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'Mini-cloudbursts' are on the rise, says IMD chief

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NEW DELHI

There is no "increasing trend" in cloudbursts – 10 cm of rain in an hour or more over 20-30 square km – over India in recent years and they remain "impossible" to forecast. However, there has been an increase in "mini-cloudbursts" – 5 cm of rain per hour, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director-General, India Meteorological Department (IMD), said at a press briefing on Sunday.

Rainfall in September – the last official monsoon month – is, as in the previous months, expected to be "above normal", or 9% more than the usual average of 16.7 cm, he said. Ex-

cept the northeastern States and parts of "extreme" southern India, the rest of the country is expected to get above normal rainfall.

The three monsoon months so far have seen "above normal" rainfall, in line with what the IMD forecast in May. Rainfall during June 1 to August 31 was 6% above the 70 cm usual for the three months.

Less rain in the east

Northwest India – comprising Uttarakhand, most parts of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu, Kashmir, Rajasthan, Delhi – got 26% more rainfall than what is typical for the three months.

Central India and the



The waterlogged premises of the Bade Hanuman Temple by the swollen Ganga in Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. [PH](#)

southern peninsula saw 8.6% and 9.3% more rainfall than usual with only the eastern and northeastern India – which receives the most rain as a bloc during the monsoon – getting 17% less than normal.

August rainfall in north-

ern India, at 26.5 cm, was the highest since 2001, said IMD data. Rainfall over the southern peninsula, at 25 cm, was the third highest since 2001. There were more than 700 instances of heavy rain (20 cm or more in a day) in August 2025,

the second highest since 2021 behind the 800-plus in 2024.

The extremely active monsoon in northern India – that saw large-scale destruction of lives and property in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Uttarakhand – was due to a confluence of several western disturbances (storms that travel to India from the Mediterranean) and storms from the Bay of Bengal moving northwards leading to several episodes of intense rain, he said.

"This is likely to prevail during September too...since 1980 we have noticed an increasing trend in the rainfall India receives during September," he told *The Hindu*.

Rise of Mini-Cloudbursts, says IMD Chief

Summary (English):

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) clarified there is no increasing trend of major cloudbursts (≥ 10 cm/hr over 20–30 sq km), but mini-cloudbursts (5 cm/hr) are rising. August 2025 saw the highest rainfall in North India since 2001, causing floods in Himachal, J&K, and Uttarakhand. September is also expected to have above-normal rainfall. Western disturbances and Bay of Bengal storms together intensified the monsoon.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Climate change, disaster management, monsoon variability.

सारांश (Hindi):

भारत मौसम विभाग (IMD) ने कहा कि बड़े क्लाउडबर्स्ट की घटनाओं में वृद्धि नहीं हुई है, लेकिन मिनी-क्लाउडबर्स्ट बढ़े हैं। अगस्त 2025 में उत्तर भारत में वर्षा 2001 के बाद सबसे अधिक रही, जिससे हिमाचल, जम्मू-कश्मीर और उत्तराखंड में बाढ़ आई। सितंबर में भी सामान्य से अधिक वर्षा की संभावना है। पश्चिमी विक्षोभ और बंगाल की खाड़ी के तूफानों ने मानसून को तीव्र किया।

प्रासंगिकता: जलवायु परिवर्तन, आपदा प्रबंधन, मानसून अध्ययन।

Govt. to offer immediate liquidity, compliance relief to exporters hit by tariffs

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NEW DELHI

The Union government has come up with an “action plan” to respond to the tariff escalation by the U.S., which includes short-, medium-, and long-term measures aimed at not only addressing the short-term pain points but also increasing long-term competitiveness, the spokesperson of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

According to sources, the short-term measures include providing immediate liquidity and compliance relief to exporters and helping them maintain order levels and employment in vulnerable sectors. “The Government of India is proactively responding with a timely, well-calibrated, and comprehensive multi-tiered strategy designed not only to safeguard Indian exporters but also to strengthen our long-term competitiveness in global markets,” the spokesperson said. “The Department of Commerce has framed a short-, medium-, and long-term action plan to respond to this tariff escalation.”

‘Guiding principles’

According to sources in the Ministry, this action plan is based on a few “guiding principles”: providing immediate relief to exporters with regard to liquidity, compliance, and order levels, building resilience in

Tweaking export model

The government is working out ways to deflect the blow to exporters from the U.S. tariffs

- The plan includes short-, medium-, and long-term measures to address pain points and boost competitiveness
- It is based on a few “guiding principles”: providing immediate relief with regard to liquidity, compliances, and order levels, building resilience in supply chains, leveraging existing trade agreements, and providing non-financial assistance



supply chains, leveraging existing trade agreements, and providing other non-financial assistance to exporters.

“It is anticipated that exporters may face delayed payments, stretched receivable cycles, and cancelled orders due to the tariff shock,” a source said.

“To prevent working capital stress and protect employment, the government is considering several steps to ease liquidity, prevent insolvencies, and allow exporters to sustain operations until new markets are tapped.”

The Hindu has learnt from various export promotion bodies that liquidity crunch is a major concern for exporters as they have already bought the stock that they would have exported to the U.S. under normal circumstances.

“A critical risk is a drop in order levels, particularly in SEZ-based units which contribute significantly to labour-intensive exports,” the source explained. They confirmed *The Hindu’s* August 13 report about the government tweaking the Export Promotion Mission, announced in the Union

Budget 2025, to better align it with the needs of the currently affected export sectors.

That plan is currently being appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC). It will include ‘Niryat Protsahan’ or helping exporters with trade finance access such as interest subvention, e-commerce export cards, and collateral support. The second pillar would be ‘Niryat Disha’, which would help exporters with market access through export compliance support, branding and packaging support. The government is also considering some SEZ policy flexibility norms to help SEZs to sustain production volumes and scale.

The medium- and long-term strategy includes leveraging the existing Free Trade Agreements that India has signed, an export diversification push so that large shares of exports don’t go to any single country, establishing strategic autonomy in crucial sectors, and creating digital trade infrastructure in the form of the BharatTradeNet.

Govt. Action Plan to Counter U.S. Tariff Escalation

Summary (English):

India announced short-, medium-, and long-term measures to counter U.S. tariff hikes. Short-term: liquidity relief, compliance relaxation, support for SEZ exporters. Medium- and long-term: leveraging FTAs, export diversification, SEZ policy flexibility, and BharatTradeNet (digital trade infra). Aim: protect jobs and competitiveness.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Indian economy, external sector, trade policy.

सारांश (Hindi):

भारत ने अमेरिका के टैरिफ वृद्धि का मुकाबला करने के लिए एक्शन प्लान घोषित किया है। अल्पकालिक: तरलता सहायता, अनुपालन में राहत, निर्यातकों को सहारा। मध्यम और दीर्घकालिक: मुक्त व्यापार समझौते (FTA) का उपयोग, निर्यात विविधीकरण, SEZ नीति में लचीलापन, भारत ट्रेड नेट जैसी डिजिटल अवसंरचना। उद्देश्य—नौकरियों और प्रतिस्पर्धा की रक्षा।

प्रासंगिकता: भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था, व्यापार नीति, अंतरराष्ट्रीय संबंध।

India, China commit to fair border solution: PM

After PM meets Xi, MEA says ready for 'reasonable and mutually acceptable' solution on the frontier

Xi says border issues should not define overall ties; he adds nations are not rivals, but cooperation partners

Foreign Secretary says India, China can stabilise world trade; leaders agree to reduce trade deficit

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TIANJIN

P rime Minister Narendra Modi, at his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday, underlined the importance of peace and tranquillity on the India-China border for continued development of bilateral relations.

Meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin, the two leaders agreed on the need to strengthen people-to-people ties through direct flights and visa facilitation, building on the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and tourist visas, amid an improving relationship between the neighbours. Mr. Xi said the border issue should not define overall relations.

"The two leaders noted with satisfaction the successful disengagement last year and the maintenance of peace and tranquillity along the border areas since then. They expressed

commitment to a fair, reasonable, and mutually acceptable resolution of the boundary question," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement following the meeting.

Mr. Modi called for mutual support in combating terrorism and the two leaders exchanged views on balanced bilateral trade, recognising that their economies could stabilise world trade, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a press briefing on Sunday night. They agreed to facilitate trade and investment ties while reducing their trade deficit, he said. They discussed the international economic situation, with Mr. Modi telling Mr. Xi that growing trade will contribute to a change in the world's perception of China, the Foreign Secretary added.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff wars, with both India and China facing steep duties on their exports to the U.S., but Mr. Modi insisted that the rela-



Improved ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in the Chinese city of Tianjin, mid

tionship between India and China should not be seen through a "third-country lens".

'Positive momentum'

While the Prime Minister noted that both countries pursue strategic autonomy, the two leaders said they would expand their common ground on bilateral, regional, and global issues and challenges, such as terrorism and fair trade in multilateral platforms,

the MEA statement said.

"Had a fruitful meeting with President Xi Jinping... We reviewed positive momentum in India-China relations since our last meeting in Kazan [in Russia, in October 2024]," Mr. Modi said on X. "We agreed on maintaining peace and tranquillity in border areas and reaffirmed our commitment to cooperation based on mutual respect, mutual interest, and mutual solidarity," he added.

The two countries should work together to ensure peace and not let the border issue define their overall relations, Mr. Xi said during the bilateral meeting, adding that the "cooperative pas de deux of the dragon and the elephant should be the right choice for the two countries". China and India are not rivals, but cooperation partners, Mr. Xi said, a sentiment which echoed by Mr. Modi. Both leaders

India and China are victims of terrorism: Modi

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday told Chinese President Xi Jinping that both countries are "victims" of terrorism, and should work together to combat the " scourge". Responding to the media about whether Mr. Modi raised the issue of Pithagang attacks, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said it was discussed during bilateral meeting. **■ PAGE 5**

hood First", 'Act East', and Indo-Pacific policies, the MEA said in a statement. Mr. Modi expressed the hope that the forthcoming elections in Myanmar will be held in a fair and inclusive manner. He underlined that India supports a Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned peace process, the MEA added.

The Prime Minister also attended a banquet gala with other SCO leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

He expressed support for China's presidency of the ongoing summit, the MEA said, indicating that he is unlikely to raise any objections to the Tianjin Declaration expected to be signed and issued on Monday. Mr. Modi also invited Mr. Xi to the BRICS summit that India will host in 2026. (The writer is in China on the invitation of the China Public Diplomacy Association)

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India-China Commit to Fair Border Solution

Summary (English):

PM Modi met Xi Jinping at SCO summit in Tianjin. Both leaders reaffirmed peace at the border, fair resolution of disputes, and stronger trade ties. India emphasized cooperation against terrorism and reducing trade deficit. Xi stressed India-China are partners, not rivals.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: India-China relations, SCO, neighborhood policy.

सारांश (Hindi):

तिआंजिन (SCO सम्मेलन) में पीएम मोदी और शी जिनपिंग की बैठक हुई। दोनों नेताओं ने सीमा पर शांति और विवादों के निष्पक्ष समाधान पर सहमति जताई। भारत ने आतंकवाद से लड़ाई और व्यापार घाटा कम करने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। चीन ने कहा भारत-चीन प्रतिद्वंद्वी नहीं बल्कि सहयोगी हैं।

प्रासंगिकता: भारत-चीन संबंध, SCO, विदेश नीति।

NGO Educate Girls wins Ramon Magsaysay Award

It brought unschooled or out-of-school girls into classroom, and worked to keep them there until they were able to acquire credentials for higher education and employment, says foundation

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NEW DELHI

Educate Girls, an Indian non-profit organisation working to educate unprivileged girls across the country, has been named as one of the three winners of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2025. The other winners are Shaahina Ali of the Maldives and Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva of the Philippines.

Announcing the award for Educate Girls, also known as Foundation to Educate Girls Globally, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation said on Sunday that it was “an Indian organisation whose ground-breaking work in addressing gender injustice in education in India’s most rural and remote areas creates a ripple effect that uplifts families, communities, and entire societies”.

“Starting out in Rajasthan, Educate Girls identified the neediest communities in terms of girls’ education, brought unschooled or out-of-school girls into the classroom, and worked to keep them there until they were able to acquire credentials for higher education and gainful employment,” it said.



Bridging the gap: In this photo provided by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, Safeena Husain, left, founder and Board member of the Foundation to Educate Girls, talks to a group in Rajasthan. AP

Reflecting on the milestone, Safeena Husain, the founder of Educate Girls, said, “Being the first Indian non-profit to receive the Ramon Magsaysay Award is a historic moment for Educate Girls and for the country. This recognition places a global spotlight on India’s people-powered movement for girls’ education, one that began with a single girl in the remotest village and grew to reshape entire communities, challenging traditions and shifting mindsets.”

Acknowledging the award, Gayatri Nair Lobo,

CEO of Educate Girls, said the announcement was “historic and humbling”.

Thrilling news

“Educate Girls is the first Indian organisation to win the Ramon Magsaysay Award. It is an absolutely thrilling news for us and this award belongs to our teams across the country – our *preraks*, our team *bali-ka*, the government, our donors and partners. But mostly this award belongs to our girls. Our girls who work tirelessly to get education,” said Ms. Lobo in a video statement while con-

gratulating environmental activist Shaahina Ali of the Maldives and Fr. Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva of the Philippines, who shot to fame for opposing former President Rodrigo Duterte’s infamous drug war which led to widespread human rights abuse.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award was started in 1958 to celebrate “greatness of spirit and transformative leadership in Asia”. Since 1958, over 300 achievers and organisations from Asia have received this award.

(With PTI inputs)

NGO Educate Girls Wins Ramon Magsaysay Award

Summary (English):

Indian NGO *Educate Girls* awarded 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Award for improving girls’ education in rural India. It works to enroll out-of-school girls and ensure their continued education. Founder: Safeena Husain.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Social issues, women empowerment, education policy.

सारांश (Hindi):

भारतीय NGO Educate Girls को 2025 का रेमन मैग्सेसे पुरस्कार मिला। यह ग्रामीण भारत में लड़कियों की शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देता है और स्कूली शिक्षा से बाहर की लड़कियों को पढ़ाई में शामिल करता है। संस्थापक: सफ़ीना हुसैन।

प्रासंगिकता: सामाजिक मुद्दे, महिला सशक्तिकरण, शिक्षा नीति।

Simplifying the mammoth Income Tax Act in six months

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NEW DELHI

How did the Income Tax Department complete the "mammoth" task of rationalising and simplifying the huge Income Tax Act, 1961 in just about six months, and then implementing the Select Committee's voluminous suggestions in just one month? By cramming in 75,000 man-hours of work in that time and even putting probationers on the job, that's how.

The result was the hugely condensed and significantly more user-friendly Income Tax Act, 2025.

"The announcement by the honourable Finance Minister was made on July 23, 2024 that within six months the entire process of simplification of the law, to make it more lucid, clear, and precise will be achieved," R.N. Parbat, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) member in charge of legislation, told

The Hindu. "The task was given to the Department of Revenue and the CBDT. It was to be done in-house."

By August 14, the drafting committee under Chief Commissioner of Income Tax V.K. Gupta was formed, and that's when the work began in earnest. Subcommittees were formed to look at every aspect of the law with a view to remove redundant sections and review the rest.

26 subcommittees

As the scope of the work became more clear – the original 1961 Act had 819 sections – the number of subcommittees also grew. By the end of it, there were 26 different subcommittees, according to Mr. Parbat.

Apart from this, the process also incorporated a review committee that was tasked with reviewing the work done by the drafting subcommittees.

"Once the review com-



On deck: The Income Tax Act, 2025, will come into effect from the next financial year, beginning April 1, 2026. GETTY IMAGES

mittee completed its work, it came to the Tax Policy and Legislation [TPL] division of the CBDT," Mr. Parbat explained. "And after that, when a draft was formed, it was reviewed by another set of senior officers of the CBDT."

Throughout this, the Revenue Secretary and the Finance Minister took regular briefings with the drafting committee and the TPL, while the Ministry of Law was also consulted.

"The work was broad-

based, with more than 150 officers of the Department working on it," Mr. Parbat said. "That included our Chairman, who was from the 1988 batch. At the same time, the junior-most person on the team was from the 2018 batch. Officers from all over India were selected for this purpose. We also involved our probationers who were undergoing training in Nagpur involved in the process."

The draft of the Bill was laid before Parliament on

February 13, 2025, six months after the drafting committee was formed. The number of chapters has been slashed from 47 to 23 and the number of sections from 819 to 536.

The new Bill included 57 tables as explanations, up from 18, and 46 formulae compared with the previous six.

The language was greatly simplified, jargon and archaic words such as 'notwithstanding' were removed as far as possible, and examples were provided where needed.

To put this in context, the Parliamentary Select Committee that was tasked with reviewing these changes took five months to submit its report.

"They forwarded around 1,312 suggestions to us, so again our TPL division officers along with the core committee members of the drafting committee formulated the written replies and submitted them

to the Select Committee," Mr. Parbat said.

After receiving the written and oral replies from the Revenue Secretary, the Chairman of the CBDT, Mr. Parbat and his team, along with the core members of the drafting committee, the Standing Committee submitted its report to Parliament on July 16, 2025.

'Mammoth task'

The revised Bill was then passed in Parliament on August 12, 2025 – just one year after the drafting committee was formed.

"The process was started and completed within the time given to us, so there is no question any longer of whether we would have preferred more time to do it," Mr. Parbat said. "It was a mammoth task that involved 75,000 man-hours, so whether you put it in two years or six months, that is the amount of work that was needed."

Simplification of Income Tax Act 1961 → Income Tax Act 2025

Summary (English):

The Income Tax Act, 1961 was simplified into the new Income Tax Act, 2025 (536 sections instead of 819).

Drafting took 75,000 man-hours. More tables, simplified language, reduced jargon. To take effect from FY 2026-27.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Indian polity, governance, taxation reforms.

सारांश (Hindi):

आयकर अधिनियम 1961 को सरल बनाकर नया आयकर अधिनियम 2025 तैयार किया गया (536 धाराएँ, पहले 819 थीं)। 75,000 मानव-घंटे का कार्य, अधिक तालिकाएँ, सरल भाषा, कम कानूनी जटिलता। 2026-27 से लागू होगा।

प्रासंगिकता: भारतीय शासन, कर सुधार, अर्थव्यवस्था।

Indian Army tests combat readiness in Arunachal Pradesh

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Indian Army has conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the high-altitude Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing its preparedness for next-generation warfare in extreme Himalayan conditions.

Observed by the General Officer Commanding of Gajraj Corps, the exercise featured large-scale manoeuvres with drone surveillance, precision strikes, real-time target acquisition, air-littoral operations and synchronised battlefield tactics. According to the Army, a major highlight was the operational debut of the newly raised ASHNI platoons, designed

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to integrate advanced technology with traditional combat skills for decisive battlefield advantage.

The exercise also marked the active participation of the Indian defence industry, reflecting the push for indigenous innovation for self-reliance, the Army added. Officials said Yudh Kaushal 3.0 validated combat effectiveness in harsh terrain reinforcing the force's shift towards multi-domain operations and adoption of emerging technologies.

Indian Army Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in Arunachal Summary (English):

Army tested combat readiness in Himalayan terrain with drones, precision strikes, and debut of ASHNI platoons (tech-integrated). Indigenous defence industry also participated.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Defence, security, India-China border readiness.

सारांश (Hindi):

भारतीय सेना ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश में युद्ध कौशल 3.0 अभ्यास किया। इसमें ड्रोन, सटीक हमले और तकनीक-सम्पन्न अशानि पलटन शामिल हुए। स्वदेशी रक्षा उद्योग की भी भागीदारी रही।

प्रासंगिकता: रक्षा, सुरक्षा, भारत-चीन सीमा तैयारी।

HAL likely to deliver 2 Tejas Mark-1A jets next month

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

Two Tejas Mark-1A fighter jets are likely to be delivered next month by the state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has said.

Mr. Singh said on Saturday that the government is likely to ink a fresh contract with HAL for procuring an additional batch of 97 Tejas jets after the delivery of the two aircraft.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) had flagged concerns over delays in the delivery of the Tejas Mark 1A jets under a previous contract.

“Hopefully, the first two of those will be delivered with weapons integration by the end of September,” Mr. Singh said at the NDTV



Rajesh Kumar Singh

Defence Summit. The Defence Secretary said about 38 Tejas jets are already in service and another 80-odd are being manufactured.

In February 2021, the Defence Ministry sealed a ₹48,000 crore deal with HAL for the procurement of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets for the IAF.

The delivery of the jets is facing delays primarily due to the U.S. defence major GE Aerospace missing

several deadlines for the supply of its aero engines to power the jets.

Last week, the government approved an additional batch of 97 Tejas fighters at a cost of around ₹67,000 crore. “I have made it clear to HAL that we will sign this contract only after HAL delivers two Tejas featuring a complete package,” Mr. Singh said on the additional procurement. He said HAL “will have an order book for four to five years”.

“Hopefully, they (HAL) will be able to perfect this platform, integrate the radar and Indian weapons, so that it becomes a work-horse for us along with the Sukhoi,” Mr. Singh said.

“There will still be a gap and for that gap, we will have to look at some other options,” he said.

HAL to Deliver Tejas Mk-1A Jets Next Month

Summary (English):

HAL to deliver first 2 Tejas Mk-1A jets with weapons integration by September 2025. Govt. also approved procurement of 97 more jets worth ₹67,000 crore. Currently 38 Tejas in service.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: Defence indigenisation, aerospace sector, Atmanirbhar Bharat.

सारांश (Hindi):

HAL सितंबर 2025 तक पहले 2 तेजस Mk-1A विमान सौंपेगा। सरकार ने 97 और तेजस विमान खरीदने की मंजूरी दी (₹67,000 करोड़)। अभी 38 तेजस वायुसेना में सेवा में हैं।

प्रासंगिकता: रक्षा, आत्मनिर्भर भारत, एयरोस्पेस क्षेत्र।

India halts all mail to the U.S. due to lack of clarity over rules

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

India Post has suspended all categories of mail operations destined to the U.S. in the absence of clarity over new rules issued by the U.S. Customs Department, an official statement said on Sunday.

Earlier, the country's Postal department had temporarily suspended postal services for gifts valued above \$100 due to the new custom rules issued by the U.S. government.

"In continuation of the Public Notice dated August 22, 2025, the Department of Posts has reviewed the suspension of booking of mails to the United States of America. In view of the ongoing inability of carriers to transport U.S.-bound mail and in the absence of defined regulatory mechanisms, it has been decided to completely suspend the booking of all categories of mail, including letters, documents, and gift items valued up to \$100, destined for the USA," the statement said.

The Department of Posts said it was closely monitoring the situation and making every effort to restore services at the earliest. "Customers who have already booked items that could not be dispatched may claim a refund of postage," the statement said.



India Post had temporarily suspended certain services due to the new custom rules issued by the U.S. government.

On August 23, the department had said the postal services from India to the U.S. had been temporarily suspended due to denial of carrying shipments by U.S.-bound air carriers due to the lack of clarity in new norms issued by the U.S. Customs department.

Under an executive order issued by the U.S. administration on July 30, 2025, goods valued above \$100 are subject to customs duties in the U.S. with effect from August 29 onwards.

As per the Executive Order, transport carriers delivering shipments through the international postal network, or other "qualified parties" approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), are required to collect and remit duties on postal shipments.

India Halts All Mail to U.S.**Summary (English):**

India Post suspended all categories of U.S.-bound mail due to lack of clarity in U.S. Customs rules (duties on items > \$100). Refunds allowed for undelivered items.

UPSC/BPSC Relevance: International trade, services, India-U.S. relations.

सारांश (Hindi):

भारत डाक विभाग ने अमेरिका जाने वाले सभी डाक को अस्थायी रूप से रोक दिया है। कारण: अमेरिकी कस्टम नियमों में अस्पष्टता (100 डॉलर से ऊपर वस्तुओं पर शुल्क)।

प्रासंगिकता: अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार, सेवाएँ, भारत-अमेरिका संबंध।