

## COVID-19 AND THE IMPERATIVE OF RESURRECTING THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM

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12.30 PM to 02.00 PM  
(Indian Standard Time)

Contrary to a popular belief, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is not facing any existential crisis. This was proven by the deliberations at the World Economic Forum's 50th annual conference at Davos in January this year. Nearly 38 countries were present of which 18 agreed to pursue a multiparty appeals arrangement for settling trade dispute panel decisions until the WTO's Appellate Body is resuscitated.

Other functions are equally important and they are alive and kicking including deliberations at its dispute settlement panels.

More importantly, they are to be looked at in the context that along with a huge number of losses of human lives and concomitant miseries, the on-going global pandemic as a result of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is creating havoc in all walks of life.

Economic, social and political life across the world has got disrupted and is expected to unfold further in the coming weeks, months and may be years. It is having and will have serious ramifications across various sectors, international trade being a major one of them.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/2yW6iMv>

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The meeting link will be sent to the registered participants.

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