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9th Meeting of India-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee (JTC), 21st January 2026, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

The ninth meeting of JTC was convened on 21st January 2026, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was co-chaired by U. Minn Minn, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India. The representatives of stakeholder Ministries also participated in the meeting.

The meeting deliberated on wide range of issues, including improving connectivity, expanding market access, streamlining financial transactions, upgrading border infrastructure, re-opening border trade posts, promoting Rupee-Kyat trade settlement mechanism, and maximizing the benefits of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). The Myanmar side expressed gratitude to the Government of India for maintaining an open and supportive policy environment for Myanmar's exports, particularly in the pulses and beans sector.

The meeting held discussions on potential areas of cooperation to drive mutual growth, with particular emphasis on sectors like Textile, Transport & Connectivity, Capacity Building, Customs and Border Management, Shipping, Power, ICT, MSME, Health, Pharmaceuticals, and Agriculture as key avenues for collaboration. The discussion emphasized that enhanced cooperation could yield sustained long-term gains, allowing both countries to pursue their respective goals more efficiently while reinforcing a framework of mutual support and collaboration.

The meeting reaffirmed the strategic importance of the Tamu–Moreh and Rhi–Zokhawthar border trade posts in facilitating cross-border trade. The Indian side reiterated its request for the early reopening of these land border points, while both sides underscored the need to develop a corresponding Integrated Check Post at Tamu to enhance trade efficiency.

Bilateral trade between Myanmar and India reached USD 2.15 billion in the 2024–2025 period, reflecting a strong and positive growth trajectory. Recognizing the considerable scope for further

expansion, both sides agreed on a common shared vision to scale bilateral trade to USD 5 billion by 2030.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the expeditious completion of the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA), with a view to making it simpler, mutually beneficial, balanced and more trade-facilitative for businesses. Both sides also reaffirmed to strengthen cooperation across all areas discussed and agreed to maintain regular communication among relevant agencies to ensure effective follow-up actions.

The next meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee (JTC) will be held in New Delhi, India.

