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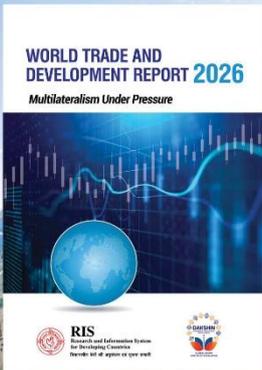


International Conference

Multilateralism Under Pressure

Roadmap to the WTO Ministerial Conference

Saturday, 21 March 2026 | 9:00 am onwards (IST)
Mansingh I & II, Taj Mahal, Man Singh Road, New Delhi



Registration



Launch of the World
Trade and Development
Report 2026

AGENDA

Time	Session / Theme
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<p><u>Inaugural Session and Report Launch</u></p> <p>Welcome Remarks: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Initial Remarks: Ambassador Jayant Dasgupta, Member, RIS Governing Council and General Body</p> <p>Special Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Sudhakar Dalela, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India • Mr. Amitabh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, • Dr. C. Senthil Pandian, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the WTO, Permanent Mission of India to the WTO (Online) <p>Keynote Address: Dr. Arvind Virmani, Member, NITI Aayog, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Launch of World Trade and Development Report 2026</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS</p>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea / Coffee Break

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I: Broader Issues at 14th WTO Ministerial Conference</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Panellists: <i>[8 Minutes each]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. S. K. Mohanty, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi <i>The Changing Global Landscape of Trade and Investment</i> • Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chairman, IKDHVAJ Advisors LLP, New Delhi <i>WTO Reform for an Inclusive Multilateral Trading System</i> • Dr. Atul Kaushik, GDC Fellow, RIS, New Delhi <i>WTO Dispute Settlement Reform</i> • Mr. Abhijit Das, International Trade Expert <i>Special and Differential Treatment Provisions</i> • Ms. R. V. Anuradha, Co-Founder & Partner, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi <i>Trade and Sustainability at the WTO</i> • Prof. Shailja Singh, Professor of Practice and Senior Fellow, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat <i>Joint Statement Initiatives at the WTO</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 – 3:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II: Specific Issues at the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference</u></p> <p>Chair: Ambassador J. S. Deepak, Former PR of India to the WTO</p> <p>Panellists: <i>[8 Minutes each]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS <i>WTO Agriculture Negotiations Ahead of MC14</i> • Dr. Suvayan Neogi, Consultant (Economics), Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi <i>Public Stockholding for Food Security</i> • Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Former Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi (Online) <i>WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies</i> • Mr. Anwar Hussain Shaik, Former Chairperson, WTO-TBT Committee (Online) <i>Investment Facilitation in the Global Trading System</i> • Mr. G.D. Lohani, Former Minister (Customs), India's PMI to the WTO (Online) <i>WTO-Customs Duty Moratorium on Electronic Transmissions</i> • Dr. Pritam Banerjee, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi <i>Industrial Policy, Subsidies and Inclusivity</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Tea Break

<p>4:00 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Session III: Negotiating Strategies at the WTO - Lessons from the Past</u></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, Member, Research Advisory Council of RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abhijit Das, International Trade Expert, New Delhi Author of <i>Strategies in GATT and WTO Negotiations</i> • Dr. Amrita Narlikar, Distinguished Fellow, ORF Author of <i>Poverty Narratives and Power Paradoxes in International Trade Negotiations and Beyond</i> • Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chairman, IKDHVAJ Advisors LLP, New Delhi • Prof. Prabhash Ranjan, Professor and Vice Dean (Research), Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat
<p>5:00– 6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>Special Session on Agricultural Trade in a Fragmenting World: Food Security, Subsidies, and Sustainability</u> <i>In collaboration with Delhi School of Economics (DSE)</i></p> <p>Chair: Ambassador Jayant Dasgupta, Member, RIS Governing Council and General Body</p> <p>Panellists: [8 Minutes each]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Edwini Kessie, Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO, Geneva (Online) • Dr. Ashwani Mahajan, Economist & National Co-convener, Swadeshi Jagran Manch • Ms. Vahini Naidu, Programme Coordinator of the Trade for Development Programme (TDP), the South Centre, Geneva (Online) • Dr. Pratap Singh Birthal, Former Director, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), New Delhi. • Mr. Aditya Sesh, Founder & Managing Director, Basiz Fund Services Pvt Ltd • Ms. Ranja Sengupta, Senior Researcher, Third World Network India <p><i>Open Discussion: Q&A</i></p>
<p>6:30 – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Valedictory Session</u></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Seshadri Chari, Member, Governing Council and General Body, RIS</p> <p>Way Forward for MC 14: Mr. Yashvir Singh, Economic Advisor, Department of Commerce, New Delhi</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi • Prof. Sharad Kumar Soni, Associate Dean, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi <p>Closing Remarks by Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS, New Delhi</p>
<p>7:00 PM onwards</p>	<p>Dinner</p>

