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“Believe in yourself, and you will achieve great things.”

India in the middle of 'very intricate trade negotiation,' says Jaishankar as talks with US gain momentum

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has expressed optimism about ongoing trade negotiations with the United States, emphasizing the potential for a mutually beneficial agreement. Despite the complexities, he highlighted the consistently positive trajectory of India-US relations under five different US presidents, driven by structural factors like economics and technology. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said India is “in the middle, hopefully more than the middle” of a “very intricate trade negotiation” with the United States, adding that he remains optimistic about a successful outcome despite the complexity involved. In an interview with Newsweek during his ongoing visit to the US, Jaishankar described the trajectory of India-US ties as steadily positive over the last 25 years.

Source: [Economic Times, July 01, 2025](#)

India-US trade talks in final stretch: Can India dodge Trump's 26% tariff and secure gains for exporters?

Trade talks between India and the US entered their seventh day on Wednesday, with Indian officials extending their stay in Washington. According to PTI, the delegation's visit—originally planned for just two days—began on June 26 and has continued into this week. The deal is currently facing a few roadblocks; however, if both sides are able to strike an agreement, it could significantly impact India, as the US is one of its biggest trade partners. The most immediate and visible benefit for India would be the avoidance of the additional 26 per cent US tariffs on Indian goods, preserving market access for its exporters. On April 2, the US imposed an additional 26 per cent reciprocal tariff on Indian goods but suspended it for 90 days to keep the door open for trade negotiations with different countries.

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Markets takes a mid-week pause: Nifty below 25,000, HDB Financial sees a strong debut – 5 key highlights

Indian benchmark indices wrapped up today's session in the red. The Sensex closed at 83,409.69, down 287.60 points or 0.34%, while the Nifty settled at 25,453.40, slipping 0.35%. The Nifty Bank also lost ground, ending the day at 56,999.20, down 0.80%. Let's take a look at the key highlights of today's trading session. In the Sensex-30 basket, Tata Steel, UltraTech Cement, Maruti, Trent, and Bharti Airtel emerged as the top performers. One of the biggest highlights of the day was the listing of HDB Financial Services, marking the largest IPO of the year so far and also the biggest issue in the NBFC space. The stock debuted at a 13% premium, opening at Rs 840 per share and taking its market cap to Rs 69,625.5 crore.

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GST rates on cigarettes, drinks, and luxury cars may rise amid cess revamp talks: Reports

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates on items like cigarettes, carbonated drinks, and high-end cars may go up soon, as per a report by NDTV. According to government sources cited by NDTV Profit, the center is considering replacing the current compensation cess with a new health and green cess. At present, these products fall under the highest GST bracket of 28 per cent and also attract a compensation cess. This additional levy was introduced in 2017 to make up for the revenue states lost due to the shift to GST. The compensation cess is scheduled to end on March 31, 2026. A Group of Ministers (GoM), led by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, is now reviewing what should replace it. The panel is exploring the idea of a new cess focused on

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India, China to face 500% US tariff? Trump backs Russia sanctions bill

US President Donald Trump has endorsed a Senate sanctions bill proposing tariffs of up to 500 per cent on countries such as India and China for purchasing oil and energy products from Russia. The legislation aims to step up pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin as the Ukraine conflict continues. Speaking to ABC News on June 30, Senator Lindsey Graham said Trump had urged lawmakers to advance the bill for a vote. "This is a big breakthrough," he said, noting that the measure could strengthen Trump's leverage in potential negotiations with Putin. "If you are buying products from Russia and you are not helping Ukraine, then there's a 500 per cent tariff on your products coming into the United States," Graham said, adding that India and China account for 70 per cent of Russia's oil sales, which help fund its military operations.

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Trump tax-cut plan returns to US House, Republicans divided on bill

The debate within President Donald Trump's Republican Party over a massive tax-cut and spending bill returns to the House of Representatives on Wednesday, as party leaders try to overcome internal divisions and meet a self-imposed July 4 deadline. The Senate passed the legislation, which nonpartisan analysts say will add \$3.3 trillion to the nation's debt over the next decade, by the narrowest possible margin on Tuesday after intense debate on the bill's hefty price tag and substantial cuts to the Medicaid health care program. "The House will work quickly to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill that enacts President Trump's full America First agenda by the Fourth of July," House Speaker Mike Johnson said in a statement on Tuesday, citing the bill's extension of Trump's 2017 individual tax cuts and increased funding for the military and immigration enforcement.

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Analysis shows Trump's tariffs would cost US employers USD 82.3 billion

An analysis finds that a critical group of US employers would face a direct cost of USD 82.3 billion from President Donald Trump's current tariff plans, a sum that could be potentially managed through price hikes, layoffs, hiring freezes or lower profit margins. The analysis by the JPMorganChase Institute is among the first to measure the direct costs created by the import taxes on businesses with USD 10 million to USD 1 billion in annual revenue, a category that includes roughly a third of private-sector US workers. These companies are more dependent than other businesses on imports from China, India and Thailand - and the retail and wholesale sectors would be especially vulnerable to the import taxes being levied by the Republican president.

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Is Trump gambling with America's future?

President Trump is operating as if traditional restraints have disappeared, adopting bold and risky moves both domestically and internationally. From unilateral military action in Iran to pardoning January 6 defendants, deploying federal forces in cities, and slapping aggressive tariffs—even against allies—he seems emboldened by weakened institutional checks. He may be right in that assessment. But if he is, both he and his party could ultimately regret it. Consider his decision last week to bomb Iran. The problem of Iran's quest for a nuclear weapon has vexed presidents for decades. Yet Vice President JD Vance, reflecting the courtier mindset that has come to dominate Trump's White House, insisted that other presidents hadn't bombed Iran only because they were....

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