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TRADE

AND ITS INTERFACE WITH AGRICULTURE

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Trade

Understanding Trade

buying, selling or exchanging
goods or services

MARKET

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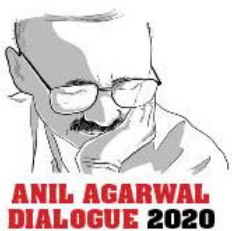
Small-scale: consumed locally, traded informally

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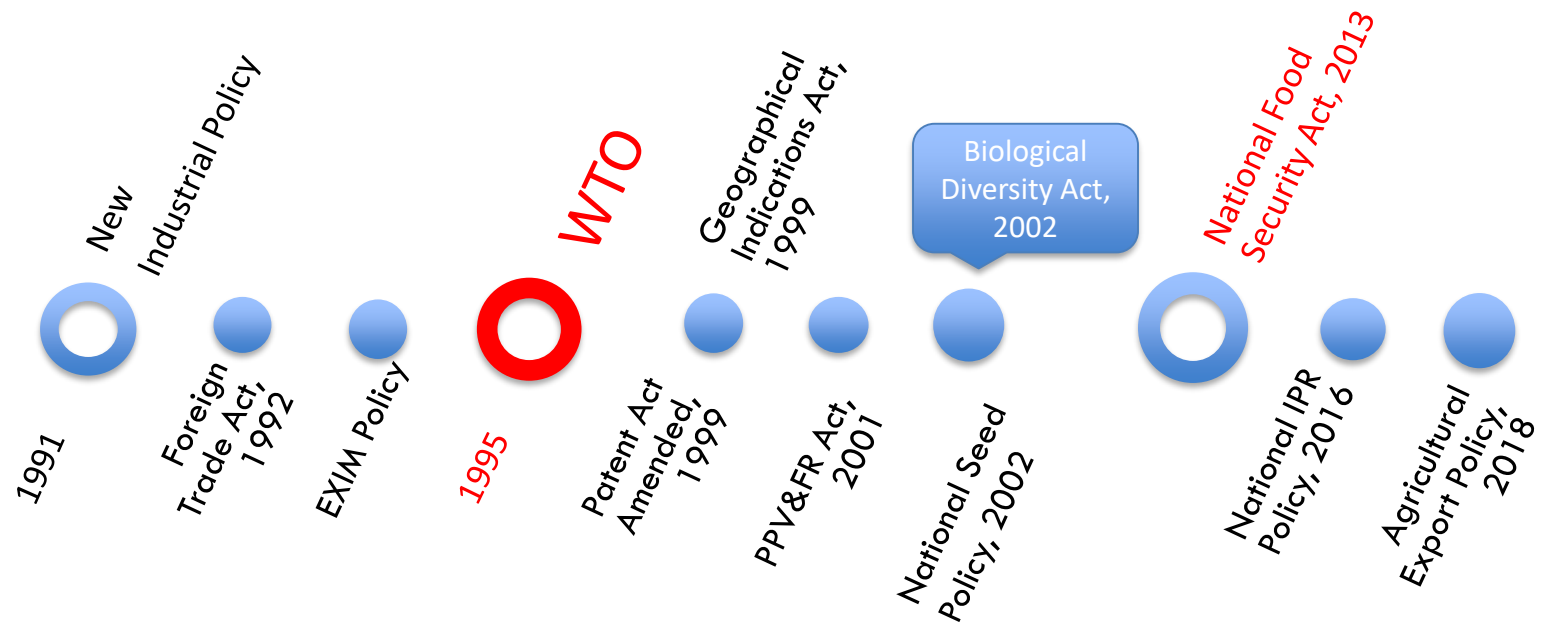
National/Regional/Global

Trade Rules

- 1948 General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade (GATT)
- 1991 Bilateral Investment Promotion & Protection Agreements (BIPAs)
- 1995 World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- 2005 Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) & Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)



Trade Rules & Laws



Trade & Agriculture

Agricultural Products:

- **Food**
- Fibre
- Fuels
- Raw Materials

Trade & Food

Key Issues:

1. Food Security
2. Quality and Standards
3. Malnutrition
4. Agro Biodiversity
5. Farmers' Rights

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Agricultural Subsidies

Special & Differential Treatment

Public Stockholding of Food – ‘Peace Clause’

FAO’s Committee on World Food Security

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Key Issues:

2. Quality & Standards

FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission

WTO Agreements: SPS & TBT

Market Access

SDG 2: Targets 'Zero Hunger' by 2030

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Key Issues:

3. Malnutrition

Replacement of micronutrient-rich local or traditional alternatives with mainstream globally traded foods

Wild neglected & underutilised species

‘Nutri-Cereals’, etc.

Habitat Loss & Investment Policies

Global Hunger Index 2019: India 102/117

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Key Issues:

4. Agro Biodiversity

NBAP (2008) + National Biodiversity Targets (2014)

Climate-resilient food and farm systems

People's Knowledge

CBD, Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

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Key Issues:

5. Farmers' Rights

Inherent Seed Freedoms versus Intellectual Property

Farmers' Varieties

Access to basic inputs

ITPGRFA: Seed/Plant Treaty & UN Declaration

Trade Talks

Multilateral Level:

Next WTO MC12, Kazakhstan June 2020

Mega Regionals:

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
(RCEP)...ASEAN+5

Bilaterals:

1. US-India
2. EU-India

Resources

The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, 2019

<http://www.fao.org/3/CA3129EN/CA3129EN.pdf>

The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets, 2018

<http://www.fao.org/3/I9542EN/i9542en.pdf>

Trade and Food Standards, 2017

<http://www.fao.org/3/I7407EN/i7407en.pdf>

Policy Guidance Note – Trade, 2017

<http://www.fao.org/3/I7910EN/i7910en.pdf>

Minefields in Investment Relations, 2017

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2017/27/commentary/minefields-investment-relations.html>

Thank You!

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