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Publications

Journal Article & Working Papers

- **India's push for balancing industrial policy space in WTO: A developing economy lens (RIS Discussion Paper No. 330).** Research and Information System for Developing Countries. <https://www.ris.org.in/en/discussion-papers/indias-push-for-balancing-industrial-policy-space-in-wto>
- **“Safeguard Measures in India: Implications for Trade, Export Competitiveness, and Industry Performance”** Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

Link: https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/workingpaper/Safeguard%20Paper_WP_88.pdf

- **“Assessing the Impact of India’s FTAs with ASEAN, Japan, and South Korea on the Steel Sector: A PPML Gravity Model Approach”** FOCUS WTO, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.
Link: <https://publication.iift.ac.in/Articles/286.pdf>
- **“Navigating the Development Divide: The Case for Policy Space in India's Industrial Policy Strategy Amid Rising Global Protectionism”** Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.
Link: https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/workingpaper/CWS_WorkingPaper_85.pdf
- **“Implications of United States Steel Tariffs on Indian Steel Import Patterns”** GNLU Journal of Law & Economics.
Link: <https://gje.in/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Revised-Manuscript-Implications-of-United-States-Steel-Tariffs-on-Indian-Steel-Import-Pattern.pdf>
- **“SAARC Geopolitics and Trade- Missing Intra-Regional Connectivity Hindrance to Further Economic Integration”** South Asian Survey, SAGE.
Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0971523117708963>
- **“Renewable Energy Governance in India: Challenges and Prospects for Achieving the 2022 Energy Goals”** with Journal of Resources, Energy, and Development (The Energy and Resources Institute).
Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.3233/RED-14102>
- **“Global Value Chains: Asymmetries, Realities and Risks”** Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.
Link: <https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/workingpaper/woriking%20paper%2036.pdf>

Books & Chapters

- Contributed **six analytical chapters on trade indices, gravity models, and sectoral studies (auto-components, leather, EU trade, Central Asia)** to the textbook **“India's Trade Analytics: Patterns and Opportunities”** (Sage Publications).
Link: <https://in.sagepub.com/en-in/sas/indias-trade-analytics/book268772#contents>
- Authored a chapter titled **“The E-Platform Economy: A Study of Market Structure and Implications”** in the academic volume **“E-Commerce in India: Economic and Legal Perspectives”** (Sage Publications).
Link: <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/e-commerce-in-india/book274602#contents>

Articles & Policy Briefs

- **WTO reform and industrial policy space: An Indian perspective for MC14** (Policy Brief No. 141). Research and Information System for Developing Countries.
<https://www.ris.org.in/index.php/en/policy-briefs/wto-reform-and-industrial-policy-space-an-indian-perspective-for-mc14>

- **“Regulated Policy Interventions on the Indian Toy Sector and Impacts on Quality, Safety and Trade Performance: Firm-Level Evidence”**, Centre for WTO Studies
Link: https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/PolicyBrief/Policy_Brief_23.pdf
- **“Assessing the Export Potential of India’s Next-Generation FTAs”** Centre for WTO Studies
Link: https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/PolicyBrief/CWS_CRIT_Policy_Brief_18.pdf
- **“India did well in not joining RCEP”**, The Hindu Business Line.
Link: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-did-well-in-not-joining-rcep/article67753310.ece>
- **“Vehicle scrappage policy key to cutting India steel sector emissions”**, Business Standard
Link: https://www.business-standard.com/industry/auto/vehicle-scrappage-policy-key-to-cutting-india-steel-sector-emissions-124010801241_1.html
- **“In the economic transformation of Southeast Asia, a tale of two FTAs”**, Business Standard
Link: https://www.business-standard.com/economy/analysis/in-the-economic-transformation-of-southeast-asia-a-tale-of-two-ftas-124041800593_1.html
- **““Implications of CBAM on emerging economies: A closer look”**, India Business and Trade (IBT), Trade Promotion Council of India.
Link: <https://www.indiabusinesstrade.in/blogs/implications-of-cbam-on-emerging-economies-a-closer-look/>