

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SAIs

A bottom-up approach is always considered one means to achieve a balanced outcome by strengthening the process of making sound trade policy reflective of all concerns. Working towards this goal, the Centre for WTO Studies, CRIT, IIFT has been identifying and building a network with State level Administrative Institutes.

The activities undertaken are primarily training activities (training of trainers) along with collating the feedback from the ground. Much feedback is from regional industrialists (small and medium), fishermen, farmers, and larger consumers. Such feedback would lead to mainstreaming comments on the various WTO agreements, which otherwise go underrepresented as most of these falls under the Informal segment of the economy.

The Centre organises various Training of Trainers programs under these MOUs targeting the State Focal Points/Nodal Officers, State Academies of Administration, and senior state officials dealing with Agriculture, Industry or Service Sectors. In addition, subject to available funding, the states will encourage research and training centres of their respective institutions to initiate and conduct collaborative projects consistent with their respective areas of interest.

Some more MoUs are in the pipeline.

Present Status of the CWS MoU with State Administrative Institutes

Sl. No.	State	Timeline	Status of MoU
1.	VTPC, Karnataka	December 2022	Under process for renewal of MoU
2.	Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute	July 2025	Active
3.	ATI, Mizoram	January 2017	Inactive
4.	RCVP, Madhya Pradesh	October 2019	Inactive
5.	State WTO Cell, Odisha	October 2019	Inactive
6.	HIPA, Himachal Pradesh	November 2016	Inactive
7.	RIPA, Rajasthan	January 2017	Inactive
8.	Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation Limited	January 2021	Inactive
9.	SPIPA, Gujarat	July 2021	Inactive
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Additionally, the CWS proposes to enter into an MoU for Research and Training with various institutes and colleges.