

India needs to ramp up bilateral relations for trade, investment: FM

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Wanted urgently Bartender/ mixologist. Freshers may apply. Walk in for an interview between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. at Kantala Spirits Pvt. Ltd., Perxet Waddo, Close to MRF Tyres, Guirim, Bardez. Call or WhatsApp 7743887700 / 9657887700.

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Require Supervisor Qualification: ITI/Diploma mechanical for Borikar Engineering Works at khadpaband Ponda Contact no: 8668708130 /9356064569/ 7350067805/ 9579186931/ Email: borikarengineeringworks2015@gmail.com.

Urgently needed Female Staff with Computer skills and fluent in English (Freshers) for Office in and around Margao. Contact on whatsapp: 7057525252

Office Assistant (North Goa) JOSH FUELS is looking for an experienced Office Assistant, for its office at Porvorim Candidates must have relevant experience for more than 5 years Salary around 15000 to 25000 depending on experience. Interested candidates send your CV to 9988663777

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PTI, NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said India needs to ramp up its bilateral relations for trade and investment, as the world is witnessing a churn, and bilateralism seems to be the new catalyst tool.

The Finance Minister said these are very interesting yet challenging times and the government is making all efforts to make India move up the ladder and be an engine of global growth.

"Bilateralism is now taking the top of the agenda... It is for us to ramp up our bilateral relations with many countries, not just for trade, but also for strategic relations. So multilateralism, sort of, out, I'm still saying with a qualifying word 'sort of out', but bilateralism is very much your only catalytic tool that you can use," she said.

Observing that multilateral institutions are increasingly fading away, she said, every attempt to revive them and energize them is not having the desired result.

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address issues which affect more than your own country. You have no more forums left which can effectively deliver... multilateral institutions and their contributions probably are fading away, at least in the near future, till an attempt is made to revive them with that kind of energy... It's not going to happen in the next few years," she said.

Asserting that global trade is undergoing a complete reset, she said, "the terms and references with which all of us played trade, with some kind of an anchor in the World Trade Organisation are no longer available."

There is no Most Favoured Nation (MFN) concept, she said, adding, every country wants to be treated

special, and every country wants to be sure that special treatment that they get is not by default.

"So if the WTO is getting weakened or multilateral institutions are not being effective... bilateral arrangements are going to be the order of the day in terms of trade," she said.

Sensing the movement toward a new world, India has initiated bilateral trade talks with many nations including the UK and is planning a bilateral trade agreement with the US.

India is also in discussion with the 27-nation grouping - the European Union, for a free trade pact.

In the new global order, she said, India needs to ramp up its bilateral relations for trade, investment

and boosting strategic relations.

With its technology and talent pool, the country can act as the engine of global growth in a new world order, she said.

"I think these are very interesting yet challenging times... India has to make a meaningful contribution to the global reset, as much as continuously make all the efforts to make India move up the ladder, both in terms of per capita income, and also in terms of a business destination, where talent can move, investors can move for the global good... we can be the engine of the global growth," she said.

Talking about reforms, Sitharaman said, it is something which the government will continue to do in various areas including debt management and maintaining fiscal prudence.

"Reform cannot be just an agenda only of the union government, it has to be taken up seriously by every state government... I would want a competition among states, a healthy one, to say my economy is far better than the others," she said.

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A woman carrying her cat visits the Beijing International Pet Supplies Exhibition 2025 (Pet Fair Beijing) in Beijing, on Thursday

Ola Electric accelerates profitability drive axing regional warehouses, optimising costs

NEW DELHI: Ola Electric has eliminated its regional warehouses across India, and will now leverage its 4,000 retail stores nationwide for maintaining vehicle inventory, spare parts, accessories, and last-mile deliveries. The strategic move is expected to boost EBITDA margins by almost 10 percentage points, besides improving inventory management and faster customer deliveries, sources directly familiar with the matter said. Ola Electric is redesigning its distribution network and optimizing vehicle registration process as India's largest electric two-wheeler maker chalks out roughly Rs 30 crore monthly savings in an accelerated profitability drive. The company has also renegotiated contracts with vehicle registration agency partners to streamline the process and further reduce costs.

Jupiter Tatravagonka rail wheel factory bags Rs 255 cr contract from Braithwaite

KOLKATA: Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory, the wheelset manufacturing arm of Jupiter Wagons Ltd (JWL), has secured a contract worth Rs 255 cr from Braithwaite & Co. The contract involves the supply of 9,140 wheelsets of 840 mm diameter for 25-ton axle load applications, further strengthening Jupiter's position as a leading domestic manufacturer of high-performance railway wheelsets, a statement said. "We are committed to driving innovation, strengthening India's railway ecosystem, and contributing to the nation's transportation growth through continued investments in advanced manufacturing in wheel and axles to the tune of Rs 2500 cr," the MD of Jupiter Wagons Limited, Vivek Lohia, said.

Amazon fined \$39 m in damages for infringing 'Beverly Hills Polo Club' trademark

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Court has ordered an Amazon unit to pay \$39 million in damages for infringing the 'Beverly Hills Polo Club' trademark after garments with identical branding were sold on Amazon's India website, a court order showed. Indian lawyers called the ruling a landmark judgment in terms of the amount of damages assessed against a US firm in trademark cases. It comes after an India antitrust investigation found Amazon flouted competition laws by giving preference to select sellers on its India website - charges the company denies. The trademark case was initiated in 2020 by Lifestyle Equities which alleged Amazon's India shopping website had listings of apparel with a similar logo at a fraction of the price. The infringing brand was owned by Amazon Technologies and sold on the Amazon India website, the court said. Amazon's India entity has denied wrongdoing. Company spokespersons in U.S. and India did not respond to Reuters requests for comment on the court order.

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British Pound	110.30	Gold (Rs/10gm)	85,150
Euro	91.04		
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Kuwaiti Dinar	282.96	Sensex	74612.43
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Qatari Riyal	23.99		
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CUTTING EDGE



Lei Jun, Chairman and CEO of Chinese electronics company Xiaomi, introduces the Xiaomi SU7 Ultra electric car model in Beijing, on Thursday

Ather Energy expands R&D in Bengaluru

AGENCY, NEW DELHI: Ather Energy announced the expansion of its R&D and testing capabilities at its product testing & validation centre- The Juggernaut in Bengaluru's Begur. The expansion is key to Ather's R&D ecosystem designed to ensure the quality, reliability, and performance of its scooters, while also accelerating product development, testing, and validation. "Spanning 38,692 sqft, the facility is designed to validate durability and safety across vehicle, system, and component levels, including on-road endurance," the company said in a release.

US economy expanded at 2.3% from Oct to Dec

AP, WASHINGTON: The American economy grew at a solid 2.3% annual rate the last three months of 2024, supported by a burst of year-end consumer spending, the government said, leaving unchanged its initial estimate of fourth-quarter growth.

The outlook for 2025 is cloudier as President Donald Trump pursues trade wars, cutbacks in the federal workforce and mass deportations.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that growth in gross domestic product - the nation's output of goods and services - decelerated from a 3.1% pace in July-September 2024.

For all of last year, the economy grew 2.8%, compared with 2.9% in 2023. Consumer spending advanced at a 4.2% pace from October through December.

Govt allows Aadhaar face authentication for private apps

PTI, NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday said it has allowed the integration of Aadhaar-enabled face authentication in mobile applications of private entities, a move aimed at easing access to services for customers through apps.

The process will be facilitated as part of the standard operating procedure (SOP) for Aadhaar authentication laid down through a Aadhaar Good Governance portal launched by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity), an official statement said.

"The portal shall work as a resource-rich guide, and offer detailed SOP for authentication seeking entities on how to apply and how to onboard for Aadhaar authentication. Face authentication may also be integrated in the customer facing apps of private entities, which will

enable anytime anywhere authentication," the statement said.

The ministry has launched Aadhaar Good Governance portal to streamline approval process for Aadhaar authentication requests following an amendment that restores access of the unique ID verification mechanism for private entities.

Expansion of the scope of Aadhaar authentication, as envisaged in the amendment notified in late January 2025, is expected to further improve ease of living and facilitate hassle-free access to newer services of their choice, according to an official statement.

"The online platform (swik.meity.gov.in) comes into effect, after Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules,

2025 under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 was notified in late January 2025. This amendment has been done to help improve transparency and inclusivity in the decision-making process," the statement said.

The government on January 31 notified an amendment in the Aadhaar Act to allow private entities to use Aadhaar authentication for delivering their services.

"The amendment enables both government and non-government entities to avail Aadhaar authentication service for providing various services in the public interest for related specific purposes like enablement of innovation, spread of knowledge, promoting ease of living of residents and enabling better access to services for them," the statement.

Kerala govt plans seaplane operations at dams, backwaters

PTI, NEW DELHI: Kerala plans to have seaplane operations at various dams and backwaters as the state looks to provide more connectivity options for tourists.

The state has been taking various initiatives to boost tourism and in its Budget for 2025-26, an amount of Rs 20 crore has been allocated for schemes to develop seaplane tourism, heliports and air strips. Kerala Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas said that for seaplane tourism, the govt is looking at dams.

"In Kerala, there are a lot of dams... For example, in Palakkad district, we have Malampuzha



dam and we can use it (seaplanes) there... dam to dam seaplanes is our focus point. For that we had discussions with many other departments," he said.

While emphasising that it will support all private investments coming in for seaplanes and heli-tourism, Riyas also said the state government is only a facilitator.

"There is a role for the central government. We had discussions with the central govt," he added.

The Union civil aviation ministry is working on promoting seaplanes, including by extending viability gap funding and putting in place simplified norms.

Generally, seaplanes are amphibian aircraft that can take off

and land on water. Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal said that seaplanes, helicopters and small planes are all being looked at. "We can use seaplanes in dams, backwaters and we have a lot of water bodies".

They spoke on the sidelines of the recently concluded Investor Kerala Global Summit in Kochi.

Kerala attracted more than 2.22 crore tourists in 2024, an increase of 21% from the pre-pandemic period.

While presenting the state Budget on February 7, Balagopal had said the Centre's regional air connectivity scheme (UDAN) will be utilised for augmenting tour-

ism connectivity in Kerala. Schemes will be formulated to develop seaplane tourism, heliports and air strips and an amount of Rs 20 crore has been earmarked in this regard.

In the Budget, Rs 50 lakh each has been provided for the preparation of Detailed Project Report and preliminary activities of air-strips in Idukki, Wayanad and Kasaragod. "An amount of Rs 50 crore is additionally earmarked for the setting up of seaplane water aerodrome facilities and small plane landing facilities in association with UDAN project," the finance minister had said.