

# Goyal discusses bilateral ties with Gor



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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met the United States (US) ambassador to India Sergio Gor in New Delhi on Monday and held “productive” views discussing bilateral ties.

Goyal also met US Senator from Montana, Steve Daines. “Delighted to meet my good friends US Senator Steve Daines and the US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor. Had a productive exchange of views on our bilateral relationship,” Goyal said on X.

**Union minister Piyush Goyal (centre) with US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor (left) and US Senator Steve Daines**

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This was Gor’s first meeting with Goyal after taking over as the ambassador in New Delhi on January 12.

The meeting took place at a time when India and the US are ‘very near’ to finalising the trade agreement, and will be announced when both sides are ready.

Both sides have started virtual engagements on the proposed bilateral trade deal, following a brief hiatus during the holiday season.

The last round discussion regarding the trade deal took place in December, after a team from Washington headed by Deputy US Trade Representative Rick Switzer was in New Delhi. Thereafter, the discussions were on a pause due to the year-end holiday season, amid the missed ‘Fall’ deadline and uncertainty regarding the finalisation of the deal.