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Reboot to reset: On India-U.S. trade ties

The article talks about India-US trade ties. It states that the US is no longer interested in having an FTA. Accordingly, the government can now concentrate on market access. Also, mutual pacts and common quality standards are likely to help exports.

The meeting concluded setting the trade vision as \$500 billion (same as what was the case in Obama's regime). Although the target is the same, the path is yet unclear. The reinduction of the tariff relief under GSP in 2019 now seems unlikely.

This time India has an opportunity to review its stand on global trade. Action needs to be taken now. Also, the self-reliance drive needs to integrate with the value chain as no trade policy can be worked out in isolation. This affects investment too.

Words to look out for

- **Stymied**
Synonyms: foiled, hampered, blocked
Antonyms: assisted, promoted
Word Usage: He found himself stymied by an old opponent.
- **Fester**
Synonyms: decay, putrefy, suppurate
Antonyms: heal, ease, lessen
Word Usage: The wound began to fester.
- **Dissonance**
Synonyms: disagreement, dissension, discord
Antonyms: harmony, accord, agreement
Word Usage: Dissonance among the three partners doomed the project.

Article Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/reboot-to-reset-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-us-trade-ties/article36024463.ece>

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Don't let kids down: Begin vaccinating them as soon as approvals come through. They have waited too long

The article talks about child vaccination. As two vaccines are expected soon after the results, GoI needs to begin the drive simultaneously and not wait for the next year. Children have been bound to stay indoors, and their education/learning has suffered immensely, and the RBI governor has raised similar concerns.

Indian population constitutes 47 crore children falling under 0-18 years category. Once the vaccines for children are authorised, India must prioritise children over adults for their holistic well-being.

Covaxin has initiated trials for adolescents. The vaccine must be authorised only after ensuring safety. If the tests are clear, goI must plan for quick roll-out and reserve production for school-going children. Delaying could be dangerous now, so covaxin must gear up its production and fulfil the vaccination demand.

Words to look out for

- **Holistic**
Synonyms: comprehensive, integrated, complete
Antonyms: atomistic, incomplete, partial
Word Usage: My doctor takes a holistic approach to disease.
- **Factored**
Synonyms: brokered, stewarded, featured
Antonyms: ignored, left out, avoided
Word Usage: They factored inflation into their calculations.
- **Accorded**
Synonyms: granted, given, allowed
Antonyms: argued, battled, breached
Word Usage: His opinion accorded with mine.

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