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US Lifts Additional 25% Tariff

- United States has lifted the additional 25% tariff on Indian goods that was imposed over India's purchases of Russian oil. The decision, announced on February 7, 2026, follows a trade agreement between the two countries.
- The move not only eases months of trade tensions but also signals a reset in India–US economic relations, with commitments on energy, defense cooperation, and reduced tariffs.
- The additional 25% tariff was imposed by Donald Trump in response to India's continued purchases of Russian oil during the Ukraine conflict.
- Washington argued that such purchases indirectly funded the war. As a result, Indian goods faced significantly higher duties in the US market.
- With the latest executive order, this additional tariff will be removed from 12:01 am Eastern Time, restoring normal trade conditions for affected Indian exports.
- Beyond lifting the extra 25% duty, the trade pact includes a reduction in so-called reciprocal tariffs on Indian products.
- These tariffs will be cut to 18% from the earlier 25%, once implementation is completed.
- This marks a sharp fall from the nearly 50% tariff level that Indian goods faced late last year, significantly improving India's competitiveness in the US market.



India's Wool Production 2026

- Wool remains a vital natural fibre for India's textile and handicraft industries. From carpets and blankets to shawls and industrial use, wool supports livelihoods across rural India.
- In 2026, India continues to be among the world's leading sheep-rearing nations. A closer look at state-wise data shows clear leaders in wool output, growth trends, and regional specialization.
- Rajasthan ranks first among the top wool producing states in India, producing 16,013.50 thousand kg, which is 47.53% of India's total wool output.
- The arid climate and wide grasslands make Rajasthan ideal for sheep rearing.
- Indigenous breeds like Marwari and Chokla yield coarse wool, mainly used in carpets, rugs, and blankets.
- Rajasthan's dominance makes it the backbone of India's wool industry.

Rank	State	Production (Thousand kg)
1	Rajasthan	16,013.50
2	Jammu & Kashmir	7,770
3	Karnataka	6,472
4	Telangana	4,422

5	Gujarat	2,083
6	Maharashtra	1,601.28
7	Himachal Pradesh	1,422.69
8	Uttar Pradesh	942
9	Andhra Pradesh	778.23
10	Haryana	674.61

India's Wool Production 2026: Rajasthan Leads, Know the Full Top 10 List



ICC U-19 World Cup 2026 Final

- India once again stamped its authority in world cricket. In the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026 final, India produced a near-perfect performance against England. A record-breaking batting display followed by relentless bowling left England struggling despite a brave lone fight.
- The India vs England U19 World Cup final grabbed global attention after India posted the highest-ever team total in an Under-19 World Cup final and dismantled England's chase.
- India finished on 411/9, surpassing all previous records. England, despite moments of resistance, kept losing wickets regularly.

- The match underlined India's continued dominance in Under-19 cricket and showcased emerging global talent on the biggest youth stage.
- **India: (1st Innings) 411/9 (50 Overs)**
- Vaibhav Sooryanvanshi scored heroic 175 runs knock.
- Captain Ayush Mhtare scored 53 runs in the final.
- **England: (1st Innings) 311 (All Out)**
- England's Caleb Falconer century go in vain.
- From Indian side R Ambrish claimed the 3 wickets in final.



Rouble Nagi Brought Global Recognition To Grassroots Education

- Indian teacher and activist Rouble Nagi has brought global recognition to grassroots education in India by winning the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize 2026.
- The award was presented at the World Governments Summit in Dubai for her work in setting up hundreds of learning centres and using murals to teach children in slum areas.
- The Global Teacher Prize 2026 made headlines after Rouble Nagi won the award at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- She received a \$1 million prize, making it one of the most valuable awards in education globally.

- The award was presented by GEMS Education and handed over by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum during the summit.
- Rouble Nagi is an Indian teacher, artist and social activist who believes education should reach children where they live.
- Through the Rouble Nagi Art Foundation, she has established more than 800 learning centres across India.
- These centres support children who have never attended school as well as those already enrolled.
- The Global Teacher Prize was launched in 2015 to recognize outstanding teachers worldwide.
- It is awarded annually and is often called the “**Nobel Prize for Teaching**”.
- Rouble Nagi is the 10th winner of the award.
- Previous winners include educators from **Kenya, Palestine, Canada and Saudi Arabia**, each known for transformative work in challenging environments.



President Of India Inaugurates Bastar Pandum 2026

- The President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Bastar Pandum 2026 at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh today (February 7, 2026).
- The President said that with when farmers sow seeds in this fertile land, it is Pandum. When the mango season arrives, it is Pandum. The people of Bastar celebrate every aspect of life. She said that others can learn this way of life from the people of Bastar.
- The state government's '**Niyad Nellanar Yojana**' is playing a significant role in empowering the villagers. She was happy to note that a new dawn of development is breaking in Bastar.

- **Eklavya Model Residential Schools** have been established in tribal areas so that children from these regions can receive a good education. She urged all parents and guardians to educate their children. She said that this is how the future of Chhattisgarh and India will become bright.



India AI Impact Summit to Unite Nations

- Artificial Intelligence is no longer a future concept. It is already reshaping how Indians learn, work, access services and solve everyday problems.
- This message took centre stage in the latest episode of Digital India – Ask Our Experts organised on February 6, 2026, which featured an engaging and thought-provoking conversation with Shri Abhishek Singh, CEO, IndiaAI Mission, on the upcoming India AI Impact Summit.
- The Summit aims to translate global AI conversations into real, usable outcomes for people on the ground, especially in developing economies and the Global South.
- The episode also outlined what different groups can gain from the Summit.
- Students can explore future career paths.
- Professionals can understand reskilling opportunities.
- Farmers can learn how AI can support crop planning, weather insights and more.
- Startups can access networks, policy insights and global collaboration.
- Researchers and academicians can engage with cutting-edge AI work.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Why did the United States earlier impose an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods?

- A. Trade deficit with India
- B. India's refusal to sign a free trade agreement
- C. India's purchase of Russian oil during the Ukraine conflict
- D. Currency manipulation

☒ **Answer: C**

From which time did the US remove the additional 25% tariff on Indian goods?

- A. Midnight IST
- B. 12:01 am Eastern Time
- C. 6:00 am GMT
- D. 9:00 am PST

☒ **Answer: B**

After the new India–US trade agreement, reciprocal tariffs on Indian products will be reduced to:

- A. 10%
- B. 15%
- C. 18%
- D. 20%

☒ **Answer: C**

Which state ranks first in wool production in India in 2026?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan

 **Answer: D**

Approximately what percentage of India's total wool production comes from Rajasthan?

- A. 25%
- B. 35%
- C. 47.5%
- D. 60%

 **Answer: C**

How many runs did India score in the ICC Under-19 World Cup 2026 final?

- A. 389
- B. 400
- C. 411
- D. 425

 **Answer: C**

Who scored 175 runs for India in the ICC Under-19 World Cup 2026 final?

- A. Ayush Mhatre
- B. Vaibhav Sooryanvanshi
- C. R. Ambrish
- D. Caleb Falconer

 **Answer: B**

Who won the Global Teacher Prize 2026?

- A. Savita Nair
- B. Rouble Nagi

- C. Malala Yousafzai
- D. Anita Sharma

☒ **Answer: B**

The Global Teacher Prize is often referred to as the:

- A. Oscar of Education
- B. Bharat Ratna of Teaching
- C. Nobel Prize for Teaching
- D. Golden Apple Award

☒ **Answer: C**

Who inaugurated Bastar Pandum 2026 in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. Governor of Chhattisgarh
- C. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh
- D. President of India Droupadi Murmu

☒ **Answer: D**