

India, UK close to clinching trade deal as Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal wraps up talks in London

London/New Delhi, Apr 30 (UNI) India and the UK are close to clinching a free trade deal, following the talks held between the two sides during the London visit of Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal told a business roundtable in London on Tuesday that “25 of 26 matters have been agreed” upon during the negotiations, Politico quoted him as saying.

Amanda Brooks, director general for Trade Negotiations at the Department for Business and Trade, told reporters that a trade deal with India is close.

However, Minister Goyal had raised outstanding issues in a meeting with UK Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds. These included India's calls for a carve-out from Britain's forthcoming tax on high-emissions imports like steel and aluminium that the UK government has promised to roll out in 2027, Politico said.

Other issues include the description of Indian territory in the deal and the sunset clause in the pact's parallel investment treaty.

Both nations had begun talks on a bilateral trade deal in early 2022, however, the talks stalled.

After the Labour government



came to power last year, Trade Secretary Reynolds travelled to Delhi in February this year to restart the negotiations. A breakthrough in the talks came after India accepted Britain would only offer minor changes to its visa regime, with the two sides closing the mobility chapter of the deal in recent weeks.

Politico quoted a UK official as saying that the new rules will lead to “only 100 new visas for Indian workers per year”.

A No. 10 spokesperson said on Tuesday afternoon that negotiations were “constructive and productive”. They added: “We’ve been clear that we will only sign a deal in our best interest.”

Meanwhile, Minister Goyal post-

ed on X on his meetings in the UK.

“Wonderful to be joined by @DavidLammy, Secretary of State for @FCDOGovUK at the joint India-UK business reception held at Lancaster House.

“Addressed the gathering along with UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade @JReynoldsMP and spoke about the bright future ahead for the India-Great Britain partnership.

“Immensely grateful for the warm and gracious hospitality extended by our UK partners. Looking forward to tangible outcomes of our shared vision.

“It was a pleasure to meet @RachelReevesMP, Chancellor

of the Exchequer along with @JReynoldsMP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade, UK.

“Had a fruitful exchange on advancing India-UK economic ties and further building on our strong partnership.”

Goyal also met with Mark Tucker, Group Chairman HSBC.

“Exchanged views on sustainable finance, innovation-led investments, strengthening India's integration with global financial systems & HSBC's plans to expand their presence in India.

“Delighted to learn that Mr. Tucker along with the entire HSBC Board will be visiting our country later this year.

“Under the leadership of PM @NarendraModi ji, India is truly emerging as a global hotspot for investments.

He also addressed the India-UK Business Roundtable.

“Addressed the India-UK Business Roundtable, bringing together prominent business leaders and CEOs from both countries.”

“Highlighted opportunities to strengthen economic ties, drive innovation-led growth, and expand investment avenues between India and the UK.

64% of Simhachalam temple redevelopment works are completed so far, says Endowments Minister



Nellore, April 30: Simhachalam temple redevelopment works are being carried out under the supervision of both the Tourism and the Endowment Departments, and about 64% works were completed so far, said Andhra Pradesh Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy while expressing shock and sorrow over the loss of lives of seven devotees in the wall collapse incident.

Addressing media at his home at Santhapeta in Nellore on Wednesday, he said, “On the occasion of Chandanotsavam, temple darshan began from 2 a.m. on Wednesday. Due to heavy rain accompanied by strong winds, the rainwater flowed down from the hills causing the collapse of the newly-built wall. Immediate relief efforts have been initiated at the scene.”

PRASHAD scheme

The Union government is providing financial assistance to the State government for the development of famous temples at

Three-member committee

“The government has constituted a three-member committee, headed by Special Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar, to probe the wall collapse incident and further action will be taken based on the investigation report. The investigation committee includes an Inspector General and an Engineer-in-Chief,” he informed.

The Minister further said, “As Chandanotsavam has been recognised as a government festival, Revenue Minister, Home Minister and I, as well as former Union Minister and Temple Trustee P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, have been supervising the arrangements for almost two months. Except for this unfortunate incident, everything went smoothly at the annual event.”

Better treatment

Expressing condolences to the families of the deceased persons, Visakhapatnam District In-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy said, “We are providing better treatment to the injured.

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CM Chandrababu Expresses Shock Over the Death of Seven Devotees in Simhachalam Wall Collapse

He ordered an inquiry by a three-member committee into the wall collapse. Extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, the Chief Minister announced an ex gratia of Rs. 25 lakh each to the families of the deceased. He also directed that a member from each bereaved family be given an outsourcing job under the Endowments Department. Further, he sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.3 lakh for each of the injured.

CM Chandrababu assured that the government will stand by the affected families. He also instructed officials to promptly clear the debris at the site to avoid inconvenience to devotees. Noting that thousands of devotees are expected to arrive, he ordered precautionary measures to ensure safety and prevent panic among the public.

Seven devotees killed as wall collapses on them

Shankabratha Bagchi, MP M Sribharat visited the scene of the accident. An SDRF team extricated the victims from the rubble and shifted them to hospitals.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed grief and shock over the death of seven devotees. He announced Rs 25 lakh ex gratia to each of the families of the deceased and Rs 3 lakh for the injured. He held a teleconference with the officials concerned and instructed them to provide the best medical treatment to the injured. The Chief Minister set up a three-member committee to conduct an inquiry into the incident.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed shock over the incident. He said on social media: “Deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to the collapse of a wall in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover soon”.

Governor of Andhra Pradesh S. Abdul Nazeer has expressed anguish and profound grief on the loss of seven lives due to the collapse of a wall while they were waiting in the queue line to have darshan of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy on the occasion of Chandanotsavam in the early hours on Wednesday.

The Governor offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and directed the district administration to provide better medical care to the injured.

Cabinet approves Caste enumeration to be part of next Census: Ashwini Vaishnaw

operations conducted since Independence. In 2010, then Prime Minister late Manmohan Singh ji had assured the Lok Sabha that the matter of caste census should be considered in the Cabinet. A Group of Ministers was formed to consider this subject. Most of the political parties had recommended caste census. Despite this, Congress government decided to conduct merely a survey of caste instead of a caste census. That survey is known as SECC,” Mr. Vaishnaw said.

“It is well understood that Congress and its INDI Alliance partners have used caste census only as a political tool. As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India,

the subject Census is listed at 69 in the Union list in the Seventh Schedule. According to Constitution of India, Census is a Union subject. Some States have conducted surveys to enumerate caste, some States have done this while some others have conducted such surveys purely from a political angle in a non-transparent way,” he added.

“Such surveys have created doubts in the society. Considering all these facts, and to ensure that our social fabric is not disturbed by politics, caste enumeration should be transparently included in the Census instead of surveys. This will strengthen the social and economic structure of our society, while the nation continues to progress,” he added.

Among other decisions, Mr. Vaishnaw said that the Cabinet has also approved the 166.8-kilometre long Shillong–Silchar four lane corridor highway, connecting Meghalaya and Assam with an outlay of Rs.22,864 crore.

“This highway will provide connectivity to people of Manipur and Mizoram, this project will be considered under hybrid mode,” he said.

US in touch with India, Pakistan not to escalate situation: UK Parliament discusses Pahalgam attack

the developments across the board in that region”, and at multiple levels is in touch with the governments of India and Pakistan, not just at the foreign minister level.

“We, of course, are encouraging all parties to work together for a responsible solution. The world is watching this,” she added.

In the UK Parliament, Conservative MP Bob Blackman raised the Pahalgam terror attack, terming it an “Islamist” attack and called on the UK government to provide full support to India in its fight against cross-border terrorism.

Speaking in the UK Parliament, and later also at a memorial at India House, in London, Bob Blackman described the April 22 attack as a well organised and coordinated one.

“The terrorists were well-equipped, and they were well-coordinated. The sad reality is this, whilst the government may give expressions of condolences and support to the people of India, the fact remains that the terrorist bases that exist along the Line of Control in the part of Kashmir, illegally occupied by Pakistan, still continue to operate across that Line of Control,” he said, in a statement strongly backing India’s stand against Pakistan and its cross-border terrorism.

“These 26 men who were murdered systematically by being shot in the head, were either Hindu or Christian, and there was a deliberate Islamist attack on those tourists who were just going about their business in a peaceful manner,” he added.

UK Foreign Office Minister Hamish Falconer pledged his support to India in the UK parliament. Condemning the attack, the minister emphasised India's right to pursue justice against terrorism.

"These issues have long been discussed with passion on British streets and we call on sides, all community leaders, all involved to call for calm at a time of tension in the region," Falconer told parliament.

Midhun Reddy is one of primary executors; played instrumental role in liquor scam: AP CID

who were providing kickbacks through a number of complex financial transactions, which resulted in immense loss to the public exchequer and wrongful gain

to the accused.

It was found in the further investigation carried out after the recent dismissal of Mr. Midhun Reddy’s anticipatory bail plea by the High Court that there was new material which showed him as not only a primary planner/executor but also that a money trail was traceable from at least one of the liquor manufacturers to a company to which the MP’s family members and associates have demonstrable links.

The CID officer mentioned that the scam was perpetrated by posting officials in key positions to do the bidding of the accused, and changing the entire policy to facilitate control of the entire process of liquor trade by the accused and officials who were taking instructions from the key conspirators including Mr. Midhun Reddy.

Basically, automation was done away with and it was replaced by manual systems which concealed the liquor demand orders and helped in placing the purchase orders with selected manufacturers and distilleries which were either set up or became suddenly active in 2019-20 and were working on a kickback system that drove out well-known Indian liquor brands out of business.

The selected manufacturers would supply liquor at inflated prices and give kickbacks, a large portion of it in the form of cash and gold bullion, to the accused in power including Mr. Midhun Reddy.

“Investigation is under way to unravel the multi-layered financial transactions thereby unearthing the whole list of beneficiaries of the scandal, for which Mr. Midhun Reddy’s custodial interrogation is required,” the CID officer added.

Chandrababu Naidu greenlights Vijaya Sai Reddy entry into BJP

antagonizing the TDP, led by Naidu.

As per the coalition agreement among alliance partners in Andhra Pradesh, any leader’s induction into one party must be approved by the other two partners.

Since Sai Reddy had been a fierce critic of Naidu until not long ago, the TDP chief had been firmly opposed to his inclusion in the BJP.

However, following recent developments — particularly the SIT probe into the liquor scam, where Sai Reddy

has reportedly implicated YSRCP leadership and vowed to reveal more — Naidu appears to have softened his stance and cleared the way for his entry into the BJP.

“This has cleared the decks for Sai Reddy’s induction into the BJP,” sources said. “He is likely to formally join the party in the first week of June. The BJP may utilize his services strategically — not just in Andhra Pradesh, but potentially in states like Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.”

Massive preparations under way for PM Modi’s Amaravati visit on May 2

Minister P. Narayana, who personally reviewed the arrangements, told media that more than 80% of the preparations have been completed. “All departments are working in coordination. By this evening, all arrangements will be in place,” he said.

In addition to parking, the APCRDA has ensured supply of drinking water, food, temporary washrooms, street lighting, and illumination of major buildings, including the existing Secretariat. The dais from where Prime Minister and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will address the crowd is also nearing completion.

Galleries have been set up for various sections of attendees, including VVIPs, VIPs, government officials, Amaravati farmers, and the general public. A special photo exhibition on Amaravati’s development will be showcased for the Prime Minister, along with presentations of the planned iconic Government Complex.

Minister Narayana noted that transport and parking are key components of the event logistics. “The Chief Minister has instructed officials to prepare alternatives in case of rain, so that parking won’t be disrupted,” he added.

Officials have been directed to make additional parking arrangements beyond the earlier estimate of 3,000 buses and 1,000 cars, with current plans accommodating up to 7,000 buses and 3,000 cars.

“We are extending invitations as per protocol, and the entire administrative machinery is moving ahead with complete coordination,” the Minister said.

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Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
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