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I. CTIL HOSTS PANEL ON WTO RULING: FOCUS ON TRANSNATIONAL SUBSIDIES & TRADE LAW



- The discussion focused on recent **World Trade Organization rulings related to subsidies with cross-border implications.**
- Transnational subsidies refer to **state support benefiting entities beyond domestic jurisdiction.**
- Raises concerns about **trade distortions and competitive imbalances.**
- Has implications for India's **industrial policy, export incentives, and compliance with WTO rules.**
- Highlights the evolving nature of **global trade governance and dispute settlement.**
- Encourages policy recalibration to balance **development goals with international obligations.**

- Overall, underscores the need for **strategic trade policy and legal preparedness.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

World Trade Organization (WTO)

- I. The World Trade Organization regulates global trade rules.
- II. Provides:
 - A. Dispute settlement mechanism
- III. Governs:
 - A. Trade agreements among member countries

Subsidies in Trade

- I. Defined as:
 - A. Financial contributions by governments
- II. Types:
 - A. Domestic subsidies
 - B. Export subsidies

Transnational Subsidies

- I. Subsidies that:
 - A. Benefit firms or operations outside the country providing them
- II. Emerging issue in:
 - A. Global trade law

CTIL

- I. Centre for Trade and Investment Law is a think tank under:
 - A. Ministry of Commerce
- II. Provides:

- A. Legal research and policy inputs on trade

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Panel Discussion:** Focus on WTO ruling.
- **Core Issue:** Transnational subsidies and trade distortions.
- **Policy Impact:** Implications for India's trade strategy.
- **Legal Dimension:** Importance of WTO compliance.
- **Global Context:** Evolving trade governance.
- **Challenges:** Balancing development needs with trade rules.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen legal expertise and strategic policymaking.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **WTO:** Global trade regulator
- **CTIL:** Trade law think tank under Ministry of Commerce
- **Subsidy:** Government financial support
- **Transnational Subsidy:** Cross-border benefit
- **Mechanism:** WTO dispute settlement
- **Issue:** Trade distortion
- **Focus:** Compliance and policy alignment

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The World Trade Organization provides a dispute settlement mechanism for trade disputes.
2. Subsidies in international trade refer to financial contributions by governments.
3. Transnational subsidies only affect domestic industries and have no global impact.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

2.INDIA'S FIRST 3D SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGING UNIT IN ODISHA: BOOST TO AI, 5G & DEFENCE TECH



- The facility will focus on **advanced 3D semiconductor packaging**, a critical stage in chip manufacturing.

- Enhances India's capabilities beyond fabrication into **high-value chip assembly and integration**.
- Supports emerging technologies like **Artificial Intelligence, 5G, IoT, and defence electronics**.
- Reduces dependence on **global supply chains for advanced chip packaging**.
- Expected to attract **investment, generate employment, and build skilled workforce**.
- Strengthens India's position in the **global semiconductor value chain**.
- Overall, it reflects a strategic push toward **technological sovereignty and deep-tech manufacturing**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Semiconductor Packaging

- I. Final stage of chip production:
 - A. Protects chips and connects them to devices
- II. Determines:
 - A. Performance, efficiency, and reliability

3D Semiconductor Packaging

- I. Stacks multiple chips vertically:
 - A. Improves speed and reduces power consumption
- II. Used in:
 - A. AI processors
 - B. High-performance computing

India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

- I. Initiative to:

- A. Develop semiconductor ecosystem
- II. Focus areas:
 - A. Fabrication
 - B. Packaging
 - C. Design

Strategic Importance

- I. Chips essential for:
 - A. Electronics
 - B. Defence systems
 - C. Telecom (5G)
- II. Key to:
 - A. Digital economy and national security

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **First-of-its-Kind:** India's first 3D semiconductor packaging unit.
- **Technology Upgrade:** Focus on advanced chip integration.
- **Strategic Sectors:** AI, 5G, and defence technologies.
- **Economic Impact:** Investment, jobs, and skill development.
- **Supply Chain:** Reduces import dependence.
- **Challenges:** High capital, technology complexity, and skill gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen R&D, ecosystem development, and global partnerships.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **3D Packaging:** Vertical stacking of semiconductor chips
- **Location:** Odisha

- **Mission:** India Semiconductor Mission
- **Use:** AI, 5G, defence
- **Stage:** Post-fabrication process
- **Benefit:** Higher performance, lower power consumption
- **Goal:** Technological self-reliance

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Semiconductor packaging is the final stage in chip manufacturing.
2. 3D semiconductor packaging involves stacking chips vertically.
3. Semiconductor chips have no role in defence technologies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

3. WHERE HERITAGE MEETS INTELLIGENCE: EMPOWERING ARTISANS THROUGH AI



- AI is being leveraged to **enhance productivity, design innovation, and market access** for artisans.
- Enables **customized designs, demand forecasting, and digital marketing**.
- Bridge the gap between **traditional knowledge and modern technology**.
- Supports artisans in accessing **global markets through e-commerce platforms**.
- Enhances income generation and promotes **inclusive economic growth**.
- Preserves cultural heritage while ensuring **technological adaptation**.
- Overall, it reflects convergence of **culture, technology, and sustainable livelihoods**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Artisan Sector in India

- I. Includes:
 - A. Handloom
 - B. Handicrafts
 - C. Traditional industries
- II. Provides:
 - A. Employment to millions

Role of Artificial Intelligence

- I. Applications:
 - A. Design optimization
 - B. Market analytics
 - C. Supply chain management

Digital Platforms

- I. E-commerce and digital tools:
 - A. Enable direct market access
- II. Reduce:

- A. Middlemen dependency

Policy Linkages

- I. Initiatives:
- A. Digital India
 - B. Skill India
 - C. Vocal for Local
- II. Promote:
- A. Self-reliance and cultural preservation

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Technology Integration:** AI applied to traditional crafts.
- **Market Access:** Expansion through digital platforms.
- **Design Innovation:** Data-driven product customization.
- **Livelihood Impact:** Increased income for artisans.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Safeguards traditional heritage.
- **Challenges:** Digital literacy and infrastructure gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Capacity building and tech adoption support.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **AI:** Artificial Intelligence
- **Sector:** Handloom and handicrafts
- **Concept:** Digital inclusion
- **Initiatives:** Digital India, Skill India
- **Benefit:** Market linkage
- **Challenge:** Digital divide
- **Goal:** Inclusive growth

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Artificial Intelligence can be used for design optimization and market analysis in the artisan sector.
2. Digital platforms help artisans access global markets directly.
3. Use of AI leads to loss of traditional cultural heritage.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

4. INDIAN HANDLOOM TAKES GLOBAL STAGE: 'VISHWA SUTRA' SHOWCASES HERITAGE AT FEMINA MISS INDIA



- The 'Vishwa Sutra' collection presented **Indian handloom weaves in a modern, global context.**
- Highlights integration of **traditional craftsmanship with contemporary fashion.**
- Enhances global visibility of **India's textile heritage and artisans.**
- Supports initiatives aimed at **promotion of the handloom sector and cultural diplomacy.**
- Provides market opportunities for artisans through **fashion and branding platforms.**
- Aligns with efforts like **Vocal for Local and creative economy promotion.**
- Overall, reflects India's strategy to **blend heritage with global cultural outreach.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Indian Handloom Sector

- I. One of the largest:
 - A. Employment providers after agriculture
- II. Known for:
 - A. Diverse regional weaves and designs

Cultural Significance

- I. Represents:
 - A. Traditional knowledge and heritage
- II. Includes:
 - A. Sarees, fabrics, and artisanal crafts

Fashion as Cultural Diplomacy

- I. Platforms like Femina Miss India 2026 help:
 - A. Showcase cultural identity globally
- II. Enhances:
 - A. Soft power

Government Initiatives

- I. National Handloom Development Programme
- II. India Handloom Brand
- III. Focus on:
 - A. Branding and market linkage

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Global Showcase:** 'Vishwa Sutra' presents Indian handlooms internationally.
- **Cultural Integration:** Blend of tradition and modern fashion.
- **Artisan Support:** Increased visibility and market access.
- **Soft Power:** Strengthens India's cultural diplomacy.
- **Economic Impact:** Boost to handloom sector.
- **Challenges:** Competition from power looms and global brands.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen branding, innovation, and global outreach.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Sector:** Handloom industry
- **Event:** Femina Miss India
- **Programme:** National Handloom Development Programme
- **Concept:** Cultural diplomacy

- **Brand:** India Handloom Brand
- **Employment:** Second largest after agriculture
- **Goal:** Global promotion of textiles

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The handloom sector is one of the largest employment providers in India after agriculture.
2. Cultural diplomacy involves showcasing national culture on global platforms.
3. Handloom products are entirely machine-made textiles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

5.ACCELERATING HIGH-VALUE CROP DIVERSIFICATION: SHIFTING TOWARDS REMUNERATIVE & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



- Crop diversification aims to move farmers toward **high-value, market-oriented crops**.
- Includes **horticulture (fruits, vegetables), spices, floriculture, pulses, and oilseeds**.
- Enhances **farmer income, export potential, and nutritional outcomes**.
- Reduces risks associated with **monocropping and climate variability**.
- Supports efficient use of **water and soil resources**.
- Encourages value addition through **food processing and supply chains**.
- Overall, promotes a transition toward **resilient, profitable, and sustainable agriculture**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Crop Diversification

- I. Practice of:
 - A. Growing a variety of crops instead of a single crop

- II. Benefits:
 - A. Risk reduction
 - B. Income stability

High-Value Crops

- I. Include:
 - A. Fruits, vegetables, spices, medicinal plants
- II. Characteristics:
 - A. Higher market price
 - B. Greater income potential

Need for Diversification

- I. Issues with traditional farming:
 - A. Overdependence on rice and wheat
 - B. Water stress
 - C. Soil degradation

Policy Linkages

- National Food Security Mission
- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Income Enhancement:** Higher returns from diversified crops.
- **Nutritional Security:** Promotes balanced diets.
- **Resource Efficiency:** Better use of water and soil.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Reduces dependence on a single crop.
- **Export Potential:** Boosts agri-exports.
- **Challenges:** Market access, storage, and price volatility.

- **Way Forward:** Strengthen value chains, infrastructure, and farmer awareness.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Crop Diversification:** Multiple crops cultivation
- **High-Value Crops:** Fruits, vegetables, spices
- **Scheme:** MIDH
- **Issue:** Monocropping risks
- **Benefit:** Higher income
- **Focus:** Sustainability
- **Goal:** Nutritional security

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Consider the following statements:

1. Crop diversification reduces risks associated with monocropping.
2. High-value crops generally provide higher income compared to staple crops.
3. Crop diversification leads to increased dependence on a single crop.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)