

In continuous talks for US trade pact: Goyal

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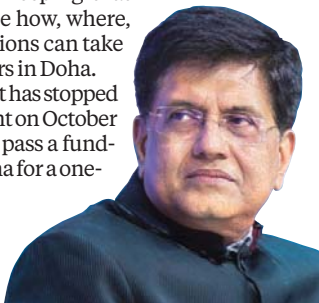
India and the US are in continuous dialogue on the proposed bilateral trade agreement, and all possibilities are there to meet the November deadline for concluding the talks, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

On the possibility of the next round of trade negotiations in a physical mode, he said that every possibility exists, but with the US government currently in shutdown mode, it remains to be seen how, where, and when the next round of talks can take place.

“As you all know, the US government is currently in shutdown mode. So, keeping that in mind, we’ll have to see how, where, and when the discussions can take place,” he told reporters in Doha.

The US government has stopped working since midnight on October 1 as Congress failed to pass a funding bill. Goyal is in Doha for a one-day official visit.

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Starmer's visit to boost India-UK trade relationship

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's two-day visit to India from Wednesday will build on the “momentum and substance” generated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UK in July, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

What's on agenda

- On Thursday, Modi and Starmer will address the sixth Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai
- They, along with their respective delegations, will hold talks to explore ways to build on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, the free-trade agreement (FTA), signed on July 24
- The two leaders will also review Vision 2035, a 10-year road map to deepen cooperation in semiconductors, critical minerals, and defence
- About 100 business leaders, university vice-chancellors, and cultural chiefs will accompany Starmer



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