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Professional Profile

Sugam Shine is an Associate (Legal) at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, under the Department of Commerce, Government of India. His professional work focuses on WTO law, international trade law, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), regulatory cooperation and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. He has been engaged as an official professional expert for India in the TBT track of several FTA negotiations, working on standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures, transparency and regulatory cooperation.

His FTA negotiation experience includes India's completed engagements with New Zealand and the European Union, and ongoing negotiations and related trade engagements with Chile, Canada, Maldives and Israel. He has also worked across the TBT tracks involving the United States and Peru. His role involves legal and policy analysis of negotiating texts, assessment of domestic regulatory measures, coordination with stakeholders and preparation of trade-policy inputs, with a particular focus on ensuring coherence between India's regulatory priorities and its international trade commitments.

Academic & Research Profile

Sugam is pursuing a PhD in Law at Galgotias University and holds an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Rights from Usha Martin University, where he graduated as batch topper, and a BBA LL.B. (Hons.) from Galgotias University. Before joining CWS, he served as an Assistant Professor of Law at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), teaching Competition Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Insolvency, Investment Law and related subjects. His research interests include international trade law, WTO law, intellectual property, competition law and international economic governance.

Publications & Academic Presentations

His publications include the Scopus-indexed book chapter “Balancing Speed and Fairness—Evaluating Stakeholder Interests in India’s Pre-Pack Insolvency Resolution Process” in Legal Frameworks for Sustainable Global Business; “Effectiveness of the Moratorium Provision in Resolving Corporate Insolvencies in India: A Comparative Analysis” (UGC-CARE, Group I); and “Examining the Effectiveness of India’s Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 in Safeguarding Citizens Rights” (UGC-CARE, Group I). He has also published and presented research on FDI policy, CSR, alternative dispute resolution/online dispute resolution, legal aid and research methodology.

His academic presentations include papers on “The Challenges of AI for International and Indian Human Rights: A Global Perspective” at the international conference organised by SVKM’s NMIMS Bengaluru in association with Boston University School of Law, and “Artificial Intelligence for Social Change: Towards an Equitable World” at Media Meet 2023, CHRIST University. He has also delivered an expert talk on “Balancing Acts: Navigating the Intersection of Intellectual Property Rights and Competition Law” at Galgotias University.

International Academic Engagement

In June 2026, Sugam presented his research at the University of Leicester Law Postgraduate Research Conference, contributing to an international academic forum examining law, politics and society in a polarised world. His participation reflects his continuing engagement with international legal scholarship alongside his professional work in international trade and economic governance.

Moot Courts, Judging & Professional Engagement

Sugam has substantial experience in moot court and academic competition activities. He has served as a judge at the 5th Mediatewise International Mediation Competition hosted by the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, the 13th HNMCC National Moot Court Competition at HNLU Raipur, and the VIIIth Surana & Surana–UPES Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, where he also drafted the moot

problem and judged the semi-final rounds. He previously served as Faculty Coordinator for the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition (India Rounds) and has been involved in organising and managing national moot court competitions.

Areas of Focus: WTO Law • TBT • FTA Negotiations • Standards & Conformity Assessment • Trade Policy • International Economic Law