

Calcutta Chamber hosts session on 'India-USA Trade Deal & Other FTAs'

TRADE DEAL 2026 & OTHER FTAS: OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

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Anant Saharia, President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Krishna Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Cooperation and Department of Irrigation and Waterways (Additional Charge), Government of West Bengal; Sanjeev Nandwani, Former Additional DGFT and Zonal Development Commissioner, SEZs for East and North-East India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India; and Annurag Jhunjhunwala, Senior Vice President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, during a special session in Kolkata.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday hosted a special session on 'INDIA-USA TRADE DEAL – 2026 & OTHER FTAS- OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIC OUTLOOK' here in Kolkata.

Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Cooperation and Department of Irrigation and Waterways, Government of West Bengal, and Sanjeev Nandwani, ITS Retd., former Additional DGFT and Zonal Development Commissioner for SEZs in East and North East India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, analyzed the transformative impact of the newly announced India US Interim Trade Agreement framework and India's broader FTA agenda.

In his welcome note, the Chamber President Anant Saharia said, "This initiative by India and the United States shows a strong, lasting commitment to build trusted, resilient supply chains."

Dr. Krishna Gupta noted that the interim agreement grants preferential access to a USD 30 trillion US market, benefiting labor intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, and gems and jewellery. The deal also secures zero duty treatment for over USD 1 billion in Indian agricultural exports, including spices, tea, and processed foods, while protecting sensitive sectors such as dairy and poultry.

Sanjeev Nandwani, ITS Retd., former Additional DGFT and Zonal Development Commissioner for SEZ's conducted the entire conversation session.

The Sr. Vice President of the Chamber, Annurag Jhunjhunwala, thanked Dr. Krishna Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary and Sanjeev Nandwani, former Additional DGFT for sharing their deep expertise on the complexities of the India US Interim Agreement and for examining the nuances of India's ongoing negotiations with the EU, the UK, and the EFTA nations.