**Workshop on** **Growing Opportunities from Free Trade Agreements – An Industry Perspective**

**24th June 2025**

**Jaipur**

**Programme**

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| **1000 – 1030 Hrs** | **Registration & Tea / Coffee** | |
| **1030 – 1035 Hrs** | Welcome Remarks | **Dr Pritam Banerjee**  **Professor and Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT** |
| **1035 – 1040 Hrs** | Context Setting | **Mr. Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Advisor, CII** |
| **1040 – 1045 Hrs** | Address | **Chairman, Rajasthan State Office, CII** |
| **1045 – 1050 Hrs** | Address | **Shri Sabyasachi Ray, Executive Director, GJEPC** |
| **1050 – 1055 Hrs** | Address | **Senior Representative from CHEMEXCIL** |
| **1055 –1100 Hrs** | Address | **Senior Representative from CITI.** |
| **Session I**  **Utilization of FTAs, Emerging opportunities and Their Impact on** | | | |
| **Session explores how businesses can leverage Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and capitalize on emerging opportunities in key industries. FTAs play a significant role in facilitating trade by reducing tariffs and trade barriers, thereby enhancing market access for businesses. Utilisation of FTAs can further enable optimization of supply chain. The session will delve into the implications of FTAs on sectors such as Textiles, handicrafts, chemicals, engineering goods and gems and jewellery highlighting the potential for growth and innovation. Session will focus on identifying emerging opportunities within these industries and analysing the impact of FTAs on their supply chains. Issues pertaining to Rules of Origin, standards with emphasis on SPS would also be discussed. Participants can expect to gain valuable insights into navigating global trade dynamics, optimizing supply chain strategies, and harnessing opportunities for sustainable growth and competitiveness.** | | |
| **1105 – 1120 Hrs** | Presentation by CII Trade Policy on Utilisation of FTAs from Goods perspective: Tariffs, trade facilitation and rules of origin and about standards portal + video | **Ms. Fatima Mubarak**  CII Trade Policy Division, |
| **1125 – 1225 Hrs** | Panel discussion on Emerging opportunities and Their Impact on gems and jewellery, textiles, handicrafts, engineering goods, chemicals and electronics etc. | **Session Moderator – Mr Sumanta Chaudhuri,**  Principal Advisor, CII Trade Policy Division  **Panellists**   * Gems and Jewellery * Textiles * Handicrafts * Engineering goods * Chemicals and Electronics   ( regional office to help with senior industry speakers) |
| **1225 – 1235 Hrs** | **Open discussion with Audience** | |
| **Session II**  **“Enhancing and Diversifying Services Exports from India: Leveraging from FTAs”** | | |
| Trade in services plays a crucial role in India's economic framework, significantly contributing to its progress and advancement. Session will especially focus on in tourism & hospitality, medical value travel, transportation and logistics IT and financial services and education and research given Rajasthan’s competitiveness.  With technological innovation and a rapidly growing tech savvy workforce, India has become a global leader in the IT and IT-enabled services and financial services. The tourism industry, a cornerstone of Rajasthan’s economy, capitalizes on the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage, attracting millions of visitors annually.  The discussion would focus not only the emerging opportunities from the FTAs that India has negotiated recently and in the past but also would focus on having an enriching discussion on the barriers, challenges, and way forward for these sectors. | | |
| **1235 – 1245 Hrs** | Presentation by CII Trade Policy on Utilisation of FTAs from Services perspective with focus on medical value travel, tourism, IT and ITES etc. | **Geethanjali Nataraj & Ms. Parul Sharma**  **Trade Policy**  **CII** |
| **1245 –1335 Hrs** | Panel discussion on Emerging opportunities and Their Impact on IT and ITES, tourism including transportation and logistics. | **Session Moderator – Dr Pritam Banerjee**  Professor and Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT  **Panellists**   * Startups. * Tourism & hospitality * Healthcare & Medical value Travel * Transportation and Logistics * IT and ITES & Financial services   Regional office to help with panellists. |
| **1335 –1345 Hrs** | **Open discussion with Audience** | |
| **1345 –1350 Hrs** | ***Vote of Thanks*** | |
| **1350 Hrs onwards** | **Lunch** | |