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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **Legal developments may not meaningfully affect US trade policy: BMI**

Though President Donald Trump's tariff policies will probably continue to face legal challenges, these may not have any meaningful impact on trade policy or the ongoing trade negotiations between the United States and its key trade partners, according to BMI, a Fitch Solutions company.

Even if the original rulings that President Trump overstepped his authority in imposing 'reciprocal' tariffs fail, the administration has many alternative legal tools to impose broadly comparable punitive measures, BMI noted in a commentary.

The court rulings would, however, limit the ability of the President to significantly re-escalate tensions, it observed.

Some countries may slow the pace of negotiations till there is more clarity, but “they have little incentive to antagonise” US officials given that Trump still has recourse to a range of alternative tariffs, it said.

There is every possibility that the administration's appeal will succeed, and BMI believes that the United States will strike ‘deals’ with its major trade partners over the second half this year that will see the eventual effective tariff rate settle at around 13 per cent.

“We expect that the US will slow sharply this year, but that the economy will probably avoid a recession,” the BMI commentary said.

“What the court ruling has done is to further some of the downside risks facing the US economy, though the price action since mid-April suggests that these are not risks that investors are particularly concerned about,” it added.

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## **Global manufacturing PMI falls in May, confidence lifts from Apr's low**

Manufacturing business conditions deteriorated across the world for a second successive month in May, but with some marked variations in performance, according to the latest purchasing managers' index (PMI) survey data from S&P Global Intelligence.

Canada and Mexico reported the steepest output declines amid disruptions caused by US tariffs; production and exports also fell solidly in China. In contrast, eurozone producers reported a further increase in output, Chris Williamson, chief business economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence, wrote in an analytic piece.

US producers reported the steepest rise in selling prices of all economies surveyed in May, contrasting with prices falling on an average in Asia and the eurozone, with US supply delays also running high by international standards, he wrote.

The extent to which coming months see production and trade volumes suffer amid pay-back from this tariff front-running is a key risk to the near-term outlook, he noted.

However, it was encouraging to see manufacturers become more upbeat about their year-ahead outlooks in May, with future expectations improving across the board, and most notably in the eurozone, suggesting that business uncertainty and pessimism—while still elevated—may have peaked back in April, he wrote.

Only 14 of the 33 economies tracked by S&P Global's manufacturing PMI surveys reported higher production in May, with India continuing to report by far the strongest performance.

However, eurozone performance improved over the past two months, with output growing at a rate not seen for three years. Eurozone member states accounted for seven of the top 11 economies as far as production growth was concerned in May, he wrote.

Output also fell across Asia as a whole, dropping for the first time in just over one-and-a-half years. The fall was also the steepest since November 2022. Marked output falls were also reported in Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and Japan.

As a result, emerging markets collectively reported the first fall in manufacturing output since November 2022, the rate of decline slightly exceeding that seen in the developed markets, where a modest drop in production was reported for a third successive month.

Concerns over shortages of inputs in the United States were fueled in part by reports of supply delays hitting the highest since late-2022, with the incidence of supply issues in the country surpassed only by that seen in the United Kingdom.

The United States and the United Kingdom also reported the sharpest price increases. In contrast, prices charged by factories fell on average across Asia and the eurozone.

Having slumped in April to its lowest since October 2022, confidence among manufacturers worldwide about production in the year ahead rose in May. However, confidence remained lower than seen in March and lower than the average recorded over 2024, to hint at still-subdued sentiment, Williamson added.

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## **Australia's economic growth slows to 0.2% in March quarter**

Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.2 per cent in the March quarter of 2025 and 1.3 per cent year-on-year, signalling subdued economic momentum, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Katherine Keenan, ABS head of national accounts, said: "Economic growth was soft in the March quarter. Public spending recorded the largest detraction from growth since the September quarter 2017. Extreme weather events reduced domestic final demand and exports. Weather impacts were particularly evident in mining, tourism and shipping."

Public spending posted its largest detraction from growth since September 2017, with flat government final consumption and lower state spending on household energy relief. Meanwhile, household spending rose modestly by 0.4 per cent, following a strong December quarter, the ABS said in a press release.

GDP per capita fell 0.2 per cent, marking a return to decline after a brief rise in the previous quarter. On a positive note, the household saving ratio increased to 5.2 per cent, buoyed by higher gross disposable income and income support linked to Queensland's severe weather.

Net trade detracted 0.1 per cent from growth in the March quarter and imports of goods also fell, driven by a range of capital goods, the release added.

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## **EU & euro area jobless rates decline in April 2025**

The euro area unemployment rate fell to 6.2 per cent in April 2025, down from 6.3 per cent in March and 6.4 per cent a year earlier, according to Eurostat.

The EU unemployment rate remained steady at 5.9 per cent month-on-month (MoM), improving from 6.0 per cent in April 2024. An estimated 12.902 million people in the EU were unemployed, including 10.680 million in the euro area.

Compared with March 2025, unemployment declined by 188,000 in the EU and 207,000 in the euro area. Year-on-year (YoY), the figures show a fall of 217,000 and 343,000, respectively, Eurostat said in a release.

Youth unemployment also showed improvement. The EU rate dropped to 14.8 per cent in April from 15.0 per cent in March, while the euro area rate declined to 14.4 per cent from 14.8 per cent.

The number of unemployed youth decreased by 57,000 in the EU and 74,000 in the euro area compared with the previous month. However, on an annual basis, youth joblessness rose by 19,000 in the EU, though it fell by 16,000 in the euro area.

Unemployment among women in the EU dropped to 6.1 per cent in April from 6.2 per cent in March, while men's unemployment fell to 5.6 per cent from 5.7 per cent. In the euro area, the rate was 6.5 per cent for women and 6.0 per cent for men.

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## **Levi's Marks Three-Year Streak of Strong E - Commerce Growth**

Levi Strauss & Co.'s (LS&Co.) strategy to become a direct-to-consumer first brand is holding strong.

Despite economic uncertainty, a challenging retail environment and the rapid cadence of new trends and consumer demands, the heritage denim brand says its "doubling down on e-commerce and creating seamless digital experiences for our fans around the globe."

Levi's has seen 12 consecutive quarters of global double-digit e-commerce growth. Additionally, the company's e-commerce business double in the last five years, growing from 5 percent of total net revenue in 2019 to 10 percent in 2024.

LS&Co. highlights these business wins in a new post on Levi's Unzipped blog.

"Our global e-commerce strategy is working, and day-by-day, we're turning our strategies into reality," said Jason Gowans, LS&Co. chief digital and technology officer. "We're creating a global digital flagship experience that not only is expanding our loyal fan base but also is giving them a reason to return."

Gowans is spearheading the e-commerce team's three-pronged strategy: fix the fundamentals, evolve the assortment and elevate the experience. The team focused on creating a seamless online shopping experience, expanding Levi's product offerings beyond its traditional denim roots to become a broader lifestyle apparel brand and providing consumers a more personalized and rewarding online shopping experience.

"Our exceptional team's dedication is generating impressive momentum that is steadily improving the overall health of our e-commerce business with global net revenues and EBIT margins improving double-digits on a compound annual growth rate over the last three years," Gowans added.

Enhancing the speed, navigation and imagery of Levi's website is part of improving the online customer's experience.



For denim, it is especially important to accurately show fits as they look in real life. Priya Buening, LS&Co. VP of e-commerce in the U.S., said 80 percent of the products on the U.S. site have “new, elevated imagery” and more than 700 product pages include videos showing the product in motion.

Over the last year, Levi’s has made products easier to find through a new search solution, improved product descriptions, increased review coverage and an added “shop the look” feature to present a full denim lifestyle look. Additionally, a new fit quiz tool helps consumers find their best fit.

One way the brand is achieving this is through digital experiences that are tailored, personalized storytelling to local markets. In recent years, Leona De Graft, VP of e-commerce in Europe, said Levi’s has localized its approach by focusing on a market-specific strategy and developing site content and storytelling for individual country needs.

One recent example of this was the “Kings Day Edit” on Levi’s Netherlands site in April. The brand keyed into the tradition of wearing orange on for the national holiday.

The Levi’s App and Red Tab loyalty program, which recently expanded to Poland, Ireland, Denmark and Switzerland and has over 38 members worldwide, play roles in delivering more tailored messaging and products. Levi’s said targeting consumers with messages at the right time and initiatives like marketing deep linking is helping to increase shopping frequency.

“Everything we do starts with our fans in mind and is focused on creating a memorable experience,” said Buening.

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## **Turkey's textile leaders to spotlight responsible sourcing at Source Fashion London**

Source Fashion, Europe's premier responsible sourcing event, is set to welcome a powerful lineup of Turkish exhibitors from July 8-10 at Olympia London. Over 10 internationally audited manufacturers and suppliers will feature in the Turkey Pavilion, reinforcing Turkey's stronghold in global sourcing and sustainable textile innovation.

Key participants include Bello Valente, Bintem collection, Bordo Tekstil, Denimai, Giteks AŞ, Icone, Kiğili, Reseen, Ronin, Şenova, and Yooyu. Making its debut, Bello Valente brings its fusion of traditional craftsmanship and modern design to showcase high-quality collections aimed at international fashion markets.

Plus-size specialist Ronin Textile will spotlight inclusive designs tailored for global audiences, while heritage menswear brand Kiğılı, with a legacy dating back to 1938, returns with its expansive range of modern menswear across 21 countries.

Among returning names, Y&B Group Textile A S will present their sustainable leather-like fabric crafted from tea, cotton, and biopeel. Also joining is ION Tekstil, known for stylish, circular knitted apparel with a sustainability-first approach.

Denimai, a premium denim manufacturer with bases in Istanbul, Los Angeles, and London, will make its Source Fashion debut, showcasing carefully crafted denim garments that balance innovation, sustainability, and global design sensibilities.

Suzanne Ellingham, Event Director of Source Fashion, said the Turkey Pavilion is a testament to the country's heritage and commitment to ethical, quality production. "Our exhibitors represent the future of responsible fashion, offering UK buyers unmatched access to innovative and sustainable sourcing partners," she noted.

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## **ICAC holds world cotton production at 26 MT, consumption at 25.7 MT**

The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) has projected that world cotton production and consumption will remain steady in 2025–26, according to its July 2025 report.

Global cotton production and consumption are forecast to reach approximately 26 million tonnes (MT) and 25.7 million tonnes, respectively, while cotton trade is expected to rebound to 9.7 million tonnes.

In 2024–25, global production and consumption stood at 25.687 million tonnes and 25.526 million tonnes, respectively.

Regionally, the ICAC has revised production estimates upward for Brazil, the US, and West Africa. However, these gains are likely to be offset by a slight decline in China's output in 2025–26.

Following record yields of 2,257 kg/ha—the highest ever recorded—the ICAC projects that China will produce around 6.3 million tonnes, slightly less than the current season but still the highest globally.

World cotton consumption is expected to remain under pressure due to anticipated tariff hikes, regulatory challenges, and competition from other fibres.

Global cotton trade is projected to rise by 2 per cent to 9.65 million tonnes, driven by increased stock levels from the current season and projected mill demand. However, trade agreements and tariffs could influence next season's trade outlook.

Regarding prices, the ICAC stated that the average A Index for the 2024–25 season is forecast at 81 cents per pound. For 2025–26, the preliminary forecast—based on current supply and demand estimates—ranges from 56 to 95 cents per pound, with a midpoint of 73 cents.

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## **ICE cotton rises on short covering, weaker US dollar, rising crude oil**

ICE cotton futures edged lower due to profit booking, following gains on Monday. A stronger US dollar also exerted additional pressure on US cotton, as a rising dollar makes cotton purchases more expensive for overseas buyers. The market extended its tight trading range for the fourteenth consecutive session, reflecting limited volatility. The ICE cotton July 2025 contract settled at 66.05 cents per pound (0.453 kg), down 0.08 cent from the previous day. The December 2025 contract settled at 68.53 cents, down 16 points.

The strengthening of the US dollar on Tuesday added further downside pressure, making US cotton less attractive to international buyers. Total trading volume on June 3 was 59,818 contracts. Cleared volume on June 2 stood at 71,718 contracts, indicating higher prior activity. ICE's deliverable No. 2 cotton stock rose to 53,700 bales as of June 2, up from 43,006 bales on the previous trading day. The increase in deliverable stock indicates a comfortable short-term supply, contributing to the market's cautious and range-bound tone.

Prices declined due to profit-taking, following Monday's rally to a near one-week high. USDA's crop progress report (as of June 1) showed cotton planting at 66 per cent, slightly below last year's 68 per cent and the five-year average of 69 per cent. The report rated 49 per cent of the crop in good-to-excellent condition, significantly lower than 61 per cent during the same week last year. Analysts noted that while crop progress and condition are weaker, the differences are relatively minor and unlikely to cause substantial market movement.

Presently, ICE cotton for July 2025 is being traded at 65.94 cents per pound (down 0.11 cent), cash cotton at 64.38 cents (unchanged), the October 2025 contract at 68.11 cents (up 0.02 cent), the December 2025 contract at 68.44 cents (down 0.09 cent), the March 2026 contract at 69.88 cents per pound (down 0.07 cent), and the May 2026 contract at 70.92 cents (down 0.04 cent). A few contracts remained at their previous closing levels, with no trading recorded today.

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## **E-com tax revenues in Vietnam rise 55% YoY in Jan-May 2025**

In the first five months this year, Vietnam's tax revenues from organisations and individuals engaged in e-commerce and other digital economic activities were worth 74.4 trillion VND (~\$2.85 billion)—a 55-per cent increase year on year (YoY), according to the ministry of finance.

A total of 158 foreign service providers have registered, declared, and paid taxes through the department of taxation's electronic portal during the period, contributing 5.7 trillion VND—up by 41 per cent YoY.

In addition, around 100,000 business households and individual entrepreneurs used the designated e-tax portal to register, declare and pay nearly 1.1 trillion VND in taxes during the period, a domestic news agency reported.

Nearly 93,000 domestic organisations and individuals engaging in e-commerce activities contributed 67.6 trillion VND in taxes during the period.

Tax authorities also reviewed 164,661 taxpayers involved in digital business activities. As a result, retroactive tax collections were imposed on enterprises, totalling over 416 billion VND.

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### **Trade deals with US, EU and UK could boost India's textile industry**

The recent move by India to restrict garment imports from Bangladesh via land routes may be short-term and may merely provide a temporary boost to India's textile industry. The fact, however, remains that Bangladesh is facing a threefold challenge, and if India can use this as an opportunity and build upon it suitably, the textile industry in the country could experience long-term growth.

Bangladesh's post-Hasina political situation has opened a window for Indian textile exports. The spectre of reciprocal tariffs initiated by US President Donald Trump is looming over Bangladesh's economy. These tariffs are in abeyance until July. The US market accounts for around 14 per cent of Bangladesh's exports.

It may be noted that Bangladesh's exports have seen a steady increase, with a compound annual growth rate of 6.5 per cent — from USD 42 billion in 2020 to USD 57.5 billion in 2024. This is largely attributed to its textile industry. In fact, the share of textiles in Bangladesh's exports has increased from 76 per cent in 2004 to 88 per cent in 2024, as it continued to excel in cut-and-sew models.

However, the major concern for Bangladesh — beyond its political situation and the US tariff risk — is the impending case wherein it may lose the zero-duty preferential trade benefits granted to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) like itself from 2026, when it is expected to graduate from LDC status. Bangladesh has benefited significantly under this mechanism, having expanded its market to developed countries like the 27-nation EU and the US.

Market-wise distribution of textiles and garments exports in 2024 shows that India holds only a slight edge in the US, with exports at USD 8.1 billion compared to Bangladesh's USD 7.6 billion. However, with respect to the EU and the UK, Bangladesh is far ahead of India. Bangladesh's exports to these two key markets stood at USD 28.3 billion and USD 4 billion respectively, as compared to India's exports of USD 5.6 billion and USD 1.7 billion. In Australia too, Bangladesh's exports are double that of India, at around USD 1 billion.

It, therefore, becomes important for India to negotiate well in the FTAs, especially with the EU, which could enhance India's competitiveness in the global apparel market. At the same time, non-tariff barriers (NTBs) in the EU for Indian textiles should also be a significant part of these discussions.

According to the recently concluded India-UK FTA, garments exported from India will be tariff-free — previously they were subject to 8 to 12 per cent import duties in the UK. If a similar FTA is signed with the EU nations, Indian garment exports could increase many times over.

Secondly, beyond FTA negotiations, the most important aspect is creating mass production capabilities in Indian textiles, akin to its competitors. Bangladesh's comparative advantage lies in its ability to provide manpower at lower cost. While India can continue to manage its workforce costs, the government must constructively plan to enable large-scale textile production to compete with Bangladesh. The PM MITRA Parks (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) should help develop large-scale, modern industrial infrastructure that supports an ecosystem attractive to investors.

Thirdly, India needs new textile machinery, including those that incorporate advanced technologies. Textile mills are often reluctant to upgrade to modern machinery due to high initial costs, resulting in inefficiencies and reduced productivity. The government may consider incentivising companies through a scheme that facilitates the replacement of machinery that is at least 15–20 years old. This would also boost production through automation.

Finally, product diversification in the textile industry is crucial. While India continues to produce readymade garments, it could also explore higher-value products by focusing on man-made fibres, which account for a larger share of global textile consumption than natural fibres. Embracing innovations such as 3D printing would also offer flexibility in yarn processing and textile design, as well as support digital printing.

The EU is becoming increasingly strict about environmental regulations. In this scenario, a focus on sustainable products — such as biodegradable textiles and eco-friendly dyes — is essential for the Indian textile and garment sector. The government should support the adoption of such technologies under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS).



A comprehensive FTA with the UK, EU, and the US can propel the textile industry onto a new trajectory, fostering an ecosystem of mass production and sustainable infrastructure aligned with global demand. If the right efforts are made, India could reap significant dividends.

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## **Textile ministry offers draft Roadmap 2047 for sustainable, circular, and resource-efficient Indian Textile Industry**

Indias Textile Ministry has shared a brief outline of its vision for the textile industry for coming decades. This was offered in the draft Roadmap 2047 for a Sustainable, Circular, and Resource-Efficient Indian Textile Industry, with discussions focusing on several key areas.

These included building awareness across the value chain from large industry players and MSMEs to consumers and students along with capacity building, R&D, innovation, and knowledge dissemination.

The ministry has also highlighted the importance of aligning national policy with evolving global expectations around ESG compliance, green finance, and responsible consumption.

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## **Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Commences Official Visit to Italy to Deepen Bilateral Economic Cooperation**

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, commenced his official visit to Italy today. The two-day visit is scheduled for June 4–5, 2025, following the conclusion of his engagements in France focused on advancing India–France economic cooperation. The Italy leg of the visit reaffirms India’s commitment to enhancing strategic and economic ties with key European partners and deepening bilateral trade and investment collaboration with Italy.

During the visit, the Minister will co-chair the 22nd Session of the India–Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) with H.E. Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

This engagement takes place in the context of a defining phase in India–Italy bilateral relations, following the launch of the India–Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan (JSAP) 2025–2029. The JSAP, announced after the meeting between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro in November 2024, is built on ten thematic pillars, with economic cooperation as a core area of focus.

The 22nd JCEC session will offer both sides an opportunity to assess progress and identify new avenues for collaboration in high-impact areas such as Industry 4.0, agritech, digitalization, energy transition, sustainable mobility, and the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). These deliberations are expected to further strengthen bilateral economic connectivity and foster strategic industrial partnerships.

Shri Goyal will also lead a high-level Indian business delegation to the India–Italy Growth Forum in Brescia, a major industrial hub. The Forum will bring together key enterprises and stakeholders from both countries to promote investment, build business-to-business linkages, and explore synergies in sectors aligned with innovation and sustainability.

The visit reflects the growing political will and converging economic aspirations between India and its European partners. It aims to translate shared leadership vision into durable partnerships that drive inclusive growth, industrial transformation, and global economic resilience.

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## **India seeks measures to tackle trade distortions**

India has called for action to address trade distortions caused by non-market economies, non-tariff barriers and restoration of a strong dispute settlement mechanism at the World Trade Organization (WTO), commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.

The minister, however, insisted that one should not jump to the conclusion that an existential crisis has been created at the multilateral trade body.

At a mini-ministerial meeting called by Australia, Goyal also pitched for strengthening the current consensus-based approach at the WTO, and the special and differential treatment given to less developed countries and developing countries. “All in all, the shared concerns of all the ministers were placed before the gathering today,” Goyal said.

“We have all resolved to collectively work to strengthen the working of the WTO, to ensure the core principles are respected and work towards global good and global growth in trade,” he said, adding that issues that have already been finalised and mandated at previous ministerial meetings should be focused on.

The meeting was held on the margins of the OECD Ministerial Council meeting. About 25 ministers of WTO members including Australia, the EU, Canada, Singapore and France, and WTO director general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala participated in the meeting.

Resolving agri issues including finding a permanent solution on public stockholding for food grains and finding solutions to address the concerns of overfishing and indiscriminate fishing, which are leading to depletion of fish stocks, were the other tracks discussed.

“There are concerns about several JSIs (joint statement initiatives) (or) plurilaterals, which some countries believe should be brought within the multilateral framework,” he said. On the China-led proposal for an investment facilitation for development pact, the minister said that issues that have been mandated at the WTO should get priority and be the first to be resolved.

Issues going beyond trade like this proposal should not be brought into, as it would create further differences between member countries, he said. On whether any member raised the multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement (MPIA), he said: “There does not seem to be very much consensus or any traction to that idea... I have not heard of any cases resolved through MPIA”.

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## **The seeds of sustainability for India's textile leadership**

Even as one of the world's largest manufacturing hubs, the Indian textile industry faces challenges in sustaining its global presence due to geopolitical tensions, fragmented supply chains, and product price volatility. Climate change or evolving consumer demands are not the only causes, but also the fundamental values that influence business decisions.

In this evolving landscape, achieving a market competitive edge depends on long-term presence, and businesses should explore beyond financial goals, as adaptability, purpose-led innovation, and resilience are also essential. For India to establish its global trade authority, the cultivation, sourcing, and manufacturing practices must be re-examined with a sustainable lens.

Concepts such as regenerative farming, traceability solutions, and product circularity are becoming the operational standards and core manufacturing actions in the industry.

As the sixth-largest exporter of textiles globally, adopting these practices would help the textile industry in strengthening its leadership. We are presented with a growth opportunity to emerge as an important player in the China Plus One strategy, reducing dependence on China and unlocking India's trade potential.

### **Regenerative farming**

In India, regenerative (regen) farming is a viable model amidst concerns of raw material sourcing, climate change, land degradation, and soil erosion. Regen farming practices are already under way in India, with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare considering approximately over one million hectares of farmland for further pilot projects in the coming years. Farmers are equipped with digital resource-based training on regen farming practices.

Real-time data sharing is enabled for growth tracking and transparency. This ecosystem leads to a business model where farmers remain connected with certification bodies, manufacturers, and global market brands.

In Aurangabad, Maharashtra, over 6,000 farmers have joined the Regenerative Cotton Program, which has already shown positive impacts — higher yields, improved climate resilience, reduced reliance on chemical fertilizers, and more cost-effective inputs — leading to better risk management and stable incomes.

Regen farming as a solution helps tackle multiple business concerns at once: rural engagement, improved yields, multi-stakeholder collaborations, and even breaking gender stereotypes in farming. It can also enhance traceability, sustainability compliance, and product quality assurance across the supply chain. The regen farming model is potentially a strong solution to drive India's leadership in the global textile market.

### Traceability solutions

Traceable supply chains have a strong potential to ensure product credibility across all stages- sourcing, production, and distribution. Over 37% consumers in the 2023 Consumer Circularity Survey identified sustainability and traceability as important criteria in their purchases. Robust AI and tech-driven traceability solutions are the next big strategies that the Indian textile sector can adopt. Traceability has already transformed from the logistical tracking of a product to delivering a narrative of authenticity and brand accountability.

India's branding initiatives, such as Kasturi Cotton, strengthen the case of traceability, transparency, and quality benchmarking globally. Although currently in the final stages, the India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) could amplify such advantages, since the U.K. has one of the world's most environmentally conscious consumer bases.

The EU also emphasises transparency and traceability in the textile industry through international frameworks and DPPs, to protect consumer and environmental concerns. With the concessions for textiles addressed by the India-U.K. FTA, traceability solutions can help industry players leverage sustainability stories and thereby expand their market presence.

### Product circularity

India generates 8.5% of the world's annual textile waste. To retain a competitive edge, the Indian textile industry's vision is to embrace product circularity and sustainability practices. Product designs must evolve from

recyclability to also having a longer lifecycle. This means establishing a system at every stage of production — from fibre creation to product development, plastic-free packaging, and post-use consumer disposal— with circularity principles embedded throughout.

Factory waste can be reengineered for newer designs and eventually returned to the soil after a longer product lifecycle.

As endorsed by REIAI's initiatives, a well-functioning circular economy can lead to product innovation, generating more jobs, and an economic competitive edge. India can therefore reduce its reliance on unused raw materials and build a better, self-reliant, and globally relevant system for generations - a vision that the GoI's Viksit Bharat initiative also advocates. The textile industry must commit to making in India for the world, but through circular, sustainable, and responsible means.

### Growing towards

The textile industry is projected to grow to \$350 billion by 2030 and could add 35 million new jobs if we align with climate goals and tech-driven innovations. The industry can redefine its global trade leadership vision, with not just manufacturing in volumes, but also with its core business values. We must step ahead of tokenistic green messaging and adapt business models that prioritise regenerative farming practices, traceability solutions, and product circularity.

Strategic decisions made today will help India's global leadership for a sustainable, future-proof, and resilient textile economy. The fabric of the economy's future is dependent on what we envision today and the purposeful designs for the environment that we weave responsibly.

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## **India weighs legal uncertainties around Trump tariffs as trade pact talks start this week**

India is weighing legal uncertainties surrounding Trump tariffs as it prepares for the next round of trade talks this week, an official said.

The official said these developments could influence India's approach to the proposed bilateral trade pact with the US.

A team of US officials is visiting here from June 5 to hold talks with their Indian counterparts on the proposed pact.

Though India is looking for a balanced and a mutually beneficial trade agreement with the US, "what we get as compared to other countries, will determine what we ultimately finalise in the deal", the official said.

The US is negotiating trade pacts with over 75 countries, including China. It has already finalised a pact with the UK.

Asked if some kind of interim trade deal can be agreed upon before July 9, the official said a lot of uncertainties are there at present because of developments like the Trump administration's plan to further increase tariffs on steel and a stay on a court order against the US authorities' decisions on tariffs.

But within the constraints of uncertainties, India has to find pathways which are good for the country, the official added.

A US court of international trade on May 28 had ruled that present Trump tariffs were illegal under the international emergency economic powers act. The administration later filed an appeal and got a stay on this order.

On April 2, US President Donald Trump announced reciprocal tariffs against several countries, including India. It imposed an additional duty of 26 per cent on India, but later suspended it till July 9. However, the 10 per cent baseline duty on all the countries remains.

India has already reserved its right to impose retaliatory tariffs against US duties on steel and aluminium. It has also sought consultations under the WTO norms on US tariffs on auto components.

If India is considering taking similar measures in more products, the official said India will protect its interests.

"We will see what is good for India... accordingly we will take decisions," the official said, adding, "Today a lot of uncertainties are there... because of that court order... we will discuss how to address these issues... lot of uncertainties are there".

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## **India's Andhra Pradesh state to establish logistics corporation soon**

N Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of India's Andhra Pradesh state, recently directed officials to complete first-phase work of Machilipatnam, Ramayapatnam and Mulapeta ports as well as the Kakinada Gateway Port by December next year and announced plans to set up the Andhra Pradesh Logistics Corporation soon to drive infrastructure growth.

Naidu urged them to explore the possibility of upgrading fishing harbours into minor ports without causing inconvenience to local fishing communities.

He also directed initiation of work on new airports at Kuppam, Dagadarthi, Amaravati and Srikakulam (Palasa), media reports from the state said.

The Chief Minister's goal is to develop at least 20 ports and 14 airports across the state.

Construction of the Machilipatnam Port is 43.25 per cent complete and is scheduled for full completion by November next year.

The first phase work on the Ramayapatnam Port, Mulapeta Port and Kakinada Gateway Port are complete by 63.89 per cent, 46.59 per cent and 29.92 per cent respectively.

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