

# Goyal's Brussels visit to give final push to EU FTA negotiations

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will travel to Brussels on January 8-9 to give a final push to the trade talks between India and the European Union (EU).

During the visit, Goyal will hold high-level dialogues with the EU Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maroš Šefčovič. "The primary objective of these interactions is to provide strategic guidance to the negotiating teams, resolve pending issues, and expedite the conclusion of a balanced and ambitious agreement," an official statement said on Tuesday.



Both sides aim to resolve pending contentious issues, including Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM), steel and automobiles. India and the EU had aimed to finalise the deal by the end of the year. However, talks are now set to roll over to the next year, with a fresh attempt to seal the deal by 26 January — during the visit of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to New Delhi as the Republic day chief guest.

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