India’s 8th WTO Trade Policy Review (TPR)

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India’s 8th Trade Policy Review (TPR) at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) was held in Geneva.

- **Trade Policy Review (TPR)** – It is one of the WTO’s key transparency mechanisms and provides members with an opportunity to ***evaluate each other’s trade policies and practices*** through a comprehensive peer review process.
- It is conducted *once every 5 years* for India by the Trade Policy Review Body (TPRB), comprising all WTO members.
- The latest review covers the period from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2025.
- **Key documents** – The Review mechanism is based on two key documents —
  - Policy statement submitted by the member country and
  - Independent report prepared by the WTO Secretariat.
- **India’s Status**
- **Economic Resilience** – India’s economy demonstrated resilience during the review period, ***recovering strongly from the pandemic-induced slowdown*** despite global uncertainties and maintaining its position as the fastest-growing major economy.
- **Export Growth** – India’s combined merchandise and services exports climbed to a record USD 863.1 billion in 2025-26, compared with USD 676.5 billion in 2021-22, reflecting a 6.3% increase.
- **Assessment Highlights** – India’s expanding network of free trade agreements, reforms aimed at
  - Rationalising the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and
  - Digital initiatives such as the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and the
  - Adoption of digital tools to facilitate trade.

Reference

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