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In compliance with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the Newspaper Advertisement published in Maharashtra Times (Marathi), Financial Express - All editions (English) and Economic Times (English) on February 05, 2026 regarding the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Third Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2025.

The Information will also be made available on Company's Website.

We request you to take the above information on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For SKF India (Industrial) Limited

Poorva Bang
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Encl.: As above.

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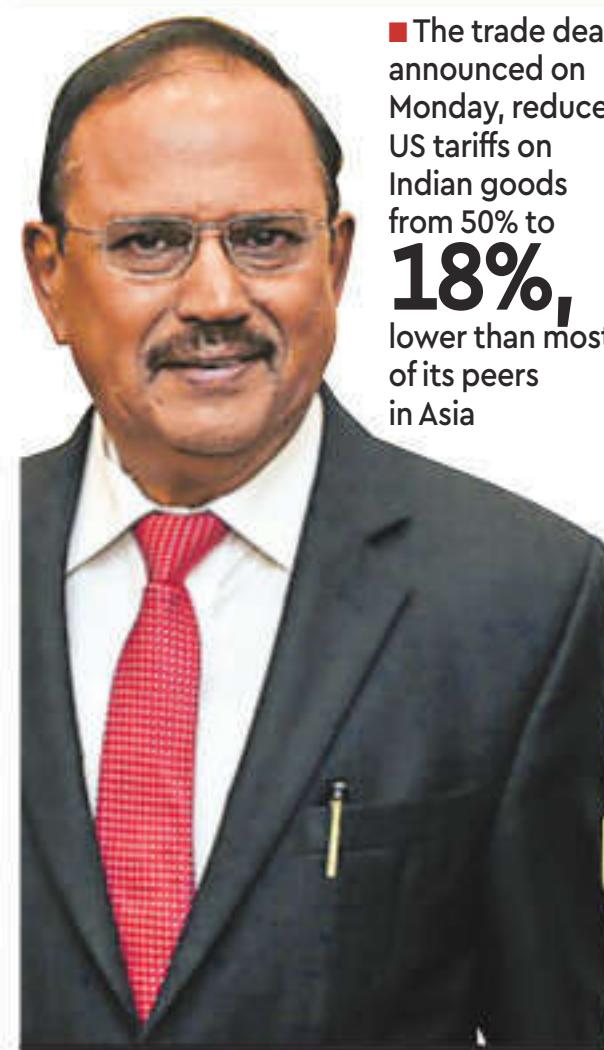
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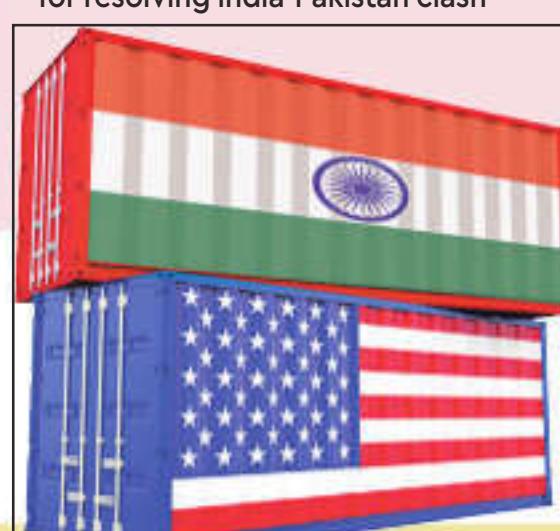
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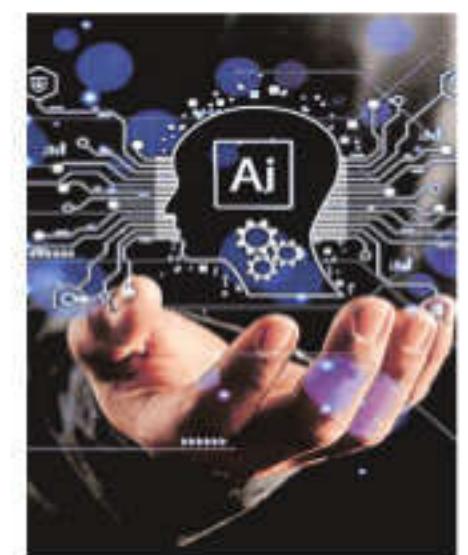
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"Each new Claude model has forced us to redesign the test," Hume wrote. "When given the same time limit, Claude Opus 4 outperformed most human applicants. That still allowed us to distinguish the strongest candidates—but then, Claude Opus 4.5 matched even those." The challenge is identifying what value a developer adds when AI generates much of the code.

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FY25-26: Quarter - October 2025 to December 2025

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6. Exceptional items:

i. On November 21, 2025, the Government of India notified the four Labour Codes - the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 - consolidating 29 existing labour laws. The Ministry of Labour & Employment published draft Central Rules and FAQs to enable assessment of the financial impact due to changes in regulations. The Company has assessed and disclosed the incremental impact of these changes on the basis of legal advice obtained and the best information available, consistent with the guidance provided by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

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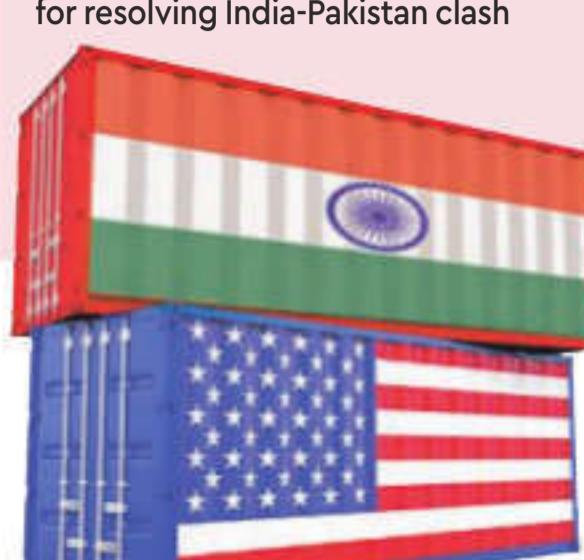
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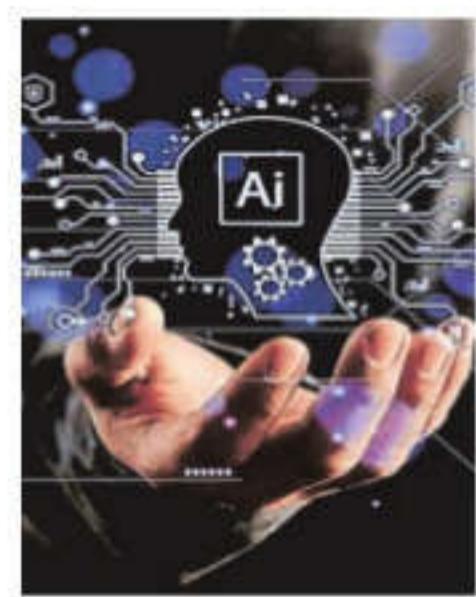
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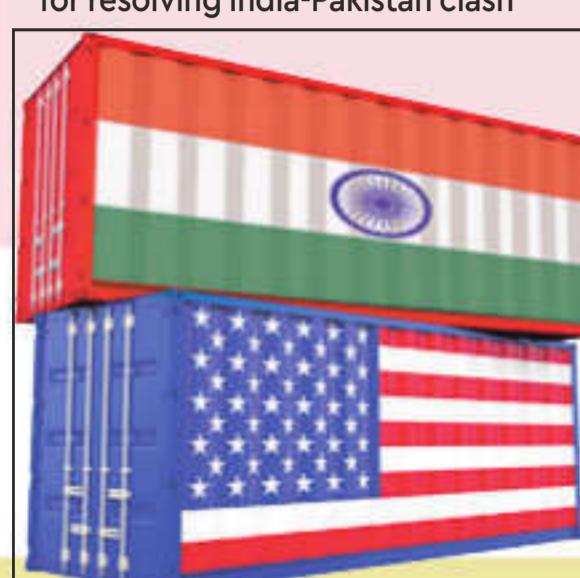
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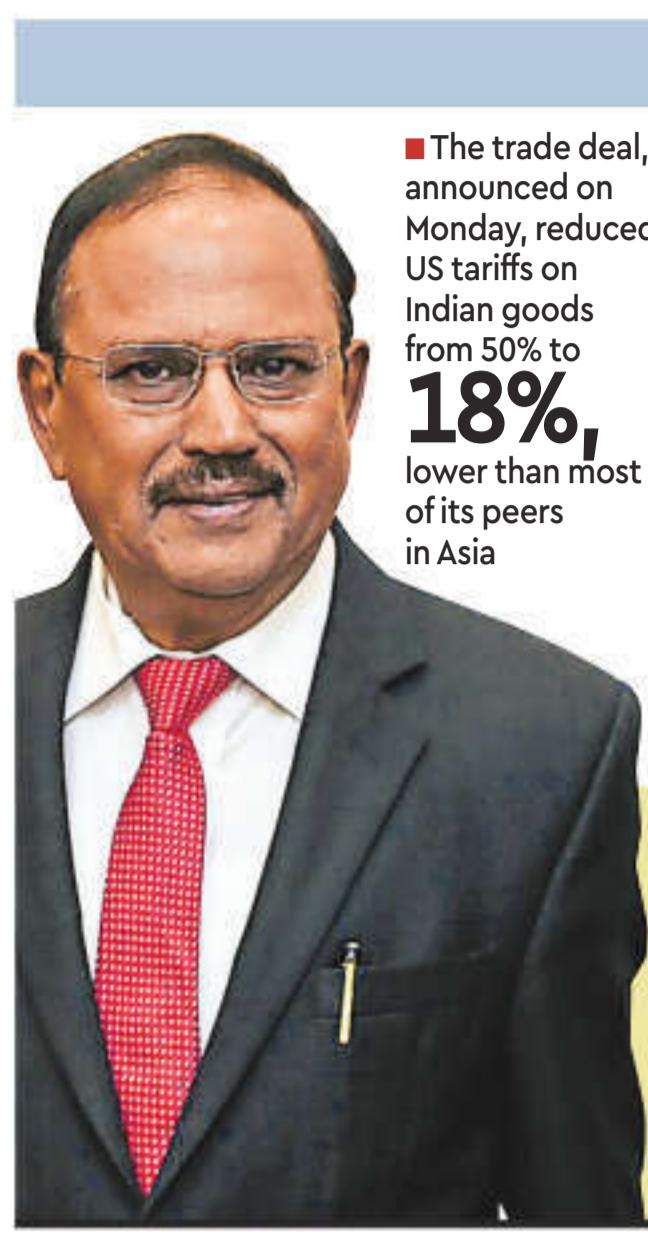
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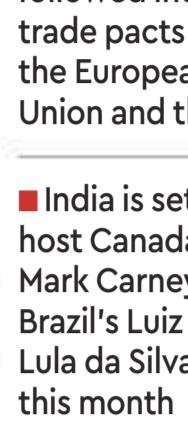
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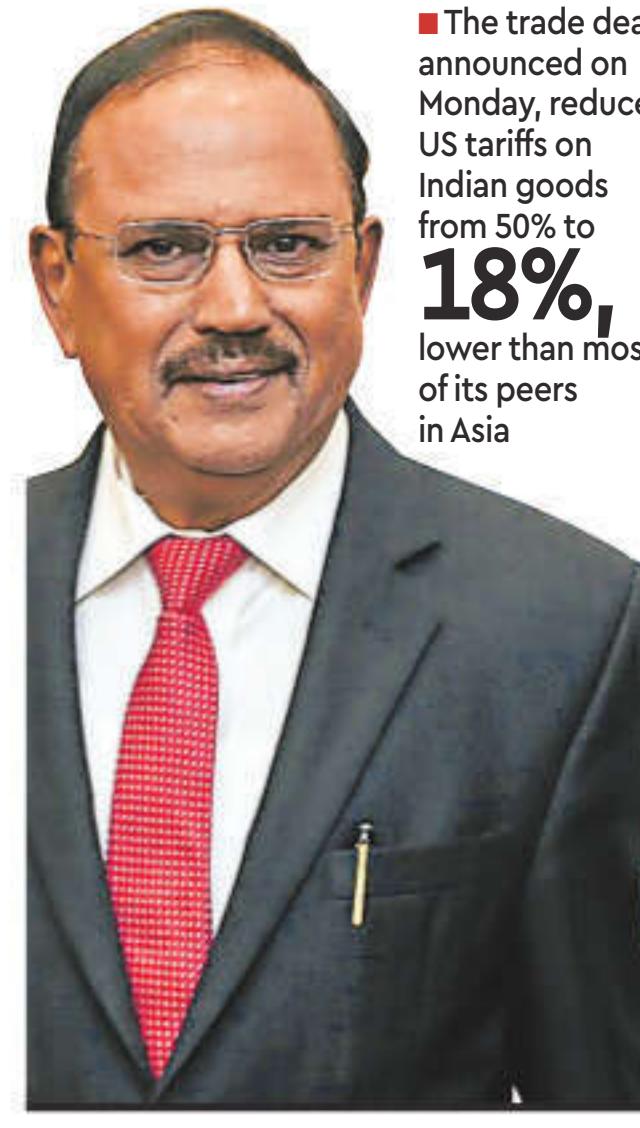
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Date: February 3, 2026

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IT firms split over AI use in coding recruitment test

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Bengaluru, February 4

THE DIVIDE



Some firms see AI-assisted coding as an inevitable workplace reality
Others say it obscures a candidate's core problem-solving ability

candidate's core intelligence and how they apply their own thinking to design and coding fundamentals," she said.

Some startups are taking a more situational approach. Bengaluru-based voice AI firm Gnani AI discourages AI tools for junior roles but allows limited use for senior positions. "At junior levels, we want to assess raw problem-solving and analytical skills," Co-founder and Chief Product and Engineering Officer Bharath Shankar said.

"For senior roles, where system design is key, AI tools can support the discussion." He said candidates are expected to justify their choice of language, algorithms and approach, often through real-world prototype building.

Globally, policies remain split. Amazon has imposed a blanket ban on AI tools during interviews to ensure a level playing field. Meta, in contrast, began piloting AI-assisted coding rounds in late 2025, allowing candidates to use multiple models within a monitored environment.

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FY25-26: Quarter - October 2025 to December 2025

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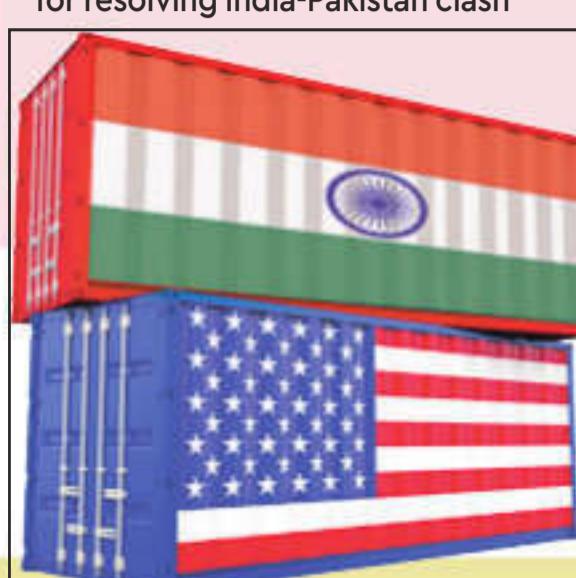
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DOVAL'S DASH TO WASHINGTON & GOR'S ARRIVAL IN NEW DELHI HELPED BRING TIES BACK ON TRACK

The road to India-US trade deal

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IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a chummy meeting with Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping in China, he dispatched his national security adviser to Washington to help smooth over fraying ties.

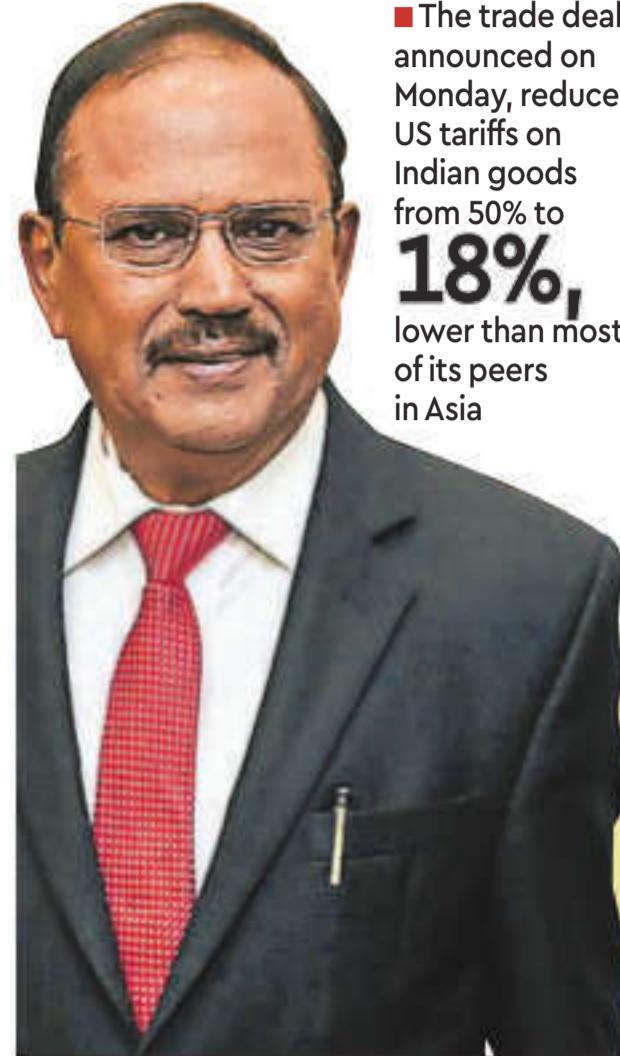
Ajit Doval came with a message for Secretary of State Marco Rubio: India wanted to put the acrimony between the two nations behind it and get back to negotiating a trade deal, according to officials in New Delhi familiar with the meeting.

Doval told Rubio that India wouldn't be bullied by US President Donald Trump and his top aides, the people said, and would be willing to wait out his term, having faced other hostile US administrations in the past. But New Delhi wanted Trump and his aides to dial down their public criticism of India so they could get relations back on track, Doval said in the meeting.

At the time, India was smarting from Trump's insults and the 50% tariffs he'd slapped on its goods in August. Trump had called India a "dead" economy with high tariffs and that it was funding Putin's war in Ukraine by buying Russian oil.

It wasn't long after Doval's meeting, which was previously unreported, that the first signs of an ease in tensions emerged. On September 16, Trump called Modi on his birthday and praised him for doing a "tremendous job." By the end of the year, the two leaders had spoken four more times on the phone as they inched towards a deal to bring down the tariffs.

India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office didn't respond to emails seeking further information. A spokesperson for the US State



■ The trade deal, announced on Monday, reduced US tariffs on Indian goods from 50% to **18%**, lower than most of its peers in Asia

KEY PLAYERS



NSA Ajit Doval visited Washington in September 2025 with a firm message to the US: India was willing to get relations back on track but wouldn't be bullied by Trump and would be willing to wait out his term

■ The US deal followed India's trade pacts with the European Union and the UK

■ India is set to host Canada's Mark Carney and Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva later this month



The arrival of new US Ambassador Sergio Gor in December appeared to kick off more serious efforts to get relations back on an even keel

Department said that in keeping with standard diplomatic practice, it does not disclose the details of private discussions.

On Monday, Trump announced he'd reached a trade agreement with Modi that would reduce tariffs on India's goods to 18%, lower than most of its peers in Asia. A punitive 25% duty that the US leader had slapped on India for buying Russian oil was also scrapped.

"The past year has been one where negotiators, both in the US and India worked feverishly to get us to this point," Nisha Biswal, partner at The Asia Group and former US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, said. "It benefits both the US and India that you have an India that is finally really opening up on global trade."

Publicly, there had been no indication from either side that

a deal was imminent. As recently as last week, US Trade Representative Jamieon Greer said India still had a long way to go to convince Washington it was halting Russia crude buys.

On Monday, officials in New Delhi were taken by surprise when Trump posted about the deal on social media. Many senior bureaucrats in the foreign and commerce ministries, even those who had been directly involved in the trade negotiations, were oblivious that a call had been scheduled between the leaders that day.

"Some were unable to confirm key details related to the tariff announcement when contacted by reporters late in the day.

Behind the scenes, though, New Delhi had been working to get relations gradually back on track. Doval's meeting with Rubio in September was a signal to Washington that it sees the US as a long-term strategic partner and couldn't afford to allow ties to deteriorate further.

The prevailing view in New

Delhi was that India needed US capital, technology and military cooperation to deter China and meet Modi's goals of making the South Asian nation a developed economy by 2047. Trump was just a blip over that time frame, officials in New Delhi said, and India needs to stay focused on doing what's best over the long term.

"New Delhi was never going to sever relations with Washington following last year's downturn in bilateral relations," said Chieti Bajpaei, a senior research fellow for South Asia at Chatham House.

Relations had spiralled downwards ever since Trump claimed credit in May for resolving a four-day clash between India and Pakistan, a boast that Modi vehemently rejected. In a tense call between the two leaders in June, Modi declined Trump's request to come to the White House, where the US president was hosting Pakistan's army chief at the time. In October, Modi skipped a summit in

Malaysia to avoid a possibly awkward meeting with Trump.

The arrival of new US Ambassador Sergio Gor to New Delhi in December appeared to kick off more serious efforts to get relations back on an even keel. Gor, a former senior White House official and longtime member of Trump's inner circle who is also close to Rubio, has repeatedly underscored the importance of US-India ties.

A further thaw in ties was evident during a meeting between Gor and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar last week, according to people familiar with the matter. Gor said in a social-media post that the two sides discussed "everything from defence, trade, critical minerals, and working towards our common interests," adding: "Stay tuned for much more!"

"This appears to conclude a

difficult six-month period for US-India relations," said Alexander Slater, former head of the US-India Business Council. "It also adds to recent signals about where India's economic future is likely headed" and "removes a key impediment to what had been India's gradual but steady alignment with the West."

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Still, the US remains a crucial partner for India, both as a market and as a source of investment. The nation ships about a fifth of its exports to the US, a large share of which are mobile phones and electronic goods, sectors that are key to Modi's manufacturing ambitions. US companies lined up big investment pledges in India in recent months, especially in AI. India is also becoming more important for the US financial industry.

—BLOOMBERG

IT firms split over AI use in coding recruitment test

POULOMI CHATTERJEE
Bengaluru, February 4

THE DIVIDE



■ Some firms see AI-assisted coding as an inevitable workplace reality
■ Others say it obscures a candidate's core problem-solving ability

candidate's core intelligence and how they apply their own thinking to design and coding fundamentals," she said.

Some startups are taking a more situational approach. Bengaluru-based voice AI firm Gnani AI discourages AI tools for junior roles but allows limited use for senior positions. "At junior levels, we want to assess raw problem-solving and analytical skills," Co-founder and Chief Product and Engineering Officer Bharath Shankar said. "For senior roles, where system design is key, AI tools can support the discussion." He said candidates are expected to justify their choice of language, algorithms and approach, often through real-world prototype building.

Globally, policies remain split. Amazon has imposed a blanket ban on AI tools during interviews to ensure a level playing field. Meta, in contrast, began piloting AI-assisted coding rounds in late 2025, allowing candidates to use multiple models within a monitored environment.

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Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period Before Tax and exceptional items#	1,129.4	1,173.8	3,274.1	1,644.0
Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period Before Tax	(671.4)	1,013.6	1,313.1	1,644.0
Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period After Tax	(500.9)	769.3	987.0	1,213.1
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period [Comprehensive Profit / (Loss) for the Period (After tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (After tax)]	(470.3)	785.6	1,033.9	1,237.4
Equity Share Capital	494.4	494.4	494.4	494.4
Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of Previous Year	-	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)				
1. Basic: (Not to be Annualised)	(10.1)	15.6	14.5	20.0
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*Profit before exceptional items and tax.

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2. The above financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and read with Rules framed thereunder and Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

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