



“Specialised Training Programme on Sustainability, Agriculture, Services, TRIPs and RTAs”

Organised By
The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

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28 October – 6 November 2026

Venue: 7th Floor, NAFED House, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi

Day 1, Classroom Wednesday – 28 October 2026		
09.30-10.00 hrs	Registration & Group Photograph	
10.00 -11.00 hrs	<i>Inaugural Session</i>	
	Welcome Remarks Keynote Address Vote of Thanks	Dr. James Nedumpara Head, CWS(Additional Charge) Shri Yashvir Singh Additional Secretary , DoC Dr. Murali Kallummal Head Admin. CRIT & Professor, CWS
11.00- 11.15 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
11.15-12.45 hrs	Session 1 An Overview of WTO Agreements: Coverage and Scope	Dr. Murali Kallummal Head Admin. CRIT & Professor, CWS
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-15.15 hrs	Session 2 Introduction to WTO Agreement on Agriculture	Dr. Suvayan Neogi Consultant (Economics) CWS
15.15-15.30 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
15.30-16.45 hrs	Session 3 Agriculture in the Doha Round and Issues for the Developing Countries – Domestic Support, Export Subsidies and Market Access	Dr. Talha Akbar Kamal, Consultant (Economics) CWS.
Day 2, Classroom Thursday – 29 October 2026		

10:00 -1115hrs	Session 4 Agriculture Issues: Nairobi Decisions; Sustainable Agriculture and Way Forward	Dr. Talha Akbar Kamal, Consultant (Economics) CWS
1115- 1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 5 An Overview of WTO Agreements: Coverage and Scope	Prof. Murali Kallummal Professor and Head Admin. CRIT
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1800 hrs	<i>Delhi Sightseeing (Qutub Minar and Delhi Haat)</i> 	
Day 3, Classroom Friday – 30 October 2026		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 6 Evolution of RTAs: WTO, WTO+, WTO- and its implications	Prof. Murali Kallummal Professor and Head Admin. CRIT
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 7 Global databases on Market access and excel exercises	Ms. Hari Maya Gurung, Senior Research fellow(Eco), CWS & Ms. Sushmitra Dahal, Research fellow (Eco), CWS
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 8 General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)	Dr. Pralok Gupta Professor , CWS
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 9 Understanding GATS Schedule and General Principles & Guidelines on Scheduling services commitments (S/L/92) Practical illustration of scheduling with examples of various sectors	Dr. Pralok Gupta Professor , CWS

**Day 4, Agra Visit to Taj Mahal and Agra Fort
Saturday -31 October 2026**



**Day 5, Holiday
Sunday - 1 November 2026**

**Day 6, Classroom
Monday - 2 November 2026**

10:00-1115 hrs	Session 10 Overview of the TRIPS Agreement	Ms. Pallavi Arora Consultant (Assistant Prof.), CWS
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 11 TRIPS and the Protection of GIs	Ms. Pallavi Arora Consultant (Assistant Prof.), CWS
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 12 Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations: Developments at the WTO	Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar Former Professor, CWS
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 13 Trade Remedy Measures under WTO	Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar Former Professor, CWS

**Day 7, Classroom
Tuesday - 3 November 2026**

10:00-1115 hrs	Session 14 WTO and Trade Facilitation Agreement: Special focus on Agri Exports	Dr. Pritam Banerjee Executive Director, Trade and Competitiveness Practice, Confederation of Indian Industry
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 15 Trade Facilitation Agreement and the Challenges and Concerns: Special focus on Agri Exports	Dr. Pritam Banerjee Executive Director, Trade and Competitiveness Practice, Confederation of Indian Industry
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 16 Forest Certification	Dr. TR Manoharan Former, FSC Senior Advisor (India)& Sustainability Professional
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 17 MRL Usage in Agri Trade: Developed versus Developing	Ms. Bhawna Director (Regulation), FSSAI

Day 8, Classroom Wednesday – 4 November 2026		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 18 SPS Agreement and WTO: Increasing Usages across FTAs	Mr. Satwik Shekhar Consultant(Legal) / Assistant Professor
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 19 E-Commerce- Moratorium, Developments in the FTAs	Ms. Monika Consultant (Assistant Prof.), CWS
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 20 TRIPS-Plus in Preferential Trade Agreements: Norm-Making and the Shrinking of Policy Space	Mr. Debashish Lahiri, Consultant (Legal), CWS
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 21 Plant Variety Protection and Farmers' Rights from the IP and TRIPs Perspective	Mr. Debashish Lahiri, Consultant (Legal), CWS
Day 9, Classroom Thursday – 5 November 2026		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 22 TRIPS and access to affordable medicines/Concerns of Civil society	Dr. Manisha Shridhar Regional Advisor, World Health Organization- South East Asia Regional Office WHO-SEARO, India
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 23 Agriculture Trade: TBT and SPS Differences	Shri Anil Jauhri Ex-CEO, NABCB
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 24 Presentation by participants on RTA membership of their countries	Presentation by All Participants
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 25 Agriculture Trade: TBT and SPS Differences	Presentation by All Participants
Day 10, Classroom Friday – 6 November 2026		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 26 SPS Based MRLs and its impact on International Trade	Dr. Murali Kallummal, Head Admin. CRIT & Professor, CWS
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1130 – 1245 hrs	Valedictory Session Valedictory Address Special Address Certificate distribution Vote of Thanks	Dr. James Nedumpara Head CWS(Additional Charge) Dr. K. Rangarajan VC, IIFT Dr. Murali Kallummal Head Admin. CRIT & Professor, CWS
1245- 1400 hrs	<i>Lunch – Send off and Wishing a Bon Voyage</i>	

