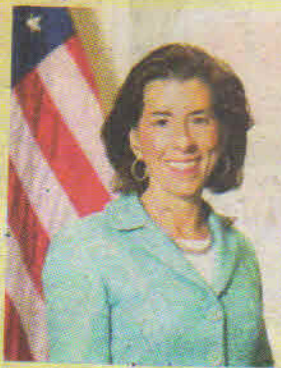


## ■ India and US Agree to Launch Strategic Trade Dialogue

India and the US have agreed to launch a Strategic Trade Dialogue, as decided during the meeting between External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar and US Commerce Secretary Ms. Gina Raimondo in New Delhi on 9th March 2023. The Strategic Trade Dialogue aims to address export controls, explore ways of enhancing high-technology commerce, and facilitate technology transfer between the two countries. Both Ministers also discussed initiatives such as Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Meanwhile, the two countries have signed an MoU on semiconductor Supply Chain and Innovation Partnership seeking to establish a collaborative mechanism on semiconductor supply chain resilience and diversification in view of the US's CHIPS and Science Act and India's Semiconductor Mission. The visiting US Commerce Secretary also met with Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Discussions were held on creating lifelong learning opportunities on a large scale and deepening collaborations in 3S-Skilling, Start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises. Both the leaders agreed that the size of India's workforce and the size of opportunities in critical and emerging technologies in the US can be aligned for mutual benefit.



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