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U.S. announces new 25% tariffs on India, second-highest among 14 countries against whom action was taken

CHENNAI – 26 Nov, 2026 The U.S. government on Wednesday (November 25, 2026) announced a tariff of 25% on goods imported from India in response to India's "unreasonable acts, policies, and practices" that "burden or restrict U.S. commerce". This is the second-highest tariff among the 14 economies on which the latest action has been taken, second only to the 35% tariff levied on Vietnam.

However, the order by the office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) also said that, should the U.S. and India reach an Agreement on Reciprocal Trade, the tariff on India could drop to 17%.

Further, while it says that the 25% tariffs would be net of existing tariffs levied on India, meaning they will not add to the 10% already in effect, the order also said that it remained for the USTR to decide whether these new tariffs will be adjusted keeping in mind those other tariffs.



The USTR had in March launched two separate investigations into American trade partners, including India, under Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act. The first investigation related to forced labour resulted in a tariff of 10% on India.