



The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) organized a **Specialised Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures for Myanmar** from 30th October, 2017 to 7th November, 2017, in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The training programme was held in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi, and was attended by 20 government officials from Myanmar and 1 from Bhutan.

The programme was inaugurated on 30th October, 2017 by Prof. Manoj Pant, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and Prof. Abhijit Das, Head and Professor, CWS. The inaugural programme was also attended by Ms. Chandni Raina, Professor CWS, Dr. Murali Kallummal, Professor CWS, Dr. Pralok Gupta, Associate Professor CWS, Dr. Sachin Sharma, Associate Professor CWS and Ms. Shailja Singh, Associate Professor CWS.

The programme attempted to provide the participants with a nuanced understanding of Standards and Regulation under the SPS and TBT Agreements. It touched upon a range of issues like developing capacity for examination of notification, food standards and regulations, Codex Alimentarius Commission and its role in standard setting, national standards ecosystem and TBT enquiry point, accreditation and conformity assessment infrastructure, export certification with a focus on agricultural, spices and fishery products and MRLs among others.

The sessions were taken by the faculty from CWS, experts from the academia and leading law firms as well as public officials - such as Prof. Abhijit Das, Head CWS, Dr. James Nedumpara, Head and Professor Centre for Trade & Investment Law, Dr. Murali Kallummal, Professor CWS, Ms. Shailja Singh, Associate Professor CWS, Mr. T.S. Vishwanath, APJ- SLG, Mr.P. Karthikeyan Asst. Director (Regulations) FSSAI, Mr. S. Dave, Ex- Adviser FSSAI, Mr. J Roy Chowdhury, Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, Shri D. K. Singh, Chairman, APEDA, Shri Parmod Siwach, Assistant Director, Export Inspection Council, Mr. R.M.Mandlik, Deputy Director, Export Inspection Council, Dr. A. Rupolia, Spices Board, Dr. Ram Mohan, Joint Director, MPEDA, Ms. Sangeeta Saxena, Director, DOC, Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB and Ms. Vani Arora, Deputy Director, NABCB. In addition to the theoretical engagement, the participants also visited the BIS Laboratory in Ghaziabad.

The valedictory session was attended by Mr. Harish Chandra, Under-secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Prof. Abhijit Das and Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Professor CWS.

During the course of their stay a number of cultural activities were organized for the participants, such as sightseeing in Delhi that included a visit to the Qutub Minar and Delhi Haat and a one day tour to the city of Agra to visit the Taj Maha and the Agra Fort.