

Tribute to Dr. Arjun Sengupta



Dr. Arjun Sengupta.

Dr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairman, RIS and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), who passed away in New Delhi on Sunday, 26 September 2010, had a long and distinguished career during which he excelled as an economist of international standing and a policy adviser whose contributions in the making of India's economic policies will always be remembered. A development economist to the core, Dr. Sengupta made seminal contributions in the discourse on Right to Development as a Human Right, a discourse which he shaped as UN's Independent Expert on the Right to Development and the UN's Independent Expert on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

In his last major assignment, Dr. Arjun Sengupta was Chairman of the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganized Sector. The Commission report brought out that though huge funds had been allocated and used up on social development programmes, the benefits mostly bypassed the poorest of the poor. It recommended designing of special schemes for these vulnerable sections. In fact, the Commission's efforts led to enactment of the Unorganized Workers Social Security Act, 2008.

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International Conference on SAARC @ 25



Mr. S.M. Krishna, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs delivering the inaugural address. Also seen in the picture (from left) are: Mr. Shyam Saran, Vice-Chairman, RIS; Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Secretary General, SAARC; Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, MP, Life Trustee, IIC and Chairperson, IIC Asia Project and Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, RIS.

RIS and India International Centre jointly with support of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the SAARC Secretariat organized the International Conference on SAARC @ 25 in New Delhi on 16-17 September 2010.

Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, MP, Life Trustee, IIC and Chairperson, IIC Asia Project, chaired the inaugural session and delivered the Chairperson's Address. Mr. Shyam Saran, Vice-Chairman, RIS delivered the opening address. Mr. S.M. Krishna, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs of India delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Secretary General, SAARC delivered the special address.

The agenda of the two day international conference addressed the themes of Perspectives on SAARC after 25 Years;

Trade in Goods: Progress and Impediments; Trade in Services: Present Status, Prospects and Challenges; Strengthening Physical Connectivity; Ensuring Energy Linkages; and Implementation of Steps for the Consolidation and Growth of SAARC.

Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development and Chairman, RIS Research Advisory; Dr. Rehman Sobhan, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Professor G.K. Chadha, CEO, SAARC University; Dr. K.L. Thapar, Asian Institute of Transport Development; Mr. J.C. Sharma, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; and Dr. Saman Kelegama, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka chaired different sessions of the conference.

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India-East Asia Economic Integration

RIS, in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organized an international conference on India-East Asia Economic Integration: Role of Economic Corridors and the Emerging Architecture in New Delhi on 10 September 2010. Mr. Ong Keng Yong, Ambassador-at-large, Singapore, and formerly Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat, chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, RIS made the opening remarks. Mr. Asoke Mukerji, Additional Secretary (POL), Ministry of External Affairs delivered the keynote address. His Excellency Mr. Sundaram Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN delivered the inaugural address. Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister for Corporate Affairs, Government of India delivered the special address at the concluding session.

The agenda of the conference had the following sessions: Economic Space and Transnational Economic Corridors; Infrastructure for a Seamless Asia; Economic Corridors: Emerging Asian Architecture; Asian Connectivity: Mekong Economic Corridors; India-East Asia Connectivity: Bangalore-Chennai-East Asia Economic Corridor; India-East Asia Economic Corridors and Industrial Clusters; and a panel discussion on India-East Asia Economic Integration: Role of Economic Corridors.

Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Chairman, RIS Research Advisory Council, Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission,



Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister for Corporate Affairs delivering the special address. Also seen in the picture (from left) are: Dr. Biswajit Dhar and Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Chairman, RIS Research Advisory Council.

Government of India; Ambassador AN Ram, formerly Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Mr. Gautam Bambawale, Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs; Dr. Nguyen Huy Hoang, Director, Institute for Southeast Asian studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi; and Mr. Subash Bose Pillai, Director, Market Integration Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta chaired the different sessions of the conference.

Prominent participants included Prof. Peter Rimmer, Australian National University; Mr. Madan Bandhu Regmi, UNESCAP,

Bangkok; Dr. Biswa Bhattacharyay, Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo; Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta, Dr. Chayodom Sabhasri, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; Mr. Cuong Nguyen and Dr. Pradeep Srivastava, Asian Development Bank, Manila. Dr. Sorin Sok, Cambodia Peace Research Institute, Phnom Penh; Ms. Latthana Douangboupha, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR, and Mr. Adil Zaidi, Ernst & Young, New Delhi. Participants from RIS included Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, Dr. Prabir De, Fellow, and Dr. Suiji Uchikawa, Visiting Fellow.

RIS-ADB Roundtable on Regional Economic and Trade Outlook

RIS and ADB jointly organized a Roundtable on Regional Economic and Trade Outlook in New Delhi on 29 July 2010.

Mr. Rajat M. Nag, Managing Director-General, ADB and Dr. Srinivasa Madhur, Senior Director, OREI-ADB made presentation on Regional Economic Outlook.

From RIS, Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General made the presentation on Global and Regional Trade Outlook. Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India made a presentation on Implications for Indian Economy.



From left: Mr. Rajat M. Nag, Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Dr. Pronab Sen, and Dr. Srinivasa Madhur.

Informal dialogue on Trade and Climate Change in Emerging Economies

RIS, jointly with International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva, organized a two-day informal dialogue on Trade and Climate Change in Emerging Economies: The Competitiveness, Technology, and Intellectual Property Rights Dimension in New Delhi on 30-31 March, 2010.

Hon'ble Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forests, India delivered the Keynote Address and Mr. Rajiva Misra, Joint Secretary (UNES), Ministry of External Affairs, India served as the Moderator. Ambassador Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), focused on the Developing Country Perspective in the UNFCCC Negotiations. The issues discussed in the Conference included competitiveness and border measures and technology development and transfer.

Some prominent participants included Dr. Joel Yudken, High Road Strategies LLC, Mr. Cristophe Bellmann, ICTSD; Ms. Ding Wei, Ministry of Commerce, China; Mr. Mukul Sanwal, South Centre, Geneva; Mr. Ahmed Abdel Latif, ICTSD; Mr. Rene



Hon'ble Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forests, India delivering the Keynote Address at the inaugural session of the Informal Dialogue on Trade and Climate Change in Emerging Economies The Competitiveness, Technology, and Intellectual Property Rights Dimensions. Also seen in the picture from left to right are: Mr. Rajiva Misra; Dr. Biswajit Dhar; and Dr. Christophe Bellmann.

Vossenaar, ICTSD, Mr. Pedro Terra, Embassy of Brazil; Dr. M. Mani, World Bank; Mr. Surya P. Sethi, former Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, and Mr. Sergio C. Trindade, International Fuel Technology

Inc. From the RIS, the participants included Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, Dr. S. K. Mohanty, Senior Fellow, Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, and Dr. Krishna Ravi Srinivas, Associate Fellow.

The First Meeting of BIMSTEC Network of Think Tanks

RIS in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, organized a two-day consultation of the BIMSTEC Think Tanks in New Delhi on 18-19 February 2010. Ms. Vijaya Latha Reddy, Secretary (East), MEA delivered the Inaugural Address.

Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute; H.E. Mr. U. Kyi Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Union of Myanmar in India; Mrs. Kunzang Lhamu, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan; Dr. Surat Horachaikul, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and Mr. Bharat Prasad Pokharel, CEDA, Nepal chaired the different sessions of the Meeting.

The Meeting addressed the themes: Trade and Investment, Transport and Communications, Energy, Agriculture, Technology. A detailed work plan is being developed based on the deliberations at the meeting.



(From left): H.E. Mr. U. Kyi Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Union of Myanmar; Dr. Ram Upendra Das; Ms. Vijaya Latha Reddy; Dr. Biswajit Dhar; and Mr. Bharat Prasad Pokharel at the inaugural session of the First Meeting of BIMSTEC Network of Think Tanks.

RIS-ERIA Symposium on Economic Integration in East Asia: Emerging Landscape

RIS in collaboration with ERIA organized a Symposium on Economic Integration in East Asia: Emerging Landscape in New Delhi on 22 January 2010. Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Director, ISEAS, Singapore chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS, made the welcome remarks. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director, ERIA, Jakarta delivered the Keynote Address.

The theme of the first session was Deepening Economic Integration in East Asia which was chaired by Ambassador S.T. Devare, Director General, ICWA. Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Editor, *Business Standard*, New Delhi delivered the Special Address. Mr. V. L. Kantha Rao, Director, MOC&I, New Delhi; Mr. Sugato Sen, Senior Director, SIAM, New Delhi; and Mr. D. K. Nair, Secretary General, CITI, New Delhi were the panelists.

The second session had a Presentation of ERIA Study, viz. Comprehensive Development Plan. Mr. Pushpanathan Sundaram, Deputy Secretary General, ASEAN Secretariat chaired the session in which Dr. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist, ERIA, Jakarta was the lead presenter. The



(From Left): Dr. Biswajit Dhar; Ambassador K. Kesavapany; and Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura at the inaugural session of the RIS-ERIA Symposium on Economic Integration in East Asia: Emerging Landscape.

panelists included Mr. Manab Majumdar, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI, New Delhi; and Dr. Rashmi Banga, Senior Economist, UNCTAD, New Delhi.

The third session was on Role of India in East Asian Economic Integration. It was

chaired by Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn, Executive Editor, *The Nation*, Bangkok. Mr. P.K. Dash, Joint Secretary, MoC&I, New Delhi delivered the special address. The panelists included Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS; and Mr. Daisuke Matsushima, JETRO, New Delhi.

RIS- ADBI Conference on Sustainable Growth and Enhancing Integration in Asia

RIS and ADBI jointly organized the Conference on Sustainable Growth and Enhancing Integration in Asia in New Delhi on 15 September 2010. The agenda of the conference included the themes, viz. Infrastructure for Enhancing Asia's Economic Integration; and Rebalancing for Sustainable Growth.

Participants included Dr. Masahiro Kawai, ADB Institute, Dr. Suman Bery, NCAER; Mr. K.P. Krishnan, Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Dr. Alok Sheel, Ministry of Finance, Dr. M. Govinda Rao, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Mr. K.T. Chacko, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay, CPR; and Dr. Shashanka Bhide, NCAER.



Dr. Biswajit Dhar speaking at the conference.

Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers

RIS, in association with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Centre for WTO Studies of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Jadavpur University, and the Indian Council of Research on International Economic Relations organized a Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers on 11-12 March 2010 at IIFT, New Delhi.

The workshop was aimed at disseminating the most recent research works carried out by the research scholars of the organizers of this workshop. It also provided a forum for information exchanges and interactions on trade, investment, regional integration and trade facilitation policies.

The agenda of the workshop included discussion on international production networks and regional trade agreements - study of the automotive sector; trade policies for delivering an inclusive development; trade in agriculture goods and inclusive



Dr. Biswajit Dhar speaking at the Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers.

development; trade cost, trade facilitation measures and emerging policy and research issues; and emerging issues that matter

for policymaking on trade, investment and regional integration.

Discussion Meeting on ASEAN Plus Agreements and Opportunities for India

RIS organized a Discussion Meeting on ASEAN Plus Agreements and Opportunities for India in New Delhi on 19 January 2010. Prof. G.K. Chadha, Chief Executive Officer, South Asian University and Member, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, Govt. of India chaired. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks.

Dr. Mia Mikic, Deputy Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network (ARTNeT), UNESCAP, Bangkok initiated the discussion. A large number of participants took part in the discussion.



(From Left): Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Prof. G.K. Chadha, and Dr. Mia Mikic at the Discussion Meeting on ASEAN Plus Agreements and Opportunities for India.

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Other important speakers at the conference included Dr. Sridhar K. Khatri, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal; Dr. Uttam Deb, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Ms. Faiqa Umer, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan; Mr. Ahmed Salih, Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Maldives; Dr. Rohan Samarajiva, LIRNEAsia, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mr. Arvind Mehta, Department of Commerce, Government of India; Dr. Mohammed Rahmatullah, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Mr. Mohammad Hassan Soroosh Yousufzai, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul, Afghanistan; Dr. M.P. Lama, Sikkim University, Sikkim; Mr. Rinzin Dorji, Thimphu, Dr. Akmal Hussain, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore, Mr. Pavan Kapoor, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. RIS faculty members who presented



Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Secretary General, SAARC delivering the special address. Also seen in the picture (from left) are: Mr. Shyam Saran; Mr. S.M. Krishna, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs; Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan; and Dr. Biswajit Dhar.

their papers included Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow and Dr. Prabir De, Fellow.

A large number of participants attended the different sessions of the conference and took part in the open discussion.

Symposium on Concepts, Definition and Data Issues Relating to FDI in India

RIS and the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi jointly organized a Symposium on Concepts, Definition and Data Issues Relating to FDI in India in New Delhi on 16 March 2010. The background

paper for the symposium was prepared jointly by Dr KS Chalapati Rao, Professor, ISID and Dr Biswajit Dhar, DG, RIS. Prominent participants included Prof. S.R. Hashim and Prof. S.K. Goyal, ISID, Prof. Sunanda Sen, ICSSR National Fellow, Prof.

C.P. Chandrasekhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Dr Sutanu Sinha, Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Mr. A.P. Gaur, RBI, Mumbai. From RIS, Mr. Reji K. Joseph presented a paper.

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In his multi-faceted career Dr. Arjun Sengupta also held important positions such as Adjunct Professor, FXB Center, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston; Chairman, Centre for Development and Human Rights; and Chairman, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS); Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Ambassador of India to EU, Belgium and Luxemburg, Brussels; Special Adviser to the Managing Director, IMF; Executive Director for India, Bangladesh and Bhutan, IMF; and Economic Adviser

to the Prime Minister of India. He was also associated with a number of eminent academic institutions in various parts of the world including the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague; Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford; Christian Michelson Institute, Bergen, Norway; London School of Economics; Delhi School of Economics and JNU.

Dr. Arjun Sengupta had a long association with RIS. He was also the founding Member of the RIS Governing Council. During his six years as Chairman, RIS he provided generous guidance for implementing the work

programme of the institute. He always took keen interest in the growth of the institute to make it truly the voice of the developing countries. His fond memories will always be cherished in the academic and policy making circles both at the national and international levels. RIS will always remain grateful to him for his leadership, support and encouragement. The members of the RIS Governing Council, Research Advisory Council, research faculty and administrative join together in paying tribute to Dr. Arjun Sengupta.

Capacity Building Programmes

Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP), under ITEC / SCAAP, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organized by RIS in New Delhi on 15 February-12 March 2010.



Participants of the RIS Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP) with RIS faculty.



Participants of the ARTNet/RIS Capacity Building Workshop with RIS faculty.

ARTNet / RIS Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research: Gravity Modelling, 23-27 August 2010, Hosted by Economics Department, Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor, Indonesia

Capacity Building Programme on Trade and Economic Cooperation: Global and Regional Perspectives, organized for Diplomats for ASEAN on behalf of the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in New Delhi on 3 September 2010.



Participants of the Capacity Building Programme on Trade and Economic Cooperation with RIS faculty.

Glimpses of Some of the Events



Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General

- Delivered lecture on Developing Countries and WTO: Special and Differential Treatment at the MDP Programme in IIFT organized by IIFT, New Delhi on 5 January 2010.
- Participated and Contributed in the Special Session on the theme of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development on the occasion of the ISC-2010, the National Biodiversity Authority, at Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala on January 7, 2010.
- Chaired the Session on Trade as an Instrument of Peace at the India-Pakistan Conference: A Roadmap Towards Peace, organized by the CSD in New Delhi 11 January 2010.
- Participated in the Meeting of India's leading scientists and social scientists sponsored by the Council for Social Development in New Delhi on 15 January 2010.
- Participated in the WTO and Trade Committee Meeting organized by the CII at Gurgaon on 8 February 2010.
- Participated in the ERIA Research Institute Network Meeting, organized by Bangkok Research Centre, JETRO at Bangkok on 29 January 2010.
- Guest of Honour at the Graduation Ceremony of PG-IPTMA, organized by the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad on 11 February 2010.
- Chaired the Session on Role of Banks in Facilitating and Promoting Bhutan's Trade and Industrial Development with other Countries at the 37th World Marketing Congress on Marketing Opportunities and Strategies for South Asia: A Fresh Look, held in New Delhi on 12 February 2010.
- Delivered an address on Non-Tariff Barriers at the 1st Indo-US Summit on Standards in Trade, organized by CII in New Delhi on 16 February 2010.
- Participated in the Round Table Discussion on India - A New Era for Agricultural Trade Policies with

Opinion Leaders from Dutch Ministry of Agriculture and Washington University held in New Delhi on 16 February 2010.

- Commentator in Session VI: Enhancing Intra-regional Connectivity (2010-2020): Issues and Approaches in South Asia at the Regional Conference on Making South Asia an Integrated Prosperous Entity held on 23-25 February 2010 at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Participated in the Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policy Makers organized by IIFT in New Delhi on 11 March 2010.
- Delivered a Lecture on Biodiversity at IIPA, New Delhi on 12 March 2010.
- Participated in the 1st meeting of IMG for development of road and port project in Myanmar, under the Chairmanship of Ms. Jayati Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region on April 8, 2010.
- Participated and presented a paper on Health Innovation, IPR & Access to Essential Drugs at the IBSA Academic Forum organized by the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth in Brazil on 12-13 April 2010.
- Made a presentation on Consultation on International Regime on ABS at the National Consultations organised in Chennai on 23 April 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on WTO Negotiations and Current Status Prospects in the Special Course for Foreign Diplomats from IOR-ARC countries, conducted by the Foreign Service Institute, MEA in New Delhi on 3 May 2010.
- Presented a paper on Lessons from other International Environmental Agreements in the Round Table Conference on Climate Change, Trade and Competitiveness Issues of the WTO, organized by the Centre for Trade Economic Integration at the Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva in collaboration with Economic Research & Statistics Division of the Secretariat

of the World Trade Organization and the World Bank in Geneva on 16 June 2010.

- Participated in the ERIA Regional Network Forum 2010 on July 4, 2010.
- Participated in the Meeting on Border Trade Issues in North Eastern States organized by the North East Council (NEC) at Shillong on 8 July 2010.
- Participated in the 75th Meeting of the Governing Council of India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 12 July 2010.
- Panelist in the Session I: Towards an Asian Economic Community: India's Role in Asian Integration at a Seminar organized by ICRIER & ADB in New Delhi on 28 July 2010.
- Delivered a Lecture on WTO & Trade Challenges for India at the 41st Refresher Course in Economics, organized by the Academic Staff College on 9 August 2010.
- Participated in the Brainstorming Workshop 2010: Policy Recommendations for the Asia+ 20 and APEC Leaders on 17-21 August 2010 in Japan.
- Participated in the Meeting on Climate Change Negotiations Group, held in the Ministry of Environment and Forest in New Delhi on 29 September 2010.
- Participated in the Meeting convened by the Principal Secretary, PM on India-ASEAN and East Asia Summits in New Delhi on 27 September 2010.

Dr. Rajesh Mehta, Senior Fellow

- Lecture delivered on "India's Economic Cooperation with Some Developed Countries" on Feb. 23rd, 2010 in ITECH Programme organized by RIS.
- Participated in the Seminar on Vietnam-India Business Forum: Towards a Strategic Partnership organized by CII in New Delhi on 25 February 2010.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Participated in the India Rural Business Summit organized by FICCI on 22-23 March 2010 in New Delhi.
- Participated in the State of Planet Conference 2010 on: What is the Basis of the Global Climate Deal organized by TERI on 25 March 2010 in New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on India's Case Study of Poultry at EU sponsored NTM Project Annual/Technical Meeting held at CIRAD Headquarter, Paris, from 23-25 June 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on NAMA Negotiations: Assessing the Impact of Tariff Cuts" to college teachers' programme, organized by UNCTAD on 7 July 2010 in New Delhi.
- Participated in the Seminar on WTO and Regional Trading Arrangements, organized by Jaipuria Institute of Management, Noida on 13 August 2010.
- Participated in International Conference on International Cooperation in Times of Global Crisis: Views from G20 Countries, organized by ICRIER in New Delhi on 16-17 September 2010.

Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow

- Presented a paper on Second India-Malaysia Strategic Dialogue, organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur on 27-29 January 2010.
- Participated in the Workshop on Rules of Origin for ASEAN+6, organized by the Government of Japan in Tokyo on 5 February 2010.
- Participated in the Conference on Implications of India-ASEAN Agreement on Trade, organized by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Mumbai on 9 February 2010.
- Delivered lecture on Regional Trading Agreements and Article-XXIV, organized by the IIFT for senior IAS officers in New Delhi on 11 February 2010.
- Participated in the 37th World Marketing Congress on Marketing

and Opportunities and Strategies for South Asia: A Fresh Look held in New Delhi on 11-12 February 2010.

- Participated in the Third Workshop of ERIA Working Group on Understanding Productivity Impact of Trade and Investment Liberalization in East Asia in Jakarta, Indonesia held on 25-26 February 2010
- Delivered a lecture at the International Conference on India-Japan-China Dialogue on East Asia Summit Process: The Leadership Conundrum, organized by ICRIER in New Delhi on 6-7 April 2010.
- Participated in the Meeting with Australian Delegation on India-Australia JSG, organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 26 April 2010.
- Participated in the Meeting of the Expert Group on Preferential Rules of Origin, organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in New Delhi on 11 June 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on Rules of Origin in the Workshop on Empirical Research on WTO and Other Issues in International Trade, organized by UNCTAD-India in New Delhi on 7 July 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on RTAs and Implications at the Personal Contact Programme under the ICAI's Post qualification Course in International Trade Law and WTO, held in New Delhi on 9 July 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on India's RTA at the Personal Contact Programme under the ICAI's Post Qualification Course in International Trade Law and WTO, held in New Delhi on 15 July 2010.
- Delivered a lectures on Potential, Prospects and Progress towards Regional Economic Integration in Asia to Japanese Scholars from Hihon Fukushi University, Nagoya in New Delhi on 28 August 2010.
- Delivered lectures on RTAs and South Asia Cooperation at the Workshop on Contemporary Economic Issues held in the Training Academy, Gurgaon on 23 September 2010.

- Participated in the ERIA Research Institutes, Network Meeting, organized by the Bangkok Research Centre, in Bangkok on 24-26 September 2010.

Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow

- Made a presentation on Food Production: Global Context and Local Concerns at the Discussion Meeting on Alissa Hamilton's book on Orange Juice at School of Agrarian Studies, Yale University on 5 February 2010.
- Made a presentation on Moving from Green to Gene Revolution and Agro-ecological Issues: Who Would Govern the Innovation Agenda? at the Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, Yale Forest Forum on 11 February 2010.
- Made a presentation on Biotechnology and Development: Major Initiatives in Asia' at the World Technology Access Program (WorldTAP), Institute of International Agriculture, Michigan State University on 18 February 2010.
- Made a presentation on IPRs, Innovation and Food Security: Agriculture in South Asia, Global Development Policy Program, Department of International Relation, Boston University on 24 February 2010.
- Made a presentation on Trade, Innovation and Agriculture: Some Illustrations from South Asia at Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE), Boston University on 25 February 2010.
- Participated at the Innova Patent-2 Meeting, organized by the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development (CASTED) in Beijing on 4-5 March 2010.
- Made a presentation on Development Cooperation and Emerging Powers: New Partners or Old Patterns at the Annual German Development Institute Conference / InWent Conference, Bonn, Germany on 13 April 2010.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Made a presentation on India's Development Cooperation Programme at the German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany on 14 April 2010.
 - Made three presentations on a) Challenges before Agriculture Sector; b) Framework of Innovation System; and c) Trade and Technology Linkages at the Seminar on International Trade, Bio-Technology and Developing Countries: Insights from WTO and other International Trade Processes, organized by the University for Peace, Costa Rica on 21-23 April 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Emerging Economies as Donors: Role for New Channels for Development Cooperation at the IFS Training Programme, organized by IIFT, New Delhi on 8 July 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Scenario Building – A Technology Forecasting at the IASRI Training Programme on Technology Forecasting Methodologies on 15 July 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Hitting the glass ceiling? On the future of Indian Pharmaceutical firms at the Workshop on Reflections on the Indian System of Innovation, organized by the UNU-Merit in New Delhi on 28 July 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Traditional Medicine: IPR and Other Challenges at the Conference on Innovation and Inclusive Development-Medicine & Sanitation, organized by the UNU-Merit in New Delhi on 29 July 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Biosafety and Trade Related Issues at the ITEC Training Programme on Applications of Biotechnology and Its Regulation, organized by TERI, New Delhi on 4 August 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Survey on Biotechnology Capacity in Asia-Pacific: Opportunities for National Initiatives and Regional Cooperation at the Concluding Workshop for Capacity-Building in Life Sciences: UNESCO Regional Network on Microbiology and Biotechnology, Bangkok, Thailand and International Centre for Biotechnology, Osaka University, Japan on 3 September 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Trade, Innovation and Agriculture Technology at a seminar at Centre for Studies in Science Policy and School of Social Sciences, JNU on 29 September 2010.
- Dr. Prabir De, Fellow**
- Panelist and presented a paper on Enhancing Asia's Trade: Price and Non-Price Barriers Revisited at the International Conference on Trade Costs, Infrastructure and Trade Development in Asia, organized by the Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre, the University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, Kuala Lumpur on 13-14 January 2010.
 - Delivered lectures on (i) Economics and Practices of Trade Facilitation in Asia, and (ii) Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific: The State of Play, at the Management Development Programme (MDP) on Designing, Negotiating and Implementing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in Asia, organized by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the government officials of the SAARC Countries in New Delhi on 11-16 April 2010.
 - Panelist and made a presentation on Benefits of Bilateral Transit between India and Bangladesh: Some Preliminary Findings at a seminar on the Estimate of the Gains from Developing Functional Corridors for the Transit of Goods through Bangladesh, organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila, Philippines on 26 April 2010.
 - Delivered lectures on (i) Recent development in trade theory, (ii) Trade, and multilateral and regional development, and (iii) India's current engagement in regional trade agreements, to the M.Phil. students of foreign policy studies at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS), Calcutta University on 21-24 May 2010.
 - Panelist and presented papers on Trade in Asia and the Pacific: Why Do Governance and Institutions Matter? and Global Financial and Economic Crisis: Implications for Trade and Industrial Restructuring in India at the 13th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis: Trade for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and Development, organized by the Centre for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP), Purdue University; UNESCAP; and ADB in Penang, Malaysia on 9-11 June 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Expansion of North East India's Trade and Investment with Bangladesh and Myanmar: An Assessment of Opportunities and Constraints in the Meeting on Border Trade in Northeast India organized by the North East Council in Shillong on 8 July 2010.
 - Participated in Discussion Meeting as a panelist on the 9th BCIM Agenda (Kunming Initiative), organized by the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi on 24 July 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Expansion of North East India's Trade and Investment with Bangladesh and Myanmar: An Assessment of Opportunities and Constraints in the Meeting on Border Trade in Northeast India, organized by the Ministry of Northeast Development (DONER) in New Delhi on 12 August 2010.
 - Presented a paper on Services Trade Barriers in India at the ARTNeT Gravity Modelling Workshop on Behind the Border Factors Affecting Trade held in Bogor, Indonesia on 23-27 August 2010.
 - Panelist and delivered a lecture on Trade and Connectivity in BCIM to the visiting high-level delegation from Yunnan Province of P. R. China, organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi University in New Delhi on 16 September 2010.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Delivered lectures on (i) Transport Costs and Regulatory Efficiency: A Developing Country Perspective, and (ii) Reform of the Regulatory Environment: Indian Port Services, at the Capacity Building Programme on Improving Supply Chain Connectivity across APEC Economies through Open and Competitive Services, organized by the Australian APEC Study Centre, in collaboration with the RMIT University and AusAID for the government officials of selected APEC economies (Philippines, Indonesia, ASEAN Secretariat) in Manila on 22-24 September 2010.
 - Delivered lectures on (i) Regulatory Efficiency, Transport Costs and Trade and (ii) The Costs of Regulatory Impediments: Indian Ports, at the Capacity Building Programme 'Improving Supply Chain Connectivity across APEC Economies through Open and Competitive Services', organized by the Australian APEC Study Centre, in collaboration with the RMIT University and AusAID for the government officials of selected APEC economies (China, Thailand and Vietnam) in Hanoi on 27-29 September 2010.
- Prof. I.N.Mukherji, Senior Consultant**
- Made a presentation on Indo-Pak Trade and Connectivity: Potential Unrealized at the International Seminar on SAARC: Towards a Greater Connectivity, organized by the Centre for SAARC Studies, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam on 2-3 March, 2010.
 - Participated in the Meeting of Advisory Committee of UGC-SAP to formulate activities of the Special Assistance Committee, Department of Economics, Kurukshetra University, for the forthcoming year, held on 20 March 2010.
 - Guest of Honor at the National Conference on the Emerging Global Economic Scenario: ASEAN and India, held under the aegis of UGC-SAP, Department of Economics, Kurukshetra University on 20 March 2010.
 - Participated in the Workshop on Curriculum Development in M.Phil/ Ph.D Courses for Sikkim University held on 14-15 April 2010.
 - Made a presentation on India and South Asia: Issues in Market Access and NTBs at Round Table on SAFTA: A Precursor to 16th SAARC Summit: Operationalizing SAFTA: Issues and Options, organized by the SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in Collaboration with Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Kathmandu on 20-21 April 2010.
 - Panelist at the Session on Northeast Region-BIMSTEC Engagement: Border Trade and Security at the International Seminar on From Land Locked to Land Linked: Northeast India in BIMSTEC, organized by the Jadavpur Association of International Relations in Shillong on 10 April 2010.
 - Delivered a lecture on Political Economy of FTAs in Asia with Special Focus on SAARC at Training Course on Designing, Negotiating, and Implementing Free Trade Agreements in Asia, jointly organized by the IFFT and Asian Development Bank in Delhi on 11 April 2010.
 - Presented a paper on Indo-Lanka free Trade Agreement: Rationale, Objectives and Expectations at Conference on Ten Years of India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement: Achievements, Challenges and the Road Ahead, organized by the Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo; Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT, New Delhi; and the Indo-Lanka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Colombo, in Colombo on 24 May 2010.
 - Presented Sri Lanka paper at Conference on Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers in South Asia, organized by the Policy Research Institute, Dhaka and the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, in Dhaka on 26 June 2010.
 - Delivered a lecture on India's Bilateral Economic Relations with South Asia at the Executive Development Programme for probationary officers of the Indian Foreign Service, organized by the IIFT for Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi on 27 July 2010.
 - Panelist and made a presentation on Recent Economic Developments in Bangladesh at the Round Table Conference on Recent Developments in Bangladesh: Implications for India, organized by the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi on 8 September 2010.
- Mr. Rajeev Malhotra, Adviser**
- Participated in a UN Conference, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva in the third week of June 2010.
 - Participated as an expert and as a resource person in two workshops on the use of indicators in human rights in Kathmandu, Nepal in July-August 2010.
- Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Associate Fellow**
- Made a presentation on Regulating nanotechnology: What can be learnt/unlearnt from the biotechnology regulation?' at the Workshop on Issues of Risk in the Regulation of Nanotechnology held at TERI, New Delhi on 8 January 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Facilitating Public Access to Nanotechnology Innovations: Beyond IP at the Workshop on IPRs in Nanotechnology: Issues, Trends and Challenges for India held at TERI, New Delhi on 28 January 2010.
 - Made a presentation at the Innova-P2 meeting, organized by the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development (CASTED) in Beijing on 4-5 March 2010.
 - Made a presentation on ELSIFICATION and Beyond: Technology Assessment and Regulation of Nanotechnology at the Conference on Issues of Capability and Governance in Nanotechnology Developments held in New Delhi on 22 April 2010.
 - Made a presentation on Nanotechnology and Risk Governance at 8th NIAS-DST Programme: Multi-

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Disciplinary Perspectives on Science, Technology and Society held at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore on 3 August 2010.

Ms. Kasturi Das, Consultant

- Delivered a lecture on 'An Introduction to Climate Change with a Particular Focus on Afghanistan as a part of the first Special Training Programme for Afghan Diplomats, organized by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in New Delhi on 21 January 2010.
- Participated in the international brain-storming meeting on Reforming the Financial System: Proposals, Constraints and New Directions, organized by the IDEAs (International Development Economics Associates) in Chennai on 25-27 January 2010.
- Participated in the International Conference on 'Recovery or Bubble? The Global Economy Today', organized by IDEAs (International Development Economics Associates) in New Delhi on 29-30 January 2010.
- Delivered two lectures on Intellectual Property Rights as a part of the Post Graduate Diploma Course in

International Trade and Business Law organized by the Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi, on 10 and 15 February 2010.

- Delivered a lecture on An Introduction to Climate Change with a Particular Focus on IOR-ROC as a part of the Special Course for Diplomats from IOR-ARC Member Countries, organized by the FSI in New Delhi, on 29 April 2010.
- Delivered a lecture on Geographical Indications: Some Legal and Socio-economic Issues, as a part of the Course on International and National Economic Law for the Probationers of Indian Economic Service organized by the Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi on 20 May 2010.

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- Participated in the WTO/ESCAP Sixth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research, organized by ARTNeT, WTO and ESCAP in collaboration with the National University of Laos in Vientiane on 21-25 June 2010.
- Presented a paper on The Political Economy of Contemporary Global Hunger: Exploring the Ideological

Roots of Under-nutrition at the National Seminar on Food Security in India during the Era of Globalization, organized by the Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad in Hyderabad on 29-30 March 2010

- Presented a paper on The 'New' Competition for Grains: Implications of Grain-based Bio-fuels for Cereal-Use Equilibrium at the Young Scholars' Seminar, organized by Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi on 14-15 March 2010.
- Presented a paper on Trade in Agricultural Goods and Inclusive Development at the Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers, organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), UNESCAP at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi on 11-12 March 2010.
- Delivered Guest Lecture on Indian Agriculture in the Post-Reform period: Issues and Challenges at Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi on 8 March 2010



Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS represented India at the First Workshop on Rules of Origin under the East Asia Summit organized by Government of Japan in Tokyo on 5 February 2010.

POLICY BRIEFS

48 Economic Cooperation among the BRIC

Prospects for cooperation between Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) in international economic governance have improved as all four countries are now members of the major institutions involved in international economic governance, except Russia that is still not a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and they all are members of the G20 which has taken on the responsibility of steering the world economy and overseeing the operations of the major international economic institutions. (For details, please see *RIS Policy Brief # 48.*)

47 Challenges to Food Security in South Asia

The challenge of food security is one of the serious problems that the region is currently grappling with. Given the rich bio-diversity and agricultural base of the region, there is an ample scope for cooperation within the SAARC countries in this avenue. Collaboration in the domain of agricultural research accompanied by both financial and infrastructural commitments can substantially overhaul the food and agricultural production system in the region. This will also augment the returns for the large number of people who depend on the agricultural sector for their livelihoods; simultaneously also improving the access to food in the rural countryside. On the other hand, cooperation in terms of building a regional foodgrain stock will shield the region from the short-run shocks that originate in the global and regional food markets and also provide the much required improvement and stability in the food security situation in South Asia. (For details, please see *RIS Policy Brief # 47.*)

46 The Advent of Corn-based Ethanol: A Re-examination of the Competition for Grains

The Policy Brief investigates the impact of large scale grain-based fuel production on the overall grain-use equilibrium, particularly in developed nations. This has widespread implications for the entire world and in particular, the global south where hunger is an everyday reality of life even today. The global food crisis in 2006-08 also stands testimony to the fact that the integration of oil and grain prices has been reinvigorated in recent times with the emergence of the 'new' demand linkages. This brief makes an effort to comprehend the theoretical tenets of the food-feed-fuel competition which has emerged following the emergence of grain-based bio-fuel production, an occurrence almost exclusive to the US economy. (For details, please see *RIS Policy Brief # 46.*)

45 Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform in India: Addressing the Challenges

The recent agreement arrived at Pittsburgh by leaders of G20 nations, albeit political in nature, would invariably keep the pressure on developing countries like India to revert to its proposed plan of progressive deregulation and phasing out both the implicit and explicit subsidies on sensitive petroleum products in India. The government has been constantly trying to address the problems that arose out of incomplete deregulation and has been making repeated effort towards creating a conducive atmosphere to carry out its proposed programme. In this light, it also deserves to be mentioned that the timeline (post-2010) that the India government had already set domestically (much before the G20 meeting) for doing away with LPG and Kerosene subsidy is rather way ahead of what the G20 communiqué underscores on as medium term. Rather, the Indian government has a much bigger domestic challenge to stick to its own set deadline for the sake of its own crucial interest. (For details, please see *RIS Policy Brief # 45.*)

DISCUSSION PAPERS

#166 Global Financial Crisis: Implications for Trade and Industrial Restructuring in India by Prabir De and Chiranjib Neogi

Abstract: This paper investigates the impact of global crisis shocks on India's trade and industry. The estimated results show that changes in trade composition are positively associated with changes in

manufacturing composition in India, controlling for other variables. While analysing its dynamic effects, compositional change in industry has responded significantly to the export to USA, Japan and EU in the crisis period. However, there is no strong indication to conclude that Indian industry has been severely affected by the fall in demand in crisis-affected advanced economies such as US, EU and Japan, holding other things constant.

165 Are Trade Openness and Financial Development Complementary? by Ram Upendra Das and Meenakshi Rishi

Abstract: Trade liberalization and financial deepening have assumed greater significance for a country's economic growth performance in recent times. However, literature is sparse in terms of the direct linkages between trade openness and financial sector development. This paper finds that trade openness and financial development are complementary and econometrically tests this hypothesis for India over a period of time. While the Indian data suggest that trade and financial liberalization policies may possibly be pursued independent of each other, this by no means suggests that there are no reinforcing linkages between the two.

164 Does Governance Matter for Enhancing Trade? Empirical Evidence from Asia by Prabir De

Abstract: The primary objective of this paper is to find whether or not the governance and institutions matter for enhancing Asia's trade. In this study, we have performed a comprehensive empirical analysis of the linkages between governance and trade at the Asian subregional level. Our results indicate that all individual governance indicators except regulatory quality have significant impact on trade in Asia, of which government effectiveness is the most crucial for Asia's trade promotion. One of the conclusions of this paper is that soft infrastructure such as the institutions and governance are important for enhancing Asia's trade. In other words, good governance and institutions help unlock trade potential of a region (or a nation). Improved governance, particularly at the sectoral level, can carry huge payoffs at a time when Asia is planning to pursue a free trade for the entire region. Ignoring "governance weaknesses" can stultify economic returns to free trade. Therefore, more effective policy approaches toward improved governance are needed to complement the regional trade policy in Asia and beyond.

163 Rules of Origin under Regional Trade Agreements by Ram Upendra Das

Abstract: Rules of origin (ROO) have emerged as an area in which consensus is hard to achieve among negotiating countries within an RTA. Disagreements over rules of origin have often deferred the implementation of several trade agreements. One of the reasons for this is because ROO are viewed as those obstructing trade. Most of the literature on the subject too argues that ROO reduce efficiency costs in production and restrict market access. It is argued in this paper that both the negotiations and the analytical literature pertaining to ROO display a lack of sound understanding of the implications of rules of origin. Developing a comprehensive view on the subject, with a developmental perspective of ROO, could help prevent wastage of negotiating-time, avoid cumbersome procedures and implement the agreements with the intention to reap the economic benefits of ROO. The paper highlights the economics of ROO, focuses on the issue of near-optimum ROO formulation, presents a factual account of ROO as evolved in South Asia, empirically estimates of the effects of ROO on trade in an FTA and finally makes new policy suggestions relating to ROO implementation and enforcement.

162 Geographical Indications at the WTO: An Unfinished Agenda by Kasturi Das

Abstract: Over the recent past, Geographical Indication (GI) has emerged as one of the most contentious categories of intellectual property (IP). Two among the three TRIPS issues presently under discussion at the WTO pertain to GIs, the third being the relationship between the TRIPS and the CBD. Interestingly, in sharp contrast to the archetypical North-South divide on IP issues in the realm of the WTO and beyond, in the sphere of GIs one comes across developing countries joining hands with developed countries either as *demandeurs* or opponents in the ongoing WTO talks, depending on their respective stakes on GIs. The aim of this paper is to provide a concise account of the ongoing WTO discussions on GIs.

161 Revision of India-Nepal Treaty of Trade and Its Implications for Strengthening Bilateral Trade and Investment Linkages

by Indra Nath Mukherji

Abstract: Relations between India and Nepal have been bound by long-standing geographical, historical, cultural, social and economic ties that the peoples of the two countries have shared since times immemorial. The paper highlights the trend in bilateral trade between the two countries. It notes that barring setbacks in certain years, the bilateral trade between the two countries has been growing briskly. It notes that even though Nepal has been able to diversify its trade with India, its trade deficit with India has been increasing

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- Mr. Kabir Bavikatte and Mr. Gino Cocchiario of Natural Justice, South Africa on 27 February 2010.
- Mr. Steve Cook, First Secretary, British High Commission, New Delhi 3 March 2010.
- Mr. Carlos Bermejo Acosta & Ms. Sanchita Chatterjee of EU (Trade & Eco.) 19 March 2010.
- Mr. Shunichi Inoue from Japan and Dr. Rashmi Banga from UNCTAD on 25 March 2010.
- ERIA officials regarding implementation of Capacity Building Programme at DG's room on 3 June 2010.
- Dr. (Ms.) Harini Mittal, Asst. Prof. CEPT University, Ahmedabad on 5 June 2010.
- Ms Laurie Knight and Mr. Martin Rushton New Zealand's Ministry of Economic Development, & Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Ms Amanda Vercoe, Second Secretary, High Commission of New Zealand, New Delhi on 10 June 2010.
- Dr. Sunil Arora, Asst. Professor, GDGWI, Gurgaon on 15 June 2010.
- Dr. Gilles Boquerat, Research Fellow, Head of India and South Asia Programme, Institut Francais des Relations Internationales, Paris on 15 June 2010.
- Dr. Sam Chernawsky, Second Secretary, Economic Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America on 16 June 2010.
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