

# 'Zero-for-zero' tariff strategy off the table

A 'zero-for-zero' tariff strategy under the proposed bilateral trade agreement between India and the US is unlikely, as the two countries are at different levels of economic development, official sources said.

Certain trade experts have suggested that India could propose a 'zero-for-zero' tariff strategy to the US to address America's reciprocal tariff hikes. An official said that zero-for-zero tariffs are possible between the US and EU, as both are developed and advanced economies.

The India-US agreement will always be a "package" deal that could include issues such as goods and non-tariff barriers, the official said.

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