

# Golden age of America has begun: Trump at WEF

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DAVOS, Jan 23 (PTI)

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Thursday said a golden age of America has begun with his second term and the entire world would soon be more peaceful and prosperous.

He also said he is going to ask Saudi Arabia and OPEC to bring down oil prices and asserted that if prices come down Russia-Ukraine war will end immediately. Addressing the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting here through video conferencing, Trump also said his administration has accomplished in four days what other regimes could not get in four years.

Inauguration of his second presidency took place on January 20, the same day when the five-day WEF Annual Meeting began.

"A golden age of America has begun, our country would be soon stronger, united and more wealthier than ever," he said.

The entire planet will be more peaceful and prosperous as a result of this, he said while talking about the measures he has



already announced and the further steps he will be taking going ahead in his second term.

My administration is acting with unprecedented pace to fix disasters we inherited from a totally inept group of people, Trump said about the previous Biden administration.

Throughout the world, food prices went through the roof and I've taken immediate actions to control inflation in America, he said. "United States has the largest amount of oil and gas in the world and I'm going to use it," he said.

"I promise to eliminate 10 old regulations for every new regulation... I am going to pass the largest tax cuts in the American history to help our people," he said.

At the same time, if a business doesn't manufacture its products in America, there would be tariffs to pay, he warned.

Many companies globally have already announced billions of dollars worth of investments to set up their facilities in America, he said.

# 'Significant progress in talks on India-EU free trade agreement'

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (PTI)

THERE is a significant progress in the negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between India and European Union (EU), an official said on Thursday.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was in Brussels last week to meet European Commissioner for Trade Maros Sefcovic to take stock of the progress of the negotiations.

"Good progress is there on India-EU FTA. There is a significant progress in talks," the official said, without divulging more details.

During the meeting between Goyal and Sefcovic, the two sides agreed to build a commercially meaningful trade agenda and work towards a mutually beneficial trade pact. The two lead-



ers have also outlined political directions for both the teams to develop a mutually beneficial agenda for trade and investment and a robust FTA in an expedited manner to meet global challenges.

The meeting came ahead of the 10th round of talks between India and the EU, which is scheduled from March 10-14 in Brussels.

In the ninth round, both sides

discussed trade issues covering goods, services, investment and Government procurement along with necessary rules such as rules of origin, SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary), and technical barriers to trade.

In June 2022, India and the 27-nation EU bloc resumed the negotiations after a gap of over eight years.

It was stalled in 2013 due to differences over several issues.

The total trade stood at USD 180 billion in 2023-24. India exported USD 75.18 billion in goods and USD 31.13 billion in services to the EU, while the EU exported USD 63.44 billion in goods and USD 31.35 billion in services to India.

At the same time, the ministry said, the EU is also a significant source of Foreign Direct Investment, with total FDI estimated at USD 117.34 billion.

# Trump Govt clearly prioritising bilateral ties with India: Jaishankar

WASHINGTON DC, Jan 23 (ANI)

**NOTING** that the Trump administration was keen to have India present at the inaugural itself and is prioritising the bilateral relationship, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday that the ties are being built further on the strong foundation that has been laid.

Interacting with the media here, Jaishankar said the Trump administration is keen to take Quad further and intensify its activities.

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"If I were to share my overall impressions, I would say one, it was very keen. It was very clear that the Trump administration was keen to have India present at the inaugural itself. They're clearly prioritising the bilateral relationship. Secondly, in the meetings, it was also evident that they would like to build on the foundation of the relationship, a foundation which the first Trump administration also contributed a lot to building," Jaishankar said.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a meeting with Senator Mark Warner, co-chair of the US Senate India Caucus. (PTI)

## Had discussion on Bangladesh: Jaishankar

WASHINGTON, Jan 23 (PTI)

**EXTERNAL** Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said he had brief discussion on the current situation in Bangladesh with newly-appointed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and National Security Advisor Mike Waltz.

"Yes, we had a brief discussion on Bangladesh. I don't think it's appropriate that I get into more details," Jaishankar told a group of Indian reporters at a news conference here.

The Minister was responding to a query on whether treatment of minorities in Bangladesh came up.

"President Trump and Prime Minister Modi at that time took a number of initiatives, and we have seen that mature in many ways. And the third impression was, with regard to the Quad, a very strong sense that the current administration would reciprocate our desire as well to take the Quad further, to intensify its activities," he added.

Jaishankar represented Prime Minister Narendra Modi as his special envoy at the inaugural function of President Donald Trump in Washington DC. He carried a letter from the Prime Minister for President Trump. Donald Trump took the oath as the 47th US President on January 20.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio met Jaishankar in Washington DC, reaffirming the shared commitment to strengthening the US-India partnership.

Secretary Rubio and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar affirmed a shared commitment to continuing to strengthen the partnership between the United States and India. They discussed a wide range of topics, including regional issues and opportunities to further deepen the US-India relationship. Secretary  
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