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Trade Updates

India's September goods exports rise 23% as imports hit six-month low, narrowing trade deficit
India's September goods exports swelled 23% to $44.4 billion from the year ago, driven by electronic goods, petroleum products, engineering goods and, yarn and fabrics, as import growth slumped to an six-month low of 8% amid a sharp contraction in gold shipments to the country, helping the trade deficit narrow to $30.21 billion from $33 billion, according to official data released Thursday. The trade deficit was higher than $26.86 billion in August. September imports were at $74.61 billion, with that of gold falling 81.27% on-year. Silver imports were down 49.11% from the year before.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-september-goods-exports-rise-23-as-imports-hit-six-month-low-narrowing-trade-deficit/articleshow/134976400.cms

Free Trade Agreements

First tranche of US trade deal ready: Commerce Minister
Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said the first tranche of the India-US trade deal has been finalised and was going through final contouring and legal drafting but it would be operationalised once India gets competitive advantage over peer countries. “And the US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) first tranche has been finalised. It’s going through the final contours, the legal drafting, and we hope to be able to finalise that soon and operationalise that once we get comparable advantage or competitive advantage over our peer countries,” the Minister said at the SRCC Centenary Conclave on Thursday.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/first-tranche-of-us-trade-deal-ready-commerce-minister/article71589296.ece

India-US trade pact would be concluded at earliest, in interest of global trade: FM
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday expressed hope that the India-US trade agreement would be concluded at the earliest, in the interest of global trade and bilateral economic ties between the two countries. "I think recently the Indian Commerce Minister has also spoken that they expect and wish to have the agreement signed soon. Negotiations have been going on. I hope, in the interest of global trade and in the interest of trade between the two partners, India and US, the trade agreement gets concluded at the earliest," she said.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-us-trade-pact-would-be-concluded-at-earliest-in-interest-of-global-trade-fm/article71591173.ece

India-UK JETCO meet focuses on FTA gains as British firms announce £1 billion new deals
Union Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for Business & Trade Jonathan Reynolds co-chaired the Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting (JETCO) on Monday, the first after the implementation of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, amid announcement of over £1 billion in new commercial deals by the UK.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-uk-jetco-meet-focuses-on-fta-gains-as-british-firms-announce-1-billion-new-deals/article71575239.ece

UK-India trade deal could add £25 billion in annual trade over long term: Reynolds
The UK-India trade agreement could generate an additional £25 billion (₹3.26 lakh crore) in annual trade over the long term, said UK Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds who led a large British business delegation to India for exploring investment and commercial opportunities. The delegation, among the largest the UK has taken to any country, comprises three Cabinet ministers, seven mayors and about 200 businesses. Reynolds said businesses were identifying opportunities across sectors, including advanced manufacturing, life sciences, sports and culture, following the agreement's entry into force.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/uk-india-trade-deal-could-add-25-billion-in-annual-trade-over-long-term-reynolds/article71579377.ece

Next round of review meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement to be held in Jan
The next round of review meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) will be held in India in January next year to review progress of talks and provide guidance for the timely conclusion of the negotiations, the commerce ministry said. It said that ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) hosted the 15th AITIGA Joint Committee and related meetings to review the progress and negotiations of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia, from October 6-9.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/next-round-of-review-meeting-of-asean-india-trade-in-goods-agreement-to-be-held-in-jan/article71563631.ece

India, Switzerland to expand market access, address concerns as TEPA turns one
India and Switzerland on Monday agreed to expand market access for Indian exports and address trade and investment-related constraints faced by businesses as the two countries seek faster implementation of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the four-member European Free Trade Association (EFTA) bloc.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-switzerland-to-expand-market-access-address-concerns-as-tepa-turns-one/article71548168.ece

India-EU trade deal to boost exports, jobs in labour-intensive sectors: Sitharaman
Highlighting the potential of the India-EU trade agreement, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the agreement could support employment in labour-intensive sectors such as footwear, textiles, toys and processed products, many of which are linked to micro and small enterprises. "Those are all in the micro and small medium industry segment, which are labour-intensive," Sitharaman said, speaking at the Munich Leaders Meeting, adding that greater access to the European market could generate "more exports, more jobs".
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-eu-trade-deal-to-boost-exports-jobs-in-labour-intensive-sectors-sitharaman/article71546454.ece

India, Canada sign commercial deals as both aim to seal trade pact by 2026
Indian and Canadian entities on Friday signed a series of commercial agreements and memoranda of understanding in the presence of Canada's Minister of International Trade, Maninder Sidhu, ANI reported. The agreements were signed during the Canada-India Business Ceremony in Karnataka, as the two countries stepped up commercial engagement alongside negotiations for a proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which they aim to conclude by the end of 2026, according to a Ministry of Commerce and Industry presentation cited in the report.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-canada-sign-commercial-deals-as-both-aim-to-seal-trade-pact-by-2026/articleshow/134985153.cms

India, Canada to hold next round of trade pact talks in November
India and Canada will hold the next round of negotiations on the proposed free trade agreement in early November here, according to the commerce ministry. Chief negotiators from the two countries concluded the fifth round of negotiations for the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on October 9 in Canada. The next round will be held here in early November, the ministry said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-canada-to-hold-next-round-of-trade-pact-talks-in-november/articleshow/134968460.cms

Canada to lead largest trade delegation to India in over 30 years, CEPA talks in focus

Canada is leading its largest trade delegation to India in more than 30 years, with nearly 300 business delegates set to explore partnerships across key sectors as both countries advance negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu said. In a post on X, Sidhu said the mission would focus on aerospace, clean energy, technology, life sciences, agri-food and forestry, as Canada seeks to expand commercial ties with one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/canada-to-lead-largest-trade-delegation-to-india-in-over-30-years-cepa-talks-in-focus/articleshow/134907514.cms

Bilateral Trade

India-US cooperation expanding across defence, IT and healthcare, says envoy Sergio Gor
India and America are expanding cooperation across sectors, including defence, IT and healthcare, with investments and joint initiatives creating significant opportunities for both countries, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Monday. Speaking at a programme here to mark 250 years of America's Independence, Gor highlighted the growing partnership between the two countries, citing recent military exercises, defence cooperation and investments by US and Indian companies.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/india-us-cooperation-expanding-across-defence-it-and-healthcare-says-envoy-sergio-gor/article71577735.ece

From pharma to Scotch whisky, UK has "huge" export potential in India: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said the United Kingdom has "huge" export potential in India, with opportunities for British exports ranging from pharmaceuticals, petroleum products and electronics to automobiles and Scotch whisky. Highlighting the significant scope to expand bilateral trade and investments in infrastructure, clean energy and technology, he said India and the UK have complementary economies. Speaking at the India-UK JETCO Business Plenary on Monday, Goyal highlighted the complementary nature of the two economies and stressed the need to strengthen economic partnerships to unlock new growth opportunities.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/from-pharma-to-scotch-whisky-uk-has-huge-export-potential-in-india-commerce-minister-piyush-goyal/articleshow/134895128.cms

PM Modi to visit Canada on December 11-12, focus on strengthening bilateral ties
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Canada from December 11-12, the High Commission of India in Ottawa said on Friday, following a telephone conversation between PM Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney in which both leaders agreed to build on the positive momentum in bilateral ties. It added, "In the recent conversation with Rt. Hon. PM Mark Carney, both the leaders agreed to build on the positive momentum in ties and work towards concrete outcomes in trade, energy, technology, security and people-to-people ties."
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/pm-modi-to-visit-canada-on-december-11-12-focus-on-strengthening-bilateral-ties/articleshow/134980320.cms

'India's dynamic market': Canada Trade Minister Sidhu highlights opportunities for Canadian firms
Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu has highlighted India's potential as a key market for Canadian businesses, identifying artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing, aviation infrastructure, digital innovation, sustainability and smart mobility as major areas for bilateral cooperation. Addressing a business reception hosted as part of the Team Canada Trade Mission to India in Bengaluru on Thursday, Sidhu said India's growing innovation ecosystem offered significant opportunities for collaboration between the two countries.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-dynamic-market-canada-trade-minister-sidhu-highlights-opportunities-for-canadian-firms/articleshow/134980414.cms

We are working to develop relations with China once again: Piyush Goyal
Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said India is working to rebuild its relations with China, but the last word has not yet been scripted on this journey. He also said India is open for joint ventures with any country, provided it gets a fair deal. "We are open to all countries around the world as long as we get a fair deal, as long as we ensure a continuity in the engagement, and as long as the geopolitical situation does not deteriorate. I think we had some concerns in the past. We are working to develop relations with China once again, but the last word has not yet been scripted on this journey," he said.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/we-are-working-to-develop-relations-with-china-once-again-piyush-goyal/articleshow/134937907.cms

China's trade barriers biggest hurdle in bilateral ties, says Nirmala Sitharaman; flags $100 billion deficit
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday flagged China's restrictions on Indian exports as a major obstacle to bilateral trade, warning that India's trade deficit with Beijing continues to widen despite improving diplomatic relations between the two countries. Speaking at an interaction with the Atlantic Council on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund meeting in Bangkok, Sitharaman said China's extensive use of non-tariff barriers has prevented Indian products from gaining greater access to the Chinese market.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/chinas-trade-barriers-biggest-hurdle-in-bilateral-ties-says-nirmala-sitharaman-flags-100-billion-trade-gap/articleshow/134982053.cms

Piyush Goyal meets Rishi Sunak, Czech minister; trade, tech partnerships on agenda
Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday held separate meetings with Czech Republic Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade Karel Havliček and former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to discuss strengthening bilateral economic cooperation, trade, investment and technology partnerships. In a post on X, Goyal said he held a "productive meeting" with Havliček, during which both sides explored avenues to strengthen bilateral trade and investment, encourage joint manufacturing and industrial partnerships, and expand cooperation across key sectors.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/piyush-goyal-meets-rishi-sunak-czech-minister-trade-tech-partnerships-on-agenda/articleshow/134930237.cms

India, Bangladesh joint working group on trade resumes talks after 3-year hiatus
India and Bangladesh discussed long-standing trade concerns, including port restrictions, non-tariff barriers, and trade through land routes, as the two neighbours resumed their joint working group on trade discussions in New Delhi after a three-year gap amid political uncertainty. Bangladesh is also worried about the continuation of duty-free access to the Indian market under the SAFTA (South Asia Free Trade Agreement) as it graduates out of its LDC status, sources said.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-bangladesh-joint-working-group-on-trade-resumes-talks-after-3-year-hiatus/article71564942.ece8

Sectoral Updates

Government allows 5,841 tonnes of sugar export to EU under quota-based duty concession scheme
The government has allowed 5,841 tonnes of sugar to be exported to the European Union (EU) under a quota-based duty concession scheme - tariff rate quota - for 2026-27. "The quantity of 5,841 MT of sugar to be exported to the EU from India under TRQ (tariff rate quota) for the year 2026-27 (October 2026 to September 2027) has been notified," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said in a public notice dated October 9.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/government-allows-5841-tonnes-of-sugar-export-to-eu-under-quota-based-duty-concession-scheme/articleshow/134897982.cms

Gems and jewellery exports rise 9.43% to $2.95 billion in September
India's gem and jewellery exports grew by 9.43 per cent year-on-year in September to $ 2.95 billion (₹28,157.55 crore) despite an uncertain global trade environment, the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said on Wednesday. The overall exports during September 2025 were $ 2.70 billion (₹23,813.91 crore), GJEPC data stated.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/gems-and-jewellery-exports-rise-9-43-to-2-95-billion-in-september-126101401093_1.html

India’s petroleum product exports help reduce US dollar burn
The current geopolitical turmoil has led to high prices of crude oil, transport and marine insurance, which, coupled with a weak rupee against the US dollar, is pushing up India’s oil and gas import as well as its current account deficit (CAD). However, the same factors are also helping the world’s third largest crude oil importer to reduce its US dollar outflows, albeit in a moderate range. India imports more than 88 per cent of its crude oil requirement.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-petroleum-product-exports-help-reduce-us-dollar-burn/article71575859.ece

Global refining shock lifts India's diesel exports to a 12-month high in September
Indian refiners, mostly private sector, exported roughly 2.50 million tonnes (mt) of diesel, the highest in a year, in September as refinery attacks and geopolitical tensions impacted roughly 10 per cent of the global refining capacity with transportation bottlenecks further exacerbating the situation.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/global-refining-shock-lifts-indias-diesel-exports-to-a-12-month-high-in-september/article71564866.ece

India's apparel market set to cross $146 billion by 2029, ranks fourth globally
India's domestic apparel market, which is now the fourth-largest globally, is projected to rise from $95.7 billion (₹8 lakh crore) in CY2025 to $146.3 billion (₹12 lakh crore) by CY2029, representing a 9 per cent CAGR, according to a report released by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) in association with market research firm 1Lattice.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-apparel-market-set-to-cross-146-billion-by-2029-ranks-fourth-globally/article71558580.ece

India's Rs 34,284-crore Basmati trade gets a logistics boost with Iraq shipping plan
The Indian Rice Exporters' Federation (IREF) has launched a bulk-shipping initiative that aims to reduce freight costs for Basmati rice exports to Iraq by nearly 74 per cent, from USD 350 to USD 90 per tonne, in a move expected to strengthen India's competitiveness in the Middle East market, where Basmati exports stood at Rs 34,284 crore in FY 2025-26.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-rs-34284-crore-basmati-trade-gets-a-logistics-boost-with-iraq-shipping-plan/articleshow/134883232.cms

India's edible oil imports dip 7 pc to 15.44 lakh ton in Sep: SEA
India's edible oil imports fell 7 per cent in September to 15.44 lakh tonnes, mainly due to a sharp decline in shipments of crude sunflower oil, according to industry body SEA. The imports stood at 16.58 lakh tonnes in the same month last year. According to data released by the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) on Thursday, imports of crude sunflower oil in September plunged to nearly 1.05 lakh tonnes from 2.72 lakh tonnes in the year-ago period.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-edible-oil-imports-dip-7-pc-to-15-44-lakh-ton-in-sep-sea/articleshow/134969298.cms

WTO

WTO raises 2026 goods trade forecast to 3.9% on AI boom, supply chain resilience
The WTO has sharply upgraded its outlook for global merchandise trade despite the ongoing West Asia crisis, with goods trade volume now expected to grow 3.9 per cent in 2026, more than double its earlier forecast of 1.9 per cent in March. In a potential boost for Indian exporters, Asia is projected to lead merchandise export growth in 2026 at 9.9 per cent, followed by North America at 5.7 per cent and Africa at 5.6 per cent, according to the WTO's latest Global Trade Outlook and Statistics, released on Thursday.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/wto-raises-2026-goods-trade-forecast-to-39-on-ai-boom-supply-chain-resilience/article71560066.ece

Global Trade

US Senators question legality of Trump's deal to allow Russian oil imports
A bipartisan group of US Senators have questioned the legality of President Donald Trump's decision to allow diesel imports from Russia, contending that it ran counter to a law banning such trade till Moscow ends the war in Ukraine. On Friday, after a phone call with Putin, Trump announced that he had struck a deal with Russia to immediately supply 300,000 tons of diesel to the US and the global marketplace.
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/us-senators-question-legality-of-trump-s-deal-to-allow-russian-oil-imports-126101200056_1.html

US trade deficit widens to $105.6 billion in August as imports jump; India deficit at $6.2 billion

The US goods and services trade deficit widened sharply to USD 105.6 billion in August, rising USD 12.7 billion from a revised USD 92.8 billion in July, as a stronger increase in imports more than offset the rise in exports, according to data released by the US Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis on Tuesday. August imports rose 4.3 per cent to USD 420.8 billion, while exports increased 1.4 per cent to USD 315.2 billion. The widening deficit reflected a USD 12.8 billion increase in the goods deficit to USD 136.6 billion, while the services surplus edged up by less than USD 0.1 billion to USD 31 billion.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/us-trade-deficit-widens-to-1056-billion-in-august-as-imports-jump-india-deficit-at-62-billion/article71554088.ece

European countries, Vietnam to sign free trade deal on Sunday, officials say

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and Vietnam are set to sign a free trade deal on Sunday, officials said this week, after long-stalled talks were relaunched last year amid global tensions over US tariffs.

Vietnam and the EFTA bloc, which includes Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, concluded negotiations in July after years of talks that were first launched in 2012.

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/switzerland-norway-vietnam-sign-free-trade-deal-sunday-officials-say-2026-10-14/

Other Key Coverages

Govt launches National Strategic Trade Command Centre to boost governance of India's international trade ecosystem

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) in New Delhi. NSTCC is a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening the monitoring, analysis and governance of India's international trade ecosystem through integrated data analytics and evidence-based decision-making. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that the Command Centre has been conceptualised to provide senior policymakers and government officials with a consolidated view of India's trade performance, export promotion schemes, regulatory approvals, application processing and operational indicators.

https://newsonair.gov.in/union-minister-piyush-goyal-launches-national-strategic-trade-command-centre-in-new-delhi/

Proposed steel policy seeks AI-led detection of sub-standard steel imports

The draft steel policy seeks to put in place an AI-powered governance framework and advanced data analytics to ensure early detection of abnormal import trends and boost the competitiveness of the domestic steel industry. According to the draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047, a three-pronged strategy centred around quality assurance, fair trade and domestic capability should be adopted to reduce avoidable import dependence, strengthen India's steel ecosystem and enhance the competitiveness, resilience and long-term growth of both the steel industry and downstream manufacturing sectors.

https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/proposed-steel-policy-seeks-ai-led-detection-of-sub-standard-steel-imports-126101300289_1.html

Govt raises petrol export duty to ₹2.5/litre, cuts diesel duty to ₹8.5

India has raised the windfall tax on exports of petrol and cut the duty on diesel, according to a government order issued late Thursday. The export duty on petrol was raised to ₹2.5 ($0.0263) per litre from ₹0.5 per litre, while the duty on diesel exports was cut to ₹8.5 per litre from ₹16 per litre, effective October 16, the order said. India first imposed windfall taxes on fuel exports in July 2022 and withdrew them two years later. The government reintroduced the tax in March 2026 after crude prices jumped during the US-Israeli war on Iran.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/govt-raises-petrol-export-duty-to-2-5-litre-cuts-diesel-duty-to-8-5-126101600052_1.html

US oil, gas supplies to India fall 43% as West Asia imports rebound

West Asian producers led by the UAE, Iraq and Saudi Arabia will continue to be India's leading energy suppliers once the war ends and cannot be replaced by the United States, three senior refining officials told Business Standard, as US oil and gas supplies fell sharply in September from this year's high in May. Indian imports of crude oil, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) from the US declined 43 per cent in

September to a combined 1.22 million tonnes from 2.13 million tonnes in August, marking the lowest level since April, according to ship-tracking data accessed by Business Standard.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/us-energy-supplies-india-west-asia-crude-lng-lpg-imports-126101400660_1.html

CDSCO waives export NOC for approved r-DNA drugs sold under new brand names
The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has eased export requirements for recombinant DNA (r-DNA) drugs, clarifying that manufacturers will no longer need a separate export no-objection certificate (NOC) for products marketed overseas under different brand names, provided they already hold valid marketing authorisation in India. The move is expected to reduce export approval timelines for biologics manufacturers by eliminating an additional regulatory clearance for products whose approved specifications and manufacturing processes remain unchanged.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/cdsco-waives-export-noc-for-approved-r-dna-drugs-sold-under-new-brand-names-126101501306_1.html

SME body seeks 90-day EDF filing relief for small service exporters
India SME Forum (ISF) has requested the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to suspend the recurring Export Declaration Form (EDF) filing requirement for 90 days for micro and small service exporters while a simplified mechanism is finalised. The requirement falls under the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/banking/sme-body-seeks-90-day-edf-filing-relief-for-small-service-exporters-126101401073_1.html

FM proposes five priority areas for domestic steel cos; decarbonisation, lower import on the list
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday proposed five priorities including a focus on decarbonisation for the domestic steel sector. “Decarbonisation is the steel industry’s greatest long-term challenge. We must reduce both the energy intensity and the carbon intensity of steel production, even as we expand capacity to meet development needs, Sitharaman said while addressing the World Steel Association General Assembly here. Other four points include moving up the value chain, decarbonise at a pace consistent with development, supporting open and rules-based trade and meeting growing domestic demand through domestic capacity.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/fm-sets-five-priorities-areas-for-domestic-steel-cos-including-decarbonisation-lower-import/article71576089.ece

India launches subsidy probe on Chinese insoluble sulphur imports
India’s Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on September 30, 2026, initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation into imports of insoluble sulphur from China, following a petition by OCCL Limited, the sole domestic producer of the chemical. The investigation, registered as Case No. CVD/OI/008/2026, will examine whether Chinese producers and exporters of insoluble sulphur have benefited from government subsidies that are causing material injury to the Indian industry. The period of investigation covers April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-launches-subsidy-probe-on-chinese-insoluble-sulphur-imports/article71559153.ece

China's trade restrictions for services exporters under review
India is drawing up a list of the trade hurdles its services exporters face in China, including strict licensing, registration and local rules. The commerce department has sought details from the industry on China's data localisation, cybersecurity and cross-border data transfer requirements, as well as visas, work permits and the recognition of professional qualifications.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/chinas-trade-restrictions-for-services-exporters-under-review/articleshow/134876370.cms

DGFT speeds up silver imports through IIBX, other nominated agencies
The government has introduced a simplified, self-declaration-based procedure to speed up the issuance of import authorisations for certain silver items, aiming to reduce processing time for genuine applicants, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a trade notice. Imports of silver items are restricted which means a licence, authorisation, or permission is required from the government. As per the notice, applications

accompanied by a self-declaration that the proposed imports shall be made on payment of customs duty at the generally applicable rate, without availing concessions, may be considered for expedited disposal under this procedure.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/dgft-speeds-up-silver-imports-through-iibx-other-nominated-agencies/articleshow/134945847.cms

India wants to promote rupee trade settlement to help partner facing hard currency shortage: FM Nirmala Sitharaman
India wants to promote trade settlements in rupee to help partner countries facing a shortage of hard currencies so that they continue importing essential goods, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday. When countries struggling to access hard currencies often face difficulties in maintaining trade despite their need to import goods, and local currency settlements could help address the problem, she said in an interaction with the Atlantic Council on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank annual meetings at Bangkok, Thailand.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-wants-to-promote-rupee-trade-settlement-to-help-partner-facing-hard-currency-shortage-fm-nirmala-sitharaman/articleshow/134988388.cms

Notification by DGTR

Final Findings in sunset review investigation concerning imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of Aromatic or Heterocyclic Compounds also known as 'Arylides' from China
https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-10/NCV%20Arylides%20FF.pdf

Notification by DGFT

Simplified procedure for expedited issuance of import authorisations for silver bullion under ITC(HS) 7106 – reg.
https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/c4e3175a-92a8-4958-86c4-04fe8de32ec3/Trade%20Notice%20No%2030%20-%202026-27.pdf

Amendment in Import Policy of Glufosinate and its salts covered under Chapter 38 of Schedule–I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS), 2022. - reg.
https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/87f5c021-25d2-41ce-98dd-d70d9514c4ce/12.10.2026-2.pdf

Amendment in Export Policy of Prepared Culture Media — regarding
https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/a273f9da-f0f4-48e2-a394-1069cb6a4dd7/Scan%20English%20Notification.pdf

Notifications by CBIC

Notification of ICD at Mandalgarh, Bhilwara, Rajasthan u/s. 7(1)(aa) of Customs Act, 1962 and it was issued under Section 7(1)(aa) of Customs Act, 1962.
https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1010770/ENG/Notifications

Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under the Free Trade Agreement between India and NewZealand) Rules, 2026.
https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1010769/ENG/Notifications

Amendment to Notification No. 77/2023-Customs (N.T.) dated 20.10.2023 - Revision of AIR of duty drawback of Gold jewellery and silver jewellery/articles
https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1010771/ENG/Notifications

Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
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