No near-term impact seen on India of US Al chip restrictions

JATIN GROVER New Delhi, January 15

THE RECENT ANNOUNCE-**MENT** by the US government to impose restrictions on exports of AI chips, is not expected to impact India in the short-term given the current demand levels and capacity requirements by the country is less, tech experts and officials said.

The same because the government is currently looking at creating a capacity of 10,000 graphic processing units (GPUs), which is below the limit of 50,000 GPUs to be imposed by the US for procurement by other countries. Infact, the immediate requirement for bidders to be empanelled under the India AI mission, will be to create a capacity of a minimum of 1,000 AI compute units within six months.

Officials said there is no reason to worry at the moment as the scale is minimum. Going forward, if the upcoming Trump administration continues to impose such restrictions, the same could affect the IndiaAI mission. For companies, such as Yotta, E2E, Jio, CtrlS, among others, there could be an impact in the long-run as they will be bound to expand at a limited scale given the restrictions from the US to import such AI chips, analysts said.

Sunil Gupta, co-founder and CEO of Yotta said, "if the restrictions come in, then for the next two years, no constraint is seen for India given the current size and scale of AI compute and the limit of 50,000 units. However, the restrictions may start

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biting post two years as India market will grow much bigger in future." The US government announced restrictions on advanced AI chip exports. The new regulations, which will come into effect in the next three months, will cap the number of graphic processing units (GPUs) that can be exported to most countries. For countries such as India, the rules once implemented would require a license for importing advanced AI chips.

As per the rules by the US government, chip orders with collective computation power up to roughly 1,700 advanced GPUs do not require a license and do not count against national chip caps. Users outside of close allies

could buy up to 50,000 GPUs per country. There would also be government-to-government deals that could increase the cap to 100,000. Further, institutions in certain countries could also apply for a NEU status, that would let them buy up to 320,000 GPUs over two years.

Ashok Chandak, president of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) said, "in the short term, the new export controls may not significantly impact India. However, the uncertainty of securing licenses and trade negotiations could challenge India's ambitions for large-scale AI hardware deployment." Further, large-scale AI data centers, that require several hundred thousand GPUs, may be delayed or scaled down, Chandak added.

Experts said the restrictions by the US on AI chips is similar to the export controls on Space and Atomic energy that India faced in the past. The only way to get out from such a situation is to create own technologies.

"Most of the design of Nvidia and AMD GPUs must have been done in India by Indian engineers," said Ajai Chowdhry, founder HCL, chairman EPIC Foundation and mission governing body of National Quantum Mission.



PM Wani revival: Trai calls for cap on high internet costs by telcos

FE BUREAU New Delhi, January 15

THE TELECOM REGULATORY Authority of India (Trai) on Wednesday proposed that the broadband tariff charged by telcos to public data office (PDO) under the PM-Wani scheme shall not exceed twice the tariff applicable for retail broadband FTTH (fiber-to-thehome) services for the corresponding capacity.

Once implemented, the same could prompt private telecom operators to significantly reduce the tariffs they charge from PDOs to provide broadband internet under PM-Wani. The proposal by Trai, as part

of the draft telecommunication tariff(71st Amendment)Order, 2025, aims at reviving the PM Wani programme. It was launched in 2020 to democratise content distribution and broadband access at affordable rates via public WiFi hotspots.

PDOs are local shops, kiranawalas, storekeepers, etc that deploy public Wi-Fi hotspots and connect the last mile under the PM Wani programme. "The Authority is of the opinion that the Fiber-tothe-Home tariffs offered to Public Data Offices under the PM-WANI framework should not be more than twice the tariff applicable for retail broadband FTTH connection.

Joint efforts of startups, legacy players and academia key drivers of success

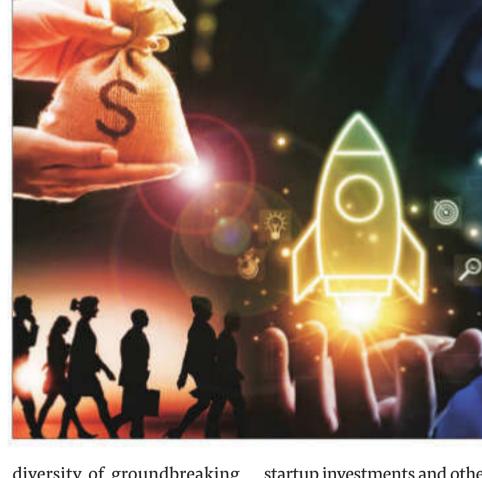
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INDIA IS THE third-largest startup ecosystem in the world with 160,000 registered startups creating over 1.6 million employment opportunities.

Recent developments in the Indian startup ecosystem deserve celebration. Despite a globally challenging economic environment, Indian startups have continued to thrive, displaying unmatched resilience and adaptability.

The year 2024 stood testament to the relentless determination of Indian entrepreneurs. Navigating the funding crunch and emerging stronger clearly highlights the indomitable spirit of Indian startups. As per industry estimates, in 2024 startups secured more than \$12 billion in funding, 20% up from the \$10 billion raised last year. This number stands at a whopping \$147 billion between 2016 – 2024. Indian startups are making in India, for the world. The progress in 2024 high-

lights the steady revival of investor confidence and the ever-growing potential of India's entrepreneurial landscape across growth stages. Seed stage startups witnessed a 31% year-on-year growth totalling \$893 million. Growth-stage and late-stage investments also showed healthy increases of 21% and 25%, respectively, with latestage funding touching \$7 billion across ~150 deals. This demonstrates not only the growing faith in India's startup ecosystem but also the sheer



diversity of groundbreaking ideas emerging across the

Adding to this success story was the emergence of six new unicorns in 2024, more than doubling the count from the previous year.

What's particularly inspiring is the rise of startups from tier 2 and tier 3 cities and the increasing participation of women entrepreneurs. Today, more than 45% start-ups in the country are women-led. These shifts are shaping a more inclusive and equitable entrepreneurial environment, reflecting the diverse fabric of India itself.

Reasons for optimism

In 2025, the Indian startup ecosystem is projected to experience significant funding increase, with total investments expected to reach \$15 billion, marking a 25% increase in funding and 29% rise in deal counts compared to 2024. Avision to promote startups,

progressive policies such as the abolition of the angel tax on

startup investments and other reforms have created a more supportive landscape for founders and investors alike.

Industry, government and startups working together on focussed initiatives towards capacity building (around regulatory frameworks, governance mechanisms, and compliance requirements), enabling market access and capital support will help in harnessing the full potential of India startups.

Global ecosystems like Israel, Finland and Silicon Valley offer valuable insights. There could be some learnings for Indian startups. Collaborative efforts between startups, legacy players and academia are key drivers of success, fostering innovation and growth. De-risking failure and making entrepreneurship a viable career option through safety nets is strongly emphasised. Exposure through delegations, exhibitions and meaningful engagement of Indian startups would introduce them to global opportunities and best practices.

Emerging sectors like AI, electric vehicles (EVs), clean technology, and deep tech are expected to dominate the innovation landscape. Indian startups are already working in more than 50 areas in the space sector. Government initiatives such as the National Quantum Mission, launched in 2023 with approximately \$700 million allocation, are accelerating progress in cutting-edge technologies. These efforts, combined with the sustainability agenda, are paving the way for India to become a global leader in innovation. Programmes like Startup

India, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) and the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) continues to empower entrepreneurs by providing essential resources, mentoring, and funding. Flagship initiatives like the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) are creating a pipeline of innovation-ready ventures. Last nine years of Startup India has been the journey of transformation and innovation. The recently announced ₹1 lakh crore R&D fund, when operational is expected to further provide fillip to the startup ecosystem.

Let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible contribution of our entrepreneurs. They are not just building businesses—they are creating jobs, transforming industries, and reimagining India's future. Their courage to dream big, innovate fearlessly, and tackle challenges head-on is what sets them apart. Let's continue to support and celebrate our star tups as they shape new India.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Swiggy, Zomato may cut back on food discounts

BY GROUPING ORDERS for longer routes and offering discounts tied to cart value and distance, they aim to maximise the revenue per delivery partner ride. For example, smaller, longdistance orders attract discounts to enable batching, while shorter routes focus on larger cart values. The optimisation benefits

both platforms and customers, Shah said. "Tailored discounts based on order size and delivery region improve efficiency and resources, supporting better unit economics,"he said. Additionally, Swiggy and Zomato are moving towards tier-based membership

Particulars

Net Profit from ordinary activities before tax

Other Equity (reserves) excluding Revaluation

Earnings Per Share (Face value of ₹ 10/- each)

Company have carried out the Limited Review of the aforesaid Results.

2. Additional Information on Unaudited Standalone Financial Results is as follows:

(for continuing operations) (Not Annualised)

Particulars .

Net Profit from ordinary activities before tax

Net Profit from ordinary activities after tax

Total Comprehensive Income after tax

Total income from operations (net)

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Net Profit from ordinary activities after tax

Total Comprehensive Income after tax

Total income from operations (net)

Paid Up Equity Share Capital

Basic

Diluted

Notes:

₹45,625 Lakh.

models. Swiggy's premium'One Blck' subscription, featuring perks like on-time delivery guarantees and enhanced discounts, signals a push to monetise loyal users. Zomato is reportedly exploring a similar approach. Such memberships aim to attract high-value subscribers while retaining casual users through targeted promotions and improved app experiences.

However, the entry of aggressive players like Magicpin as the third-largest online food delivery platform may slow this tapering of discounts. "Platforms can counter this competition through superior service, exclu-

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Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results

for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2024

December 31.

2024

1,236

322

274

(1,543)

1,510

1.81

1.81

Quarter ended Nine Months ended

* Other Equity (reserves) excluding Revaluation reserves for the year ended March 31, 2024 was

 The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on January 15, 2025. The Statutory Auditors of the

December 31,

2024

1,236

296

248

(1,569)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated

Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and

Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2024 are available on

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sive perks, and enhanced user experiences," an analyst said.

The burden of discounts has largely fallen on restaurants, which often pay 5-10% of order value for promotions to secure visibility. "For a sustainable ecosystem, consumers must increasingly bear the cost of home delivery convenience," said Pranav M Rungta, vicepresident of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).

These developments coincidewith Jefferies downgrading Zomato's stock from 'buy' to 'hold', citing concerns about the profitability of quick commerce amid mounting competition.

(₹ in lakh, except per share data)

December 31

2023

1,494

507

362

1,142

1,510

2.41

2.41

(₹ in lakh)

Quarter ended

December 31.

2023

1,494

415

270

1,050

Quarter ended Nine Months ended Quarter ended

December 31

2024

1,037

877

(939)

1,510

5.80

5.80

December 31.

3,700

893

733

For Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Limited

Dilip V. Dherai

Whole-time Director

(Executive Director)

(1,083)



and among the others being considered are Poonam Gupta, a former World Bank economist and part-time member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; Chetan Ghate, former external member on the RBI's monetary policy committee; Prachi Mishra, director and head of the Isaac Centre for Public Policy at Ashoka University; economist Ajit Ranade; and NR Bhanumurthy, director at Madras School of Economics.

Nageswaran is understood to have not applied for the post, but he was called by the panel for the interview. The move assumes significance that the CEA has recently pitched for a change in RBI's inflation target to exclude food. His term as CEA is set to expire shortly. The Economic Survey 2024-25, leadauthored by Nageswaran, is to be presented in Parliament on January 31.

A six-member selection panel which includes RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra and Somanathan — held the first round of interviews on January 13 in New Delhi and held another on



Wednesday, the sources said.

The new deputy governor will replace Patra, who was one of the three central bankers on the six-member monetary policy committee which decides interest rates.

Usually, RBI reserves two of the deputy posts for internal appointees, one for a commercial banker, and another for both external and internal candidates. The three existing deputy governors are: M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar, both from within the central bank, and Swaminathan Janakiraman, former managing director of State Bank of India.



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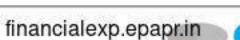
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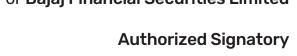
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Trade deficit at \$21.9 bn; exports fall 1% in Dec

THE TRADE DEFICIT in December 2023 was \$18.1 billion. The sharp fall in the trade deficit in December would ease pressure on the rupee, which has fallen sharply in recent trade sessions. Imports of gold fell to

\$4.7 billion from a reestimated \$9.84 billion in November. Imports during December rose 4.9% on year to \$59.95 billion. The government has

also revised the import figures for November to \$63.8 billion from \$69.95 billion earlier. This massive revision came after the data of imports of gold, silver and electronics were reset. The exports for November were also adjusted to \$32 billion from \$32.11 billion. Earlier, the April-November deficit was reported to be \$202.42 billion, but now it is pegged at \$188.9 billion. "Our trade growth is

quite good and we will be crossing \$800 billion in goods and services exports this financial year. We have done better than the rest of the world



resilience of our exports and improvement in manufacturing competitiveness," secretary in the department of commerce Sunil Barthwal said. In calendar year 2024,

India's overall exports have grown 5.6% to \$812.4 billion. This growth is much better than the 3.3% growth in world trade forecast by UNCTAD. The drivers of export

growth in Decemberwere the engineering sector that grew 8.3% to \$10.8 billion and electronics goods that grew 35% to \$3.5 billion. The exports from the apparel sector were up 12.9% to \$1.4 billion. Rice exports also which shows the were on an upswing,

growing at 64% to \$1.4 billion. The petroleum

exports were down 28.6% to \$4.9 billion, while gems and jewellery exports were down 26% to \$2.1 billion. In line with the growth in the apparel sector, the imports of raw cotton and waste was up 384% to \$142.8 million. While gold imports moderated, imports of silver grew 210% to \$421.9 million.

The services exports in December were up 3.2% to \$32.66 billion, while imports were 11.9% to \$17.5 billion.

In April-December, the merchandise exports were up 1.6% to \$321.71 billion, while imports were up 5.15% to \$532.4 billion. The overall exports in April-December were up 6.03% to \$602.6 billion, while imports were up 6.91%

to \$682.15 billion. In December, India's shipments rose positively to the US, Saudi Arabia, France, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, while the top five import sources were China Switzerland, Thailand, Germany and the US.

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and

Nine month ended December 31, 2024

(Rs. In lakhs)			
Total Revenue from operations	18	-	25.64
Net Profit/(Loss) before exceptional items and tax	-12.24	-1:50	4.95
Profit/(Loss) before tax	-12.24	-1.50	4.95
Profit/ (Loss) for the period	-12.24	-1.50	4.95
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising of Profit/(Loss) after tax and OCI (after tax)]	-12.24	-1.50	4.95
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of the share - Rs 10/-)	550.04	550.04	550.04
Earning per share	. 1		
a) Basic	-0.22	-0.03	0.09
b) Diluted	-0.22	-0.03	0.09

Date: 15/01/2025

Place : Mumbai

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