

Specialised Training Programme on Emerging Issues in WTO and International

5 to 14 September, 2018

The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) organized a training programme on “Emerging Issues in WTO and International Trade” from 5th September, 2018 to 14th September, 2018 in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The training programme was held for a period of 10 days at the NAFED House Building, New Delhi and was attended by 27 government officials from 20 countries, viz., Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mongolia, Namibia, Niger, Poland, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Trinidad & Tobago, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

The programme was inaugurated on 5th September, 2018 by Mr. Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS. The inaugural programme was also attended by Mr. Abhijit Das, Head and Professor, CWS and Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Professor, CWS.

The ITEC course covered topics such as WTO in times of trade, fisheries subsidies, WTO and food security, role of private standards in trade, new rule making in IPR, TRIPS-CBD issue, e-commerce, among others. The training was imparted through lectures, presentations and experience sharing from developing country perspective.

The speakers were from the Centre for WTO Studies, Department of Commerce, academia, as well as senior diplomat and legal experts. To name a few: Mr. Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS; Mr. Parminder Jeet Singh, IT for Change; Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, CWS; Mr. Jayant Dasgupta, Former Ambassador of India to WTO; Prof. Chandni Raina, CWS; Ms. Anuradha R.V., Partner, CLA; Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar, CWS; Prof. Sachin Sharma, CWS; Prof. Pralok Gupta, CWS; Prof. Shailja Singh, CWS; Mr. Atul Kaushik, Independent Trade Expert; Dr. Harsha V. Singh, former DDG (WTO); Dr. VS Seshadri, IFS (retd.), among others.

In the course of their stay, a number of cultural activities were organized for the participants: Delhi sightseeing including Qutub Minar, Delhi Haat & India Gate; visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

The programme concluded on 14 September 2018 with an evaluation of the programme by the participants. Ms. Malvika Priyadarshini, Under Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs handed over certificates of participation. Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, CWS and Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar, CWS were also present during the evaluation and closing ceremony