-day visit to Brussels for talks with his counterparts from the 27-member European Union (EU).
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/eu-india-focus-on-implementing-fta-defence-deal-ursula-von-der-leyen/articleshow/129613618.cms

Israel, GCC trade pact talks lose steam, UK FTA likely to be implemented by May
The proposed free trade agreement (FTA) with the UK, signed on July 2025, is likely to be implemented by early May with both sides "sorting out a few issues", an official said Thursday, while the EU has indicated November as the timeline for ratification of the trade pact with India with its implementation expected this year itself. The trade talks with Israel and six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have slowed amid the ongoing conflict in the region.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/israel-gcc-trade-pact-talks-lose-steam-uk-fta-likely-to-be-implemented-by-may/articleshow/129686871.cms

India protects key sectors under 'powerful' US trade deal, says Piyush Goyal
India has a 'very good' and 'powerful' trade agreement with the United States, under which New Delhi has been able to protect all its sensitive sectors, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday. Speaking at a media event, Goyal said the trade deal would benefit both countries and that the process of building in preferential benefits available to India under the agreement was currently underway. "We have been able to protect all our sensitive sectors," Goyal said, adding that products of India's interest in agriculture had been safeguarded.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-protects-key-sectors-under-powerful-us-trade-deal-says-piyush-goyal/articleshow/129563674.cms

India-US trade deal to be signed when Trump re-establishes tariff rates, Trade Secy says
India-US trade deal will be signed when America re-establishes global tariff rates, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said on Monday, adding that President Donald Trump is working on recreating global tariff architecture. India launched negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) with the United States of America (USA) on February 13, 2025, under President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-us-trade-deal-to-be-signed-when-trump-re-establishes-tariff-rates-trade-secy-says/articleshow/129604679.cms

Farmers seek agri, dairy carve-out in India-US trade deal over duty-free import fears
Farmers under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) on Thursday demanded agriculture, dairy and poultry sectors be excluded from the proposed India-US trade agreement, emphasising that duty-free imports would spell doom for domestic producers. The demand was raised at a Kisan Panchayat held at Ramlila Maidan here, which saw participation of thousands of farmers from across the country, according to a statement.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/farmers-seek-agri-dairy-carve-out-in-india-us-trade-deal-over-duty-free-import-fears/articleshow/129681565.cms

Bilateral Trade

India's exports to US fall 13% in Feb; trade deficit with China crosses $100 billion
India's exports to the US dipped 12.88 per cent year-on-year to USD 6.88 billion in February due to high tariffs in America, while the trade deficit with China crossed USD 100 billion during the 11-month period of this fiscal, according to the commerce ministry data released on Monday. India's exports to the US dipped 12.88 per cent year-on-year to USD 6.88 billion in February due to high tariffs in America, while the trade deficit with China crossed USD 100 billion during the 11-month period of this fiscal, according to the commerce ministry data released on Monday.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-exports-to-us-fall-13-in-feb-trade-deficit-with-china-crosses-100-billion/articleshow/129612230.cms

India gains most from US nod to Russian oil imports, but concerns remain
India moved about a week ahead of other Asian buyers in procuring Russian oil, with refiners asked to lift as much as possible. Even so, the country is still facing a crude shortfall of about 750,000 barrels per day (bpd) in March compared with February, as of Sunday, according to calculations based on ship-tracking data accessed by Business Standard. The gap reflects a sharp drop in purchases from West Asia.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-gains-most-from-us-nod-to-russian-oil-imports-but-concerns-remain-126031500379_1.html

India fast-tracks fertiliser imports amid West Asia crisis: Govt sources
India has fast-tracked fertiliser imports to safeguard supplies for the kharif sowing season as the West Asia crisis disrupts gas shipments, and shipping routes, government sources said on Saturday. India has brought forward a global tender for urea imports and ordered 13.5 lakh tonnes of fertiliser by mid-February. About 90 per cent of this order is expected to arrive by the end of March, the sources said.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/agriculture/india-fast-tracks-fertiliser-imports-cushion-kharif-season-west-asia-supply-126031400761_1.html

Sectoral Updates

India's basmati rice exports to stay steady despite Middle East conflict: Crisil
An analysis of 47 companies rated by Crisil Ratings, accounting for 60% of the overall Indian basmati rice industry revenue, show that basmati export volume is expected to remain steady this fiscal and next, with growth of up to 2% over the export volume of 6.06 million tonne (MT) logged last fiscal, despite the ongoing Middle East conflict. While exports to Iran, a key market, are likely to be affected, higher demand from other markets in the region, such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, United Arab Emirates and Yemen will provide an offset.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-basmati-rice-exports-to-stay-steady-despite-middle-east-conflict-crisil/articleshow/129603044.cms

India's oilmeal exports fall 22% on year in Feb-26
The Solvent Extractors Association of India has stated that export of oilmeals for the month of February 2026 is provisionally reported at 257,961 tons compared to 330,319 tons in Feb., 2025 i.e. down by 22%. The overall export of oilmeals during Apr.25 to Feb.26 reported at 3,493,823 tons compared to 3,933,349 tons during the same period of last year i.e. down by 11%.
https://www.business-standard.com/markets/capital-market-news/india-s-oilmeal-exports-fall-22-on-year-in-feb-26-126031700621_1.html

India's sugar production up 10.4% so far this season
Indian mills produced 26.18 million metric tons of sugar between October 1 and March 15, up 10.4% from the previous year, as higher output from the country's top three producing states lifted production, a leading industry body said on Monday. Sugar production in the western state of Maharashtra increased to 9.85 million tons from 7.86 million tons, while neighbouring Karnataka saw a 17.1% jump to 4.58 million tons, the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-sugar-production-up-10-4-so-far-this-season/articleshow/129604127.cms

Govt approves additional 87,587 tonnes sugar export quota for 2025-26
The food ministry has approved an additional export quota of 87,587 tonnes of sugar for the 2025-26 marketing year (October-September), following requests from sugar mills, the ministry said in a circular on Monday. The government had earlier permitted exports of 1.5 million tonnes for the season, and in February allocated an extra 500,000 tonnes to willing mills on a non-swappable basis. Mills had until February to apply for portions of the additional quota. Of the 500,000 tonnes, only 87,587 tonnes were requested and approved, with the remainder lapsing, the ministry stated.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-approves-over-87000-tonnes-additional-sugar-export-quota-for-2025-26-marketing-year/articleshow/129614719.cms

India's gems, jewellery exports up 3.86% at $2.68 billion in Feb: GJEPC
India's gems and jewellery exports grew 3.86 per cent year-on-year to $2.68 billion (₹24,340.05 crore) in February, following the industry's diversification into other markets, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). The overall exports stood at $2.58 billion (₹22,460.13 crore) during the corresponding month of 2025, GJEPC data showed.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-gems-jewellery-exports-up-386-at-268-billion-in-feb-gjepc/article70746061.ece

Govt imposes import curbs on silver jewellery studded with diamonds
The government on Monday imposed import curbs on silver jewellery studded with cheap diamonds till June 30 this year, according to a notification. "The import policy of items...is revised from free to restricted for the period up to June 30, 2026, with immediate effect," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said. The move is aimed at curbing imports of silver from Asean countries, according to an industry expert.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/govt-imposes-import-curbs-on-silver-jewellery-studded-with-diamonds/articleshow/129615331.cms

India in talks with Russia, Belarus, Morocco to boost fertiliser imports, sources say
India, a leading importer of fertilisers, is in talks to increase purchases from Russia, Belarus and Morocco as Middle East tensions and China's export curbs risk tightening supplies ahead of the summer planting season, government and industry sources said. India, where farming is a mainstay, imports fertilisers such as urea, diammonium phosphate (DAP) and muriate of potash, as well as liquefied natural gas, a key feedstock for urea production.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-in-talks-with-russia-belarus-morocco-to-boost-fertiliser-imports-sources-say/articleshow/129676094.cms

State Updates

Tamil Nadu surpasses Gujarat, Maharashtra to become top textile exporter
Tamil Nadu has emerged as India's top state in textile exports, recording shipments worth $7,997.17 million for the fiscal year 2024-25, which is an increase of 29.12 per cent over the last four years, the government said. The state has witnessed a 29 per cent increase in export value in the last four years, an official release said.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/tamil-nadu-surpasses-gujarat-maharashtra-to-become-top-textile-exporter-126031900421_1.html

WTO

Food security and agriculture issues top India's agenda at WTO meet
India will push for a long-pending permanent solution on public stockholding for food security and a special safeguard mechanism against sudden import surges at the World Trade Organisation's ministerial conference next week. New Delhi will also emphasise the need to put in place a fully functional two-tier dispute settlement mechanism and preserve the WTO's fundamentals of consensus-based decision making, member-driven character, and the principle of special and differential treatment, officials said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/food-security-and-agriculture-issues-top-indias-agenda-at-wto-meet/articleshow/129686009.cms

India to pitch for strengthening WTO at upcoming ministerial: Officials
India will push for further strengthening of the WTO at the upcoming ministerial meeting in Cameroon so that it can play an important role in promoting global trade at a time when the world is witnessing turmoil due to various geopolitical factors, officials said on Thursday. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will attend the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) being held from 26 to 29 March 2026 in Yaounde, Cameroon.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-to-advocate-for-strengthening-wto-key-agenda-for-upcoming-ministerial-conference-in-cameroon/articleshow/129683062.cms

Global trade growth may slow to 1.9% this year amid West Asia crisis: WTO
The global trade growth is expected to slow down to 1.9 per cent this year amid the West Asia crisis, the WTO said on Wednesday. WTO economists warn that the ongoing conflict in West Asia could further reduce trade growth if energy prices remain elevated, it said. It would also put pressure on food supplies and trade in services due to travel and transport disruptions.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/global-trade-growth-slow-down-to-1-9-pc-2026-west-asia-crisis-wto-126031901365_1.html

WTO reforms, e-commerce, investment facilitation to dominate MC14 talks
The World Trade Organisation's (WTO's) upcoming 14th ministerial conference (MC14) is set to see intense discussions on key issues, including reforms, e-commerce, fisheries subsidies and the long-pending permanent solution on public stockholding. The 14th MC will be held from March 26-29 at Yaoundé in Cameroon.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/wto-reforms-e-commerce-investment-facilitation-to-dominate-mc14-talks-126031901156_1.html

India, US set to clash on WTO reforms ahead of 14th ministerial meeting
India and the United States (US) are set to clash at the World Trade Organization (WTO) over the reforms agenda of the multilateral trade body ahead of its 14th ministerial meeting (MC14), with New Delhi insisting that foundational aspects of the WTO, such as consensus-driven decision-making and non-discriminatory tariff treatment (most-favoured nation) must not be altered. "We are saying foundational aspects of WTO should not change. Pending mandates should be addressed. Before new things are added," said a government official who did not wish to be named.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-us-set-to-clash-on-wto-reforms-ahead-of-14th-ministerial-meeting-126031500661_1.html

India underreported rice, wheat price support: US, others to WTO
The US, Australia, Paraguay and Ukraine have raised objections to the market price support given by India to certain agricultural goods in a submission to the World Trade Organization (WTO). They said India provides market price support for rice and wheat in excess of what it has reported to the global trade body. India's market price support for rice appears to have been 86% of value of production for 2023-24 while the support for wheat is 69.4% of the production value, they alleged.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-underreported-rice-wheat-price-support-us-others-to-wto/articleshow/129625359.cms

Global Trade

Japan records trade surplus as export growth balances out weak China demand
Japan recorded a trade surplus of 57.3 billion yen ($360 million) in February, according to government data released Wednesday, reversing from a deficit a month earlier. Exports grew at a better-than-expected 4.2 per cent in February to 9.57 trillion yen, the Finance Ministry's seasonally adjusted preliminary data show. Imports grew 10.2 per cent on-year to 9.51 trillion yen following a 2.5 per cent contraction in January.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/japan-records-trade-surplus-as-export-growth-balances-out-weak-china-demand-126031800180_1.html

Russia's seaborne grain exports up 32.9% in February, shows data
Russia's seaborne grain exports rose 32.9% year-on-year to 3.2 million metric tons in February, according to shipping data from industry sources released on Monday. Total seaborne exports have reached 36.1 million tons so far this season, beginning on July 1 each year, 5.1% down year-on-year, according to the data. Seaborne exports account for about 90% of Russia's total grain exports.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/russia-s-seaborne-grain-exports-up-32-9-in-february-shows-data-126031600900_1.html

US may lift sanctions on 140 mn barrels of Iranian oil on the seas: Bessent
Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the US is looking to lift sanctions that it has long imposed on Iranian oil in an effort to ease the spike in energy prices triggered by its war in the Gulf, and could also look at a unilateral release of its own reserves. "In the coming days, we may unsanction the Iranian oil that's on the water," Bessent said on Fox Business Thursday. The US is already allowing Iranian oil to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, and that nation has about 140 million barrels afloat now, the Treasury chief said. "Depending on how you count it, that's 10 days to two weeks of supply."
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/bessent-says-us-aiming-to-unsanction-iran-oil-on-the-water-126031901101_1.html

About 90 ships cross Strait of Hormuz as Iran exports oil despite war
About 90 ships including oil tankers have crossed the Strait of Hormuz since the outset of the war with Iran and it is still exporting millions of barrels of oil at a time when the waterway has been effectively closed, according to maritime and trade data platforms. Many of the vessels that passed through the strait were so-called "dark" transits evading Western government sanctions and oversight that likely have ties to Iran, maritime data firm Lloyd's List Intelligence said.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/about-90-ships-cross-strait-of-hormuz-as-iran-exports-oil-despite-war-126031800334_1.html

Other Key Coverages

India's exports to hold in March despite global turmoil, says Piyush Goyal
India's trade remains resilient despite global disruptions and the deficit is manageable, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. The country's exports have largely remained stable till February despite pressure due to rising freight costs and challenges around the Strait of Hormuz closure and are expected to hold in March, the minister said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-exports-to-hold-in-march-despite-global-turmoil-says-piyush-goyal/articleshow/129641174.cms

India rolls out ₹497 crore RELIEF scheme to support exporters amid West Asia conflict
India on Thursday rolled out a ₹497 crore export support package to cushion shipments hit by disruptions from the West Asia conflict, offering enhanced insurance cover and logistics relief as war risks drive up freight and premiums even as officials assured that domestic requirements would take precedence over exports in case of supply constraints.The Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation or RELIEF scheme will cover consignments to about 17 countries, as global reinsurers pull back from conflict-hit routes, including the Strait of Hormuz, to stabilise trade flows and prevent order cancellations for Indian exporters.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-rolls-out-497-crore-relief-scheme-to-support-exporters-amid-west-asia-conflict/articleshow/129686392.cms

Planning early shipments, exploring alternate routes amid West Asia crisis: Exporters
Exporters and logistics providers are minimising disruptions caused by the ongoing West Asia crisis by closely monitoring carriers, planning shipments in advance, and exploring alternative routes. The exporting community said that businesses are also adjusting inventory, contracts, and schedules for flexibility. They added that support measures, such as sharing regular advisories, engaging with shipping lines to manage surcharges, ensuring vessel/container availability, allowing flexibility in compliance timelines, and maintaining dialogue between industry bodies and government authorities, will help the domestic industry deal with this crisis.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/planning-early-shipments-exploring-alternate-routes-amid-west-asia-crisis-exporters/articleshow/129586370.cms

Industry seeks concessional imports via SEZs
In a move aimed at supporting import substitution and manufacturing in India, industry has suggested that the Centre allow imports from major import partners including China and countries under different trade agreements, to be supplied from special economic zones (SEZ) to the domestic area at concessional duty. In a communication to the commerce and industry ministry, SEZ units and developers suggested that 200 products including photovoltaic cells, naphtha, fungicides, non-industrial diamonds, parts of electric power machinery, certain vaccines and aluminium billets be allowed to be imported at concessional duty.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/industry-seeks-concessional-imports-via-sezs/articleshow/129594870.cms

Exporters, freight forwarders seek government help as war surcharges on cargo surge
Exporters and freight forwarders have sought the government's intervention after global shipping lines began imposing steep war-risk surcharges on cargo to and from the Middle East. In some cases, the charges nearly doubled from previously negotiated rates, adding more pressure on trade facing severe turmoil due to the Iran war. In a letter to the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways on Monday, the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) said the sudden levies are being imposed with little transparency or

clarity on how they are calculated or when they are applied, creating "considerable uncertainty and operational difficulty" for exporters, importers, and logistics providers.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/exporters-freight-forwarders-seek-government-help-as-war-surcharges-on-cargo-surge/articleshow/129618460.cms

PM E-DRIVE rules eased; e-bus, e-truck firms can import motors till Aug-end
The government has eased localisation requirements under the Phased Manufacturing Programme of the ₹10,900 crore PM E-DRIVE Scheme, providing major relief to manufacturers of electric trucks and buses by allowing them to import traction motors with rare-earth magnets till August 31. In separate notifications dated March 13, the Ministry of Heavy Industries deferred the deadline to stop imports of traction motors used in e-trucks (N2/N3) and e-buses (M2/M3), a decision expected to ease component shortages faced by manufacturers.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/auto/govt-eases-rules-pm-e-drive-allowing-e-bus-e-truck-makers-to-import-traction-motors-till-aug-end-126031600762_1.html

US oil exports seen rising as WTI discount to Brent hits widest in 11 years
The discount for US crude futures versus Brent on Wednesday hit the widest in 11 years, as attacks on West Asian oil infrastructure drove the global benchmark higher while rising supply in the US set the stage for a jump in oil exports. The US-Israeli war on Iran has thrown global oil markets into turmoil, driving crude and fuel prices to multi-year highs as a key trade route has mostly closed and some energy output in the West Asia is shut.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/us-oil-exports-seen-rising-as-wti-discount-to-brent-hits-widest-in-11-years-126031900071_1.html

Govt says exports moving smoothly; 2,600 containers shipped to West Asia
Amid concerns over congestion at Indian ports during the West Asia crisis, the government on Monday said container movement to the region continues smoothly, and there is no hold-up at major ports. According to the latest government data, around 2,600 containers have been shipped to West Asia from India's export cargo hub, the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), over the past five days.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/govt-says-exports-moving-smoothly-2-600-containers-shipped-to-west-asia-126031601291_1.html

India recommends $3,453/MT anti-dumping duty on Chinese DASDA imports
India trade remedies authority has recommended an anti-dumping duty of $3,453 per metric ton on imports from China of DASDA, a chemical intermediate used to make brightening agents for textiles and other industries, a government statement said on Thursday.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/india-recommends-3-453-mt-anti-dumping-duty-on-chinese-dasda-imports-126031900914_1.html

India launches anti-dumping probe into ethyl chloroformate imports from China
India on Tuesday opened an anti-dumping investigation into ethyl chloroformate imports from China after a domestic producer alleged the chemical used in pharmaceutical and agrochemical manufacturing was being sold at unfairly low prices. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), under the federal trade ministry, said it initiated the probe following an application by Paushak that alleged that imports from China had caused "material injury" to domestic producers.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-launches-anti-dumping-probe-into-ethyl-chloroformate-imports-from-china/articleshow/129653396.cms

NITI Aayog lays out a roadmap to make India global manufacturing hub for high quality sports goods
NITI Aayog has proposed structural reforms and fiscal incentives to the tune of Rs 7500 crore from 2027-2031 as part of its seven-pronged strategy to help scale up manufacturing and exports of sports goods and equipment from the country. The policy roadmap comes barely two months after the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her 2026 Budget speech, proposed to come up with a dedicated initiative for sports goods that will promote manufacturing, research and innovation in equipment design as well as material sciences to enable India emerge as a global hub for high quality, affordable sports goods.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/niti-aayog-lays-out-a-roadmap-to-make-india-global-manufacturing-hub-for-high-quality-sports-goods/articleshow/129680092.cms

Centre directs oil, gas firms to share export, import, and inventory data
India has ordered oil and gas companies to share details on exports, imports and inventories with a government agency, as the South Asian nation seeks to shield consumers from shortages amid rising global prices triggered by the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran. India has designated the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell to collect and analyse the information, according to a government order issued late on Wednesday.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/centre-directs-oil-gas-firms-to-share-export-import-and-inventory-data-126031900041_1.html

Centre eases pet import rules for Indians returning from West Asia
The Centre has temporarily eased rules to allow Indians returning from conflict-hit West Asian countries to bring back their pet dogs and cats without strict formalities, The Economic Times reported on Friday. The move was initiated by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) amid reports of widespread pet abandonment across the region. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs subsequently directed field officials to permit such imports, the report added.
https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/centre-eases-pet-import-rules-indians-returning-west-asia-126032000169_1.html

Notifications by DGTR

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "1-(3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-6,7-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl) ethenone" originating in or exported from China PR.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/Initiation%20Notification%20English%20Tonalide%20(1).pdf

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Phenol" from Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and United States of America.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/Initiation%20%20Phenol%20english001.pdf

Anti-dumping Investigation concerning imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives also known as Arylides from China PR
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/English%20Arylides.pdf

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Methyl Chloroformates (MCF) in any concentration" originating in or exported from China PR.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/MCF%20Initiation%20Notification%20English%20(1).pdf

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Acetone from the Republic of Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/Acetone%20english_0001.pdf

Sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Calcined Gypsum Powder" Originating in or exported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/CGP-SSR_english.pdf

Countervailing duty investigation concerning imports of "Calcined Gypsum Powder" Originating in or exported from Egypt.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/CGP-CVD%20ENG_0001%20(1).pdf

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Calcined Gypsum Powder" Originating in or exported from Egypt.
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/CGP-AD%20eng_0001.pdf

Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Ethyl Chloroformates (ECF) in any concentration" originating in or exported from China PR
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