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Mallika Dutt is an Economist and Young Professional at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), Centre for Research in International Trade (CRIT), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), where she contributes to trade policy research, economic analysis, and policy formulation for the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Her work spans trade negotiations, international trade, macroeconomic analysis, trade data analytics, and policy research, with experience across both Trade in Goods and Trade in Services. She is currently contributing to the India–Chile CEPA negotiations on the Trade in Goods track, following her earlier involvement in the Trade in Services track, including intersessional discussions. She has also supported India–Peru Intersessions and prepared trade-in-services factsheets and country briefs for India’s engagements with Maldives, Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines.

As part of the India–US Backend Research Team, Mallika has undertaken extensive research on U.S. trade policy developments, reciprocal tariffs, macroeconomic trends, and their implications for India. Her work has included assessing the impact of U.S. reciprocal tariffs on India’s trade and GDP, estimating India’s export gains following tariff rollbacks, analysing export vulnerability, and examining U.S. trade engagements with Japan, South Korea, China, and ASEAN. She has prepared Trade Observatory reports, policy briefs, analytical notes, presentations, and briefing material for senior government officials, including inputs for the 4th Kautilya Economic Conclave 2025. Her broader policy work includes analysing the impact of the West Asia crisis on the Indian economy, monitoring global geopolitical and trade developments, and translating them into policy-relevant inputs. She also contributed research to India’s position during the WTO’s 8th Trade Policy Review, examining members’ queries and supporting the drafting of official responses. Her work across the FT-CIS division has further involved bilateral trade and investment analysis, trade complementarity assessments, country profiles, GI protection proposals, and briefing material for India’s engagements with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, and Georgia.

Her research experience is complemented by sectoral work covering medical devices, AYUSH, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, manufacturing, and global value chains. She has undertaken trade data analysis, HS-code mapping, import-export monitoring, and sectoral assessments, while independently compiling and harmonising datasets from multiple international sources to address data gaps. She has also contributed to research and publications on WTO rules, digital trade, industrial policy, automobiles, semiconductors, and international economic developments. Her academic and technical interests lie at the intersection of international trade, applied economics, econometrics, and evidence-based policy research. She has presented her research paper, *“Export Gains from Input Tariff Reforms: Evidence from India’s Apparel Exports Using a Gravity Model,”* at the AIB South Asia Conference 2026, IIFT Kolkata, applying a PPML fixed-effects gravity model to a two-decade panel of India’s RMG exports across 31 trading partners.

Academic & Research Contributions: Mallika has published *"Discourses on Universal Basic Income: An Alternative Model of the Idea of Justice,"* examining UBI as an instrument of distributive justice amid automation-driven joblessness and post-pandemic inequality. She has authored/co-authored policy briefs on *"India's Strategic Rise in the Global Automobile Industry,"* analysing India's automotive export potential, FTAs and the EV transition, and *"The AI Chip War: A Battle for Technological Supremacy,"* examining U.S. export controls, global semiconductor value chains, and India's emerging opportunities. She also contributed to the WTO Young Trade Leaders publication ahead of the 14th Ministerial Conference, examining the application of Articles I, II and III of WTO agreements by the United States. Through her professional and academic work, she has developed expertise in trade negotiations, tariff and market-access analysis, econometric modelling, international trade databases, macroeconomic research, and translating quantitative evidence into policy-oriented recommendations.