



RIS Diary

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11th Delhi Dialogue: Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific

RIS in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India organised the 11th edition of the Delhi Dialogue (DD) on 13-14 December 2019 in New Delhi. The theme of the 11th Delhi Dialogue was “Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific”. Mr V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, India; and H.E. Dr Nomvuyo Nokwe, Secretary General, IORA Secretariat delivered the Special Remarks, whereas, H.E. Ms Retno L.P. Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia delivered the Special Address in the Ministerial



Dr S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister delivering the Valedictory Address.

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Third Annual Developing Country Forum 'South-South Cooperation in International Tax Matters'



Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs delivering the Inaugural Address.

International taxation issues are among the important policy challenges that developing countries currently face. Besides routine issues of tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax base erosion, developing countries grapple with challenges with respect to digital economy, extractive industries, tax evasion by multinational enterprises, base

erosion profit shifting, menace of fugitive economic offenders and illicit financing. In absence of any global body on international taxation, these matters often complicate decisions as different tax jurisdictions are subject to different national rules, regulations and legal frameworks. As developing countries are preparing to meet

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, efficiency in domestic resource mobilisation has become the key priority for the countries. RIS has been working on development finance especially focusing on strengthening domestic resource mobilisation, reducing over-dependence on external funding and building institutional

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Regional Policy Dialogue on “Harnessing the Potential of Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia”



Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Amb. S.T. Devare and Dr Nagesh Kumar at the session.

RIS jointly with UN-ESCAP organised a Regional Policy Dialogue on “Harnessing the Potential of Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia” on 20 November 2019 at New Delhi. It brought together

renowned heads of Think Tanks from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka besides, India, to discuss the key opportunities as well as challenges for leveraging the subregional and regional cooperation for

achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in South Asia. The programme began with opening remarks by Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office (UNESCAP-SSWA) and

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Non-traditional Economic and Security Risks in a Globalized World

RIS, in partnership with the The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG) Asia Pacific organised an International Conference on ‘Non-traditional Economic and Security Risks in a Globalized World’ on 28 November 2019 at New Delhi. The Conference brought together subject experts from the non-traditional security and economic landscapes to deliberate on the multitude of economic and security threats confronting the global community and had come up with policy strategies and options to address them. The programme included the following sessions: Environmental & Energy Security; Migration; Business Session; Impact of Trans-



Participants at inaugural session of the conference.

National Crime and Rise of the Cyber World on Regional Economies and Human and Economic Security. From RIS, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Dr P. K. Anand, Visiting Fellow,

Mr Krishna Kumar, Visiting Fellow, Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, Mr Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Consultant took part in the deliberations. The detailed agenda is available on RIS website.

Advances in Coastal Research with special reference to Indo-Pacific

The National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India and RIS jointly organised a symposium on “Advances in Coastal Research with special reference to Indo-Pacific” on 17-19 December 2019 at Chennai. Dr M. Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences inaugurated the Symposium. Dr Shailesh Nayak, former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and currently Director, NIAS and Prof. S. K. Mohanty were Guests of Honour at the inaugural session.

The symposium addressed issues related to the challenging



Professor S. K. Mohanty speaking at the symposium.

and emerging areas of coastal research including blue economy. It provided a common platform to share the scientific knowledge

on advances in these key areas of coastal research.

The symposium received wide attention of the researchers

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South Asia Green Energy (SAGE) Summit 2019

India has come a long way in just a few years to rank fifth globally in renewable energy capacity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi doubled renewables target to 450 gigawatts at the UN Climate Summit in September signalling that the country’s focus on renewable energy is one for the long-term. The *Economic Survey 2018-19* has pointed out that renewable energy is expected to present an investment opportunity of over \$30 billion over the next decade and beyond on an annualised basis.

The challenge from here on is to ensure adequate investor interest in India’s renewable energy story. The country has some of the cheapest solar and wind power in the world with more such projects under construction. Access to low-cost financing for energy projects is something India’s South Asian neighbours also struggle with. It is therefore important to ponder on how a regional financial architecture can be created to help in the funding the growth of Green Energy.

India’s climate leadership balancing energy demands,



Participants at South Asia Green Energy Summit 2019.

economic growth and the environment also holds great promise for South Asian neighbours – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. No contemporary conversation on energy security can take place without speaking of storage. India needs a storage policy in place as it implements its renewable energy targets swiftly.

There is a lot of innovation and technology that India can share with the world through the International Solar Alliance. Not only is this body exemplary in international

climate leadership but also enables member countries to share and innovate technology for energy access, customisable as per the need of the member countries.

To deliberate on the above issues by bringing together key stakeholders, the Asia Foundation (TAF) and RIS organised the ‘South Asia Green Energy (SAGE) Summit 2019,’ on 16 December 2019 at New Delhi.

The technical sessions had sector specialists/experts to deliberate and to identify solutions to better enable green energy growth in

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architecture for minimizing leakages and preventing misuse of precious resources. More specifically, the implications of Base Erosion Profit Shifting, transfer pricing, fugitive economic offenders and digital economy taxation for domestic resource mobilisation are subjects of key concern. Since some of the broad objectives of RIS work programme on development finance match the South Centre initiative of the Annual Developing Country Forum on taxation matters, RIS and South Centre jointly organised the Third Annual Developing Country Forum on the theme 'South-South Cooperation in International Tax Matters' in New Delhi on 9-10 December 2019.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Prof. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre provided the broad contour of issues surrounding international taxation faced by the developing countries and stressed upon the need for this Forum to envisage future roadmap on taxation matters. Shri V. Muraleedharan, the Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India delivered the Inaugural Address and underlined the urgent need for the creation of an International Governmental Tax Body at the United Nations to replace the



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Prof. Pramod C. Mody, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes and Prof. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre at the Forum.

existing UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. The body, he added, should focus on issues relating to taxation of digital companies, challenges of transfer mispricing, determination of profits or royalties and effective taxation of technical services in the extractives industry as well as illicit financial flows, extradition of fugitive economic offenders and recovery of stolen assets. It was broadly felt that there is need to recognise the experiences and innovations in tax policies and administration of the developing countries, which is not reflected in the standards and norms in international tax cooperation by OECD which reflects the priorities of developed countries. Mr Akhilesh Ranjan, Former Member of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

shared his perspectives on various global taxation issues, e.g. digital economy, BEPS and intangibles. Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS made presentation on "Resume Implications of Profit Shifting, Economy Fugitives and Illicit Finance Flows." In addition to participation from India, participants from 18 other developing countries participated in the Forum. More than 70 participants including tax officials, academics, private sector and civil society stakeholders took part in this two-day long event. The Forum had six technical sessions and two breakout group discussion sessions.

The Forum deliberated on a wide range of issues relating to core areas of taxation as well as the emerging fields like digital economy and services. In view of



Session in the progress.

colossal loss of revenue, estimated to be US\$500 billion per annum, the Forum broadly endorsed promoting international cooperation in international taxation. South-South cooperation was viewed as the most viable platform for effective resolution of taxation issues within the UN framework. Key suggestions that emerged from the deliberations are formulation of transfer pricing standards, broad-based nexus rules, clarity over suitability of fractional apportionment, strong legal regimes for extradition of fugitive economic offenders, minimizing conflicts over taxing rights in different jurisdictions, marketing of intangibles, developing rules for digital economy taxation, and taxation of capital gains. Distribution of normal profits in

different marketing jurisdictions, non-availability of data on distribution of services between consumer-facing industries and intermediate firms, widespread tax evasion, increasing menace of base erosion and profit shifting, emergence of digital economy and new businesses models appeared as major concern for the tax authorities in the developing countries. Abusive tax planning, fragmentation of the supply chain, splitting of transaction; thin capitalisation by indebteding, capacity building in developing countries are some of the major challenges relating to taxation of extractive industries. Country-by-country reporting, strong asset recovery mechanism, plugging resource leakages in the form of tax evasion, illicit financial

flows, fugitive economic offenders, preventing banking frauds, profit shifting, etc would improve resource allocation for development projects. Formulating development-oriented tax policies, enhancing public availability of data, preventing inherent tax arbitrage opportunities, rationalizing tax incentives and minimizing incidence of transfer mispricing could be the top policy priorities with respect to taxation in the developing countries. The Forum, among other suggestions, considered the need for the creation of a specialised tax diplomacy cadre as well as a dedicated and effective developing country platform that would allow their tax officials to discuss and develop tax cooperation modalities suitable for them.

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Keynote Session. Dr S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India delivered the Valedictory Address. The Proceedings of 10th Delhi Dialogue entitled "Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation" were also released at the Delhi Dialogue XI. Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks in the Ministerial Keynote Session. About 200 delegates including several senior ministers from the ASEAN countries along with senior level officials, subject experts, eminent scholars, practitioners, diplomats, academicians, researchers, business people and industry leaders attended the 11th edition of the Delhi Dialogue.

The 11th edition of the Delhi Dialogue was a two-day event, which included five Plenary Sessions and one Ministerial Keynote Session. The five Plenary Sessions were (1) Building Bridges in Indo-Pacific, (2) Indo-Pacific Construct: Emerging Architecture,



Release of the Proceedings of 10th Delhi Dialogue by Shri. Mr V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs with H.E. Dr Nomvuyo Nokwe, Secretary General, IORA, H.E. Ms Retno L.P. Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia and Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS.

(3) Regional Connectivity in Indo-Pacific, (4) Industrial-Revolution 4.0 and Indo-Pacific, and (5) Future of Multilateral Trading System. Mr Vikas Swarup, Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs hosted the Reception and Hon'ble

External Affairs Minister of India hosted the Dinner Banquet to the participants on 13 December 2019. The 11th edition of the Delhi Dialogue ended with the Valedictory Session focusing the Way Forward.

Relevance of Blue Economy for India

Experimenting with the New Development Paradigm

There has been growing consensus among developing countries on the issue of Blue Economy as an acceptable development paradigm in which pathways of economic growth are effectively embedded with the sustainable development strands. Blue Economy has brought a paradigm shift in the development planning of several littoral countries in the recent years. Evidences from number of countries demonstrate that the Blue Economy segment of an economy grows faster than the overall performance of the economy. It is emerging as a growth driver, having large potential to grow in future.

Though factor endowments differ among countries, most of them have shown encouraging response to the Blue Economy sector. It has potential to offer sizable gains to the economy, but the expected gains from Blue Economy are not automatic. Conscious initiatives are to be undertaken to direct the sector in the desired path for future expansion. Since contribution of Blue Economy sectors differs significantly from one sector to another, prioritisation of these sectors is indispensable for policy action in order to inject growth dynamism into the economy.

While some of the sectors are over stressed (i.e. capture fisheries, aquaculture, marine transport, etc.), several others are grossly underutilised (i.e. placer minerals, offshore renewable energy, gas hydrides, marine manufacturing, several marine services sectors). There has been consistent research since the last forty years on the subject, but core issues associated with the Blue Economy such as accounting framework, identification of blue sectors, technology requirements, employment potential, linkages with SDGs, etc. have not been properly handled due to constraint of developing consistent methodology globally.

It is critically important to focus on measurement of Blue Economy to understand its sectoral dynamics. Estimation of Blue Economy is a challenging issue where identification of blue industries is as important as spotting location of these industries in the broad economic space of an economy. There is a need for examining Blue Trade as the driver of the economy. Estimation of Blue Economy would enable a country to know its sectoral strength in devising its policies to maximise gains from these sectors. Identified sectors and sub-sectors in the blue economy are so voluminous that coordinated efforts between various agencies can contribute immensely to the country.

India has been debating on Blue Economy for the last several years. Creation of marine technology has been construed as the lifeline and has been accorded policy priority in India under the Blue Economy strategy. Several institutions, academicians, policy makers and business conglomerates are working on various dimensions of Blue Economy. Recently, the Niti Aayog has made efforts to evolve the 'National Maritime Policy for India'. Similarly, the Economic Advisory Committee of the Prime Minister is in the process of bringing out a policy on the 'Blue Economy for India'. Effective implementation of these policies could help India to come up as a maritime nation with a vibrant Blue Economy.

Excerpts from the plenary talk delivered by Prof. S.K. Mohanty at International Symposium on 'Advances in Coastal Research with special reference to Indo Pacific- 2019 (AdCoRe IP-2019)' at NIOT Campus, Chennai

across the Indo-Pacific region and had participation from Academia (Universities, IITs), National Institutes (NIO, NCESS, CMLRE, INCOIS, NCESS, NCSCM, ICAR) and Government Departments (CWPRS, NDMA, DST etc). Participants from other countries like Bangladesh, Srilanka, UK, USA, Ukraine, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Ghana also took part. Professor S. K. Mohanty also delivered plenary talk on relevance of 'Blue Economy' for

India: Experimenting with the New Development Paradigm.

As is well known, blue economy has emerged as a commonly acceptable development paradigm which has effectively blended economic growth with sustainable development. RIS has set up a Blue Economy Forum (BEF) which aims to serve as a dedicated platform for fostering dialogue on promoting the concept in the Indian Ocean

prospects and challenges of blue economy; providing regular inputs to practitioners in the government and the private sectors; and promoting advocacy for its smooth adoption in national economic policies.

The forum facilitates linkages between the policy makers, academicians and business community in the Indian Ocean and other regions.

Panel Discussion on “Leveraging Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

Fulfilling Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) commitments at the national level would require significant efforts at harnessing full potential of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). At the global level, India’s single biggest achievement as part of negotiations on Agenda 2030 has been the launch of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) for making technological solutions available to developing countries towards fulfilment of the SDGs. In this regard, RIS is actively contributing to the “Road-mapping STI for SDGs in India” initiative of the Government of India. In order to ensure that the proposed TFM fulfils its mandate globally and to deepen India’s international partnerships on STI for SDGs, RIS, jointly with OECD, organised a Panel Discussion on Leveraging Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 4 December 2019 at New Delhi.

Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairperson, RIS delivered the inaugural address and Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS chaired. Special Remarks were made by Mr Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD.



Panel Discussion on Leveraging STI for SDGs.

The two thematic sessions were as follows: 1) Role of International Cooperation and Institutions; 2) National priorities on STI for SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities.

Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia (ESCAP-SSWA), New Delhi chaired the first session on “Role of International Cooperation and Institutions. The panelists in the session were: Dr Alex Boehmer, Head of OECD-Relations with India; Mr Hemang Priyavadan Jani, World Bank, Washington DC; and Mr Naoto Kanehira, Senior Private Sector Specialist (Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice), World Bank, Washington DC.

The session on “National Priorities on STI for SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities” was chaired by Mr Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD. It had following panelists: Prof. Ambuj Sagar, Head, School of Public Policy, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi; Ms Seema Arora, Deputy Director General, CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development; Dr P. K. Anand, Visiting Fellow, RIS & Mr Krishna Kumar, Visiting Fellow, RIS; and Dr Sudhanshu S. Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Humanitarian Aid International. A large number of participants took part in the open discussion. Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

STIP and FISD Lecture Series

STIP Lectures

- Twenty-fourth STIP Forum Lecture on ‘Innovation and policy in the Energy Revolution: Some insights from Europe’ on 3 October 2019 at New Delhi by Professor Michael Grubb, Research Director and Professor of Energy and Climate Change, University College London.
- Twenty-Fifth STIP Forum Lecture on ‘IT Skills Training through Spoken Tutorials for Education and Employment’ on 18 November

2019 at New Delhi by Professor Kannan M. Moudgalya, Erach and Meheroo Mehta Advanced Education Technology Chair Professor, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay. Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS chaired.

- The twenty-sixth lecture was delivered by Shri. Jayant Sahasrabudhe, National Organizing Secretary, Vijnana Bharati on 18th December 2019. The topic was “Vision and Works of Patrick Geddes: Its Relevance

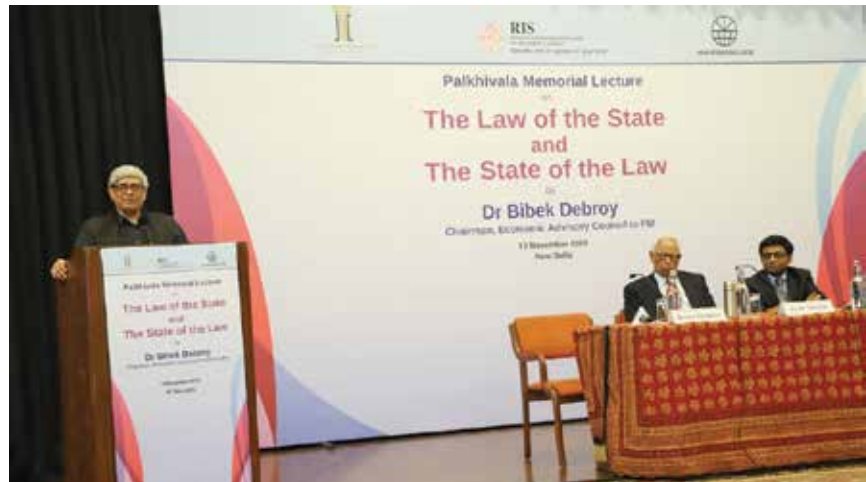
in Today’s World”. Dr Nakul Parashar, Director, Vigyan Prasar chaired it.

FISD Lecture

- The second FISD Lecture was delivered by Mr Kiyoshi Kurihara, First Secretary (S&T) Embassy of Japan in India on 24th October 2019. The topic was “Japanese STI Initiatives for SDGs”. It was chaired by Dr Arabinda Mitra, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India.

The Law of the State and the State of the Law

RIS along with Nani Palkhivala Birth Centenary Celebration Steering Committee and India International Centre (IIC) organised the Palkhivala Memorial Lecture on 'The Law of the State and the State of the Law' by Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to PM on 15 November 2019. Programme began with remarks by Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS and Major General Nilendra Kumar (Retd.) Honorary Secretary, Nani Palkhivala Birth Centenary Celebration Steering Committee. Mr N. N. Vohra, President, IIC chaired.



Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to PM delivering the lecture.

Plenary Session on “ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific, Opportunities and Challenges for Future Economic Development”

UNESCAP in partnership with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) organised the 4th ASEAN Economic Integration Forum at Bangkok on 9-10 December 2019. As part of the programme, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS jointly with UNESCAP organised a Plenary Session on 'ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific, Opportunities and Challenges for Future Economic Development' at Bangkok on 9 December 2019. This session aimed to generate deeper understanding of the Indo-Pacific concept from ASEAN Outlook of Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and to identify shared perspectives, new avenues and challenges for ASEAN, and ASEAN-India relations. Mr Surat Horachaikul, Director, India Study Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand moderated the Session. The Panelists of the session were Mr Naoyoshi Noguchi, Head, Bangkok



Session on ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific, Opportunities and Challenges for Future Economic Development' at UNESCAP, Bangkok.

Research Centre, JETRO, Thailand; Mr Zaw Oo, Executive Director, Centre for Economic and Social Development, Myanmar; Dr Prabir De, Professor, ASEAN-India Centre,

RIS, India and Dr Piti Srisangnam, Director, Academic Affairs, ASEAN Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Re-appointed Director General, RIS

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi has been reappointed as Director General, RIS. In order to felicitate him, Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS hosted a reception on 17 December 2019. On this occasion, Dr Mohan Kumar, Amb. S. T. Devare, Chairman, RIS, Research Advisory Council, Mr T. S. Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs; Mr Professor Deepak Nayyar, Professor Emeritus, Jawhar Lal Nehru University; Mr Suresh Reddy, Additional Secretary (MER), MEA; and H. E. Mr Baraka Haran Luvanda, High Commissioner, High Commission of United Republic of Tanzania and other invited guests complimented Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi for his reappointment and also lauded the valuable contribution that RIS



Dr Mohan Kumar, Amb. S. T. Devare and Professor Sachin Chaturvedi at the reception.

has been making to strengthen the international development research agenda. They wished that RIS would continue to serve as a Think-Tank of developing countries by providing them analytical policy research support on various dimensions of international economic affairs.

The other eminent guests who graced the occasion included Prof.

Muchkund Dubey, former Foreign Secretary of India, currently President, Council for Social Development; Prof. K. L. Krishna, Chairperson, Madras Institute of Development Studies; Dr Rajesh Tandon, President, Participatory Research in Asia; Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director and Head of South and South-west Asia Office, UNESCAP; Dr Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS); Prof. V. K. Malhotra, Member Secretary, ICSSR; Prof. D. K. Madaan, Secretary, Indian Economic Association (IEA); H. E. Mr Caludio Ansorena, Ambassador, Embassy of Costa Rica in India; H. E. Mr Tahir Qadir, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Afghanistan; Mr Deepak Diwedi, Chief Editor, Dainik Bhaskar; among others.

SAGE summit 2019

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India and the South Asia region: Financing Renewable Energy; Energy Transition- Unpacking Policy Challenges; and Innovation and Technology. The programme began with welcome remarks by Ms Nandita Baruah, Country Representative - India, the Asia Foundation and opening remarks by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Dr Timothy Kendall, Economic Counsellor, Australian High Commission made special remarks. Shri Anand Kumar, Secretary, MNRE, Government of India delivered keynote address. The first session on Financing Renewable Energy aimed to identify new sources of low-cost financing for Renewable Energy (RE) and explore regional financial architectures that can help fund the growth of green energy in the region. It was moderated by Mr Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Consultant, RIS.

Ms Anindya Upadhyay, Senior Consultant (Renewable Energy), TAF Moderated the second session on Energy Transition: Unpacking Policy Challenges. This session focused on policy and regulatory challenges in a fast-growing renewable energy industry in India and opportunities for cross-border trade of green power.

The session on Innovation and Technology focused on technology required to ensure that the transition from heavy use of fossil fuels to a greener power mix is seamless in South Asia. It was moderated by Mr Nazrul Islam, Senior Director, TAF - Bangladesh. Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS made the presentation on "Renewable Energy Innovation in South Asia: Financing, Policy and Partnerships" in the session

AROGYA 2019

RIS/FITM has been the knowledge partner for FICCI for its International AROGYA 2019 Program held from 19th to 22nd December 2019, in Varanasi. The Program included panel discussions on topics pertaining to the AYUSH sector. Broadly, it explored issues of global standards setting, regional cooperation, and value chain integration of the AYUSH sector. Mr Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS had participated as panellist and Dr Namrata Pathak, Research Associate, had participated as panel coordinator for discussion on 'global regime and standardization of AYUSH products and services'.

Climate Change and Development Pathways

RIS, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), and the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), organised a discussion Meeting on the linkages between climate change and development pathways, which would engage with the UN Environment Programme's

Emissions Gap Report 2019. Mr R. R Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director, Earth Science and Climate Change, (TERI) chaired the session. The panelists included: Mr Simon Maxwell, Development Economist, and Former Director, Overseas Development Institute; Dr P. K.

Anand, Visiting Fellow, (RIS); Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, (RIS); and Professor Navroz K. Dubash, Professor, Centre for Policy Research, and Coordinator, CPR Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment, India.

Delegations Received at RIS

- Visit of Delegation from Institute of Trade and Development (ITD) and Indian Study Centre of Chulalongkorn University. About 12 members of delegation of ITD and the Indian Study Centre of Chulalongkorn University from Thailand visited AIC at RIS on 15 July 2019. Dr Surat Horachaikul, Director, Indian Studies Center, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University led the delegation. Delegation interacted on BIMSTEC and India's approaches to Bay of Bengal cooperation. Dr Prabir De made a presentation on "BIMSTEC: Current Status and Opportunities", followed by an interaction with the delegation members on Thailand perspectives on BIMSTEC and other global issues. Mr Mahesh Arora, Director (Finance and Administration), RIS also participated in the discussion.
- A three-member delegation from Yunnan University, China visited AIC at RIS on 9th August 2019. Visitors discussed several bilateral and regional topics of mutual interests, particularly BIMSTEC, ASEAN-India cooperation, and India-China Cooperation. Delegation was headed by Dr Li Chenyang, Professor and Vice President, Yunnan University, and other members were Dr Lu Guangsheng, Professor, Center for China's Neighbor Diplomacy Studies, Yunnan University; Dr Liu Peng, Associate Professor, Institute of Myanmar Studies, Yunnan University, Yunnan Province, China; and Mr Zhang Liang, Counselor, Head of Policy Planning Section, Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China in India, New Delhi. Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS made a presentation on Indian foreign policy and highlighted the potential areas of cooperation between India and China.
- A Media Delegation from Morocco visited RIS on 14 October 2019 for an interactive session. Mr Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS; Mr Mahesh Arora, Director (F&A), RIS took part.
- A Media Delegation from Bhutan visited RIS on 19 November 2019 for an interactive session. From RIS Professor S. K. Mohanty; Dr P. K. Anand; Dr Priyadarsh Dash; and Mr Mahesh C Arora took part.

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Dr Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. The eminent speakers included: Mr Nazir Kabiri, Executive Director, Biruni Institute, Afghanistan; Dr Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM, Bangladesh; Mr Sonam

Tashi, Chief, Policy & Planning Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan; Mr Dilip Chenoy, Secretary-General, FICCI; Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment (SAWTEE),

Nepal; and Dr Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Sri Lanka. Earlier the delegates also visited RIS for an interactive session with the faculty.

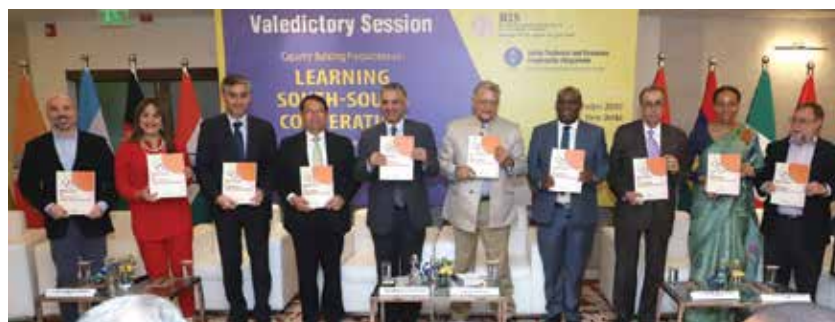
Capacity Building Programme

ITEC Programme on Learning South-South Cooperation

RIS conducted the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) on 'Learning South-South Cooperation' on 11-22 November 2019 at New Delhi.

More than 30 participants, including middle level government officials/diplomats, practitioners and scholars from over 25 countries participated in the programme.

The programme had been designed to orient the participants towards an integrated and multi-dimensional understanding of South-South Cooperation (SSC), exposing them to its diversity and plurality. The programme focused on the theoretical framework, global architecture and deliberated



Releasing of the report prepared by the participants.

upon the pressing challenges faced to usher in inclusive development

The course also covered efforts and challenges towards regional cooperation and an assessment framework for SSC. Besides in-house faculty, RIS invited eminent

experts to give a comprehensive perspective on these issues for the benefit of participants. The report entitled "Global Issues and Local Actions in South-South Cooperation" prepared by the participants was also brought out.



Participants with the RIS faculty.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Participated in the Discussion Meeting with Ambassador Mr Jonathan Fried, Prime Minister's Personal Representative for the G20 and GAC Coordinator for International Economic Relations and Mr Kent, Deputy High Commissioner, Embassy of Canada on 2 October 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting with Ambassador Mr Julian Ventura Valero, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Mexico on 9 October 2019 at New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on 'India-Germany Partnership: Exploring

Strategic and Economic Dimensions' at the First India-Germany Strategic Dialogue organised by Indian Council of World Affairs on 1 November 2019 at New Delhi.

- Made presentation on 'International Co-operation for Sustainable Development' at the G-20 Workshop on "Sustainable Development and Inclusive Globalization Giving a Longer-Term Perspective to G20 Policy Actions" organised jointly by UNDP-OECD scheduled on 21 October 2019 at New York.
- Made a presentation at the session on 'Dialogue with G20 Engagement Groups' at the G-20 Workshop on "Sustainable Development and

Inclusive Globalization Giving a Longer-Term Perspective to G20 Policy Actions" organised jointly by UNDP-OECD scheduled on 21 October 2019 at New York.

- Participated in the Informal DWG meeting organised during the G-20 Workshop on 22 October 2019 at New York City.
- Participated in the E-Discussion on 'The Role of South-South Cooperation in Promoting and Deepening Trade and Investment in Africa' organised by United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) on 5 November 2019 at New Delhi.

- Made a presentation on 'India's Economic Engagement with the world in 2020, post 2020?' at the Seminar on NIAS Strategic Forecast 2020: Contemporary World Affairs organised by National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) on 16 November 2019 at Bangalore.
- Participated in the Centenary Year Celebration for Committee of Shri Dattopant Thengadi on 10 November 2019 at Nagpur.
- Made a presentation on 'South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Improved Nutrition and Food Security' at the High-Level Event on Inspiration, Inclusion, and Innovation: The Tenth Anniversary of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme and Future Perspectives for South-South And Triangular Cooperation on 26 November 2019 at Entebbe, Uganda.
- Chaired the Special Lecture on 'NIS, Economic Growth and Inequality: A Schumpeterian Perspective' at the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) 61st Annual Conference organised jointly by Centre for Development Economics and Innovation Studies (CDEIS), Punjabi University, Patiala, and Institute for Human Development, on 7 December 2019 at Patiala.
- Made presentations on 'Inclusive Research, Technology and Innovation Policies' and 'STI roadmaps for the SDGs - Joint Guideline and Global Pilot Programme' at the Joint Capacity Building Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals organised by United Nations - Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of China on 11 December, 2019 at Guilin, China.
- Panelist at the Panel Discussions on 'Future of the global architecture for development cooperation: Specific steps' and on 'Outreach for the Development Effectiveness Agenda: Different perspectives' at the Roundtable on Future of the global architecture of development cooperation - The perspectives from the South-South Co-operation partners organised by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on 3 December and 5 December 2019 respectively at Seoul, Korea.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on 'Cooperation for a Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps' organised by the World Bank on December 18-19, 2019 at Tokyo, Japan.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Participated in the Consultation Meeting on 'Study for Unlocking the Export Potential of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)' organised by Development Commission MSME at New Delhi on 4 October 2019.
- Made a presentation on 'MSMEs in India: Promoting Exports and Imports Indigenisation' at the consultation meeting held in the Office of Development Commission MSME on 9 October 2019. Also submitted report on 'MSMEs in India: Promoting Exports and Imports Indigenisation'.
- Nominated as a Member of Joint Working Group (JSG) for in MSME Sector to represent RIS by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Office of Development Commission on 14 October 2019.
- Participated in the discussion meeting on 'JAG Export Promotion and Indigenization' held in the Office of Development Commission, MSME, New Delhi on 21 October 2019.
- Participated in the 'Maritime South Asia and the Indian Ocean' Research Workshop Series Inaugural Workshop on Mapping Indian Ocean Studies: Emerging Research Agenda, and made a presentation on 'Emerging Thinking on Blue Economy in India: A New Global Development Paradigm', at South Asian University, New Delhi on 31 October 2019.
- Participated in the 'First India-Germany Strategic Dialogue', and Chaired the Session on Indian Ocean: A New Area of Indo-German Strategic Cooperation, organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi on 1 November 2019.
- Participated as a Member Delegation in the 'The 4th India-China Think Tank Forum (ICTTF)', led by Director-General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in Beijing, China on 25-29 November 2019. Made a presentation on 'Opportunities and Challenges in Global Landscape in Next 20 years', in the Session: Building Closer Developmental Partnership between China and India, on 28 November 2019.

Mr Rajeev Kher

Distinguished Fellow

- Participated in the Disciplinary Committee - Bench-II Meeting of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India on 16 December at Delhi and 26-27 December 2019 at Chennai. Also delivered a lecture to members of the ICAI on Contemporary Challenges to India's International Trade.
- Participated as a panelist in a session on standards for Traditional System of Medicine in the International Arogya 2019, 2nd International Exhibition and Conference on AYUSH and Wellness, organised by the Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Commerce in association with FICCI at Banaras Hindu University on 19-22 December 2019 at Varanasi.
- Participated in the Report Launch meeting on "Unleashing E-commerce for South Asian Integration", jointly organised by CUTS and World Bank Group on 17 December 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Board Meeting of Kirloskar Brothers Limited and the Audit Committee of the company held on 4 November 2019 through video conference at New Delhi. Also participated through video-conferencing in the meeting of Independent Directors of the company on 16th December.
- Participated in a consultation and a survey of the Pharmaceutical industry and the Pharmexcil to pursue an Exim Bank supported study on Domestic Policy constraints and India's export capacities with IKDHWAJ Advisors on 13 and 14 December at Hyderabad.
- Participated in the 15th Annual Meeting of True North Advisors LLP held on 5 December 2019 at Mumbai. Before that attended a consultation with Chief Executives of various investee companies on 14 November, 2019.
- Conducted hearings on 21, 22, and 29 November and on 3 and 10 December in an Arbitration case between L&T and SAIL as Presiding Arbitrator.
- Participated in the Fourth Meeting of the CII Core Group on China held on 2 December 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Third Meeting of the CII International Council 2019-20 on 26 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Book launch and panel discussion on 'Global Value Chains and the Missing Links: Cases

from Indian Industry', organised by ICRIER on 22 November 2019 at New Delhi.

- Participated in the Stakeholder Consultation on "FTA Study", organised by CII on 16 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated as a Discussant in the Annual meeting of the Research Institutes Network Meeting (RINM), organised by IDE-JETRO held on 10 November 2019 and the Asia-Pacific Think Tank Summit 2019, organised by ERIA held on 11-12 November 2019 at Bangkok.
- Participated in the Talk on "Cryptocurrencies, Libra and Trade & Investment Agreements", organised by Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade on 5 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Interviewed by CNBC, ET NOW and NEWS X on RCEP on four occasions during October and November.
- Participated as a Member in the release of the HLAG Group's Report by Hon'ble CIM Piyush Goyal on 30 October 2019 at New Delhi and in a Panel discussion organised by CNBC on the same day on the recommendations of the group.
- Participated in the meeting of the Steering committee on the FTA study organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 25 October 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated in a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee (Bench II) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India held on 21 October 2019 at Lucknow.
- Delivered a Lecture on "India & FTAs (with special reference to BTIA & RCEP)" for the diplomats from ASEAN Member States and diplomats from ASEM Member States, organised by Foreign Service Institute on 18 October 2019 at New Delhi.

Mr Amar Sinha

Distinguished Fellow

- Discussion Meeting with Mr Ravi Capoor, Secretary, Textiles on North-East at Ministry of Textiles, held at New Delhi on 15 October 2019.
- Participated in Discussion on Sikh Heritage in Nepal and India-Nepal relations held at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 18 October 2019.
- Made a presentation at Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) on the dialogue with The Russian

Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS) meetings in Moscow, held at New Delhi on 22 October 2019.

- Discussion Meetings with Mr Nader Naderi, Chairman of Public Service Commission on Afghanistan held at New Delhi on 23 October 2019.
- Made a presentation on India's Role in the Neighborhood particularly Afghanistan at Discussion Meeting with Mr Henry Kissinger held at New Delhi on 24 October 2019.
- Participated in the Roundtable Discussion on Regional Situation with Mr Jeff Smith held at Vivekananda International Foundation on 24 October 2019.
- Participated in Roundtable Discussion on China with General S. L. Narasimhan held at New Delhi on 5 November 2019.
- Discussion Meetings on India-Afghanistan Cooperation on Achieves and Museums and Historical Records with Mr Tahir Qadir, Chargé d' Affaires, Afghanistan and Shri Raghvendra Singh, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library at New Delhi on 9 November 2019.
- Made a presentation on the Terrorism and Counter Extremism to the Afghan Diplomats held at Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi on 15 November 2019.
- Discussion Meetings with Mr Albert Muchunga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry and Director of UNCEA on SDGs and GDC at Ethiopia on 26-27 November 2019.
- Discussion Meetings on Afghan Politics/Elections with Mr Hamid Karzai, former President of Afghanistan held at New Delhi on 29 November 2019.

Prof. Amitabh Kundu

Distinguished Fellow

- Delivered the inaugural address on Gandhi on Rural Urban Migration and Bread Labour, at the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations held at National Labour Institute on 2 October 2019 Noida.
- Delivered the inaugural address at the Seminar on the Development Prospect of North East India held at Mata Sundarui College on 9 October 2019 at New Delhi
- Presented a Paper on Urbanisation and Migration in Asian Countries at a Conference organised by the SAARC chamber of Commerce at Colombo on 18 October 2019.

- Special lecture on Religion, Development and Peace at the Baha International Centre on 24 October 2019 at New Delhi.
- Delivered the valedictory Address at the Regional Meeting of Oxfam on Inequality held at Bangkok on 30 October 2019.
- Delivered the special lecture on Religion, Life, Peace in the Teachings of Thakur Anukulchandra at the Satsang Centre at Kolkata on 9 November 2019.
- Delivered a special lecture at the Regional Science Association Conference held at Kolkata on 15 November 2019.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address on the Minorities in Bengal and the Vision of Inclusive India held at the Aila University Kolkata on 16 November 2019.
- Delivered the inaugural address at the Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation held at the Rama University Kanpur on 2 November 2019.
- Delivered a special lecture on Development Perspective for Madhya Pradesh at the School of Management, Devi Ahilyabai University, Indore on 26 November 2019.
- Chaired a session on "Energy Efficiency and Sustainability at a Conference organised by SDPI at Islamabad on 1 December 2019; also made a presentation on South-South Cooperation Islamabad; made a presentation on Autonomy in the Indian University System at a inter-university Conference held on 2 December 2019.
- Made a presentation on Affordable Housing System at a Workshop organised by the Delhi Center of Chicago University on 9 December 2019.
- Spoke and acted as a Jury member for Selecting Smart Cities under a project supported by the National Institute for Urban affairs, on 18-19 December 2019.
- Delivered a special lecture on Methodology in Geographical Studies at the Department of Geography, Jammu University on 21 November 2019 and also delivered a special lecture on "Science, Spirituality and statistical Myth" at the J&K Science Congress on 22 November 2019.
- Spoke at Samiyiki on "Aadhar and National Identity" at AIR on 28 December 2019.

Augustine Peter

Visiting Fellow

- Inaugurated the Annual Silver Jubilee Lecture Series of Marian College, an Autonomous College, Kuttikkanam, Kerala on 4th October, 2019 and presented a paper on the 'State of the Indian Economy'.
- Delivered Sh. George Thomas Kottukappally (Former Member of Parliament) Memorial Lecture at the St. Thomas College, Pala, Kerala on 4 October, 2019.
- Panelist in the Panel Discussion on "Enforcement Developments in Digital Markets in BRICS" as part of the CESSE International Conference in Rhodes, Greece on 5-7 July 2019, on the theme of 'Advances in the Analysis'.

Prof. T. C. James

Visiting Fellow

- Participated as Member in the CSIR-TKDL Technical Review Committee on 1 October 2019.
- Participated as Member in the ICMR IPR Policy Review Committee Meeting on 17th October 2019.
- Delivered a talk on IPR and Innovation at the National Workshop organised by Maitrei College, Delhi University on 23rd October, 2019.
- Delivered a talk on Technology and Intellectual Property Rights at National Workshop organised by Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi and Savitribai Phule University, Pune on 20 December 2019.

Dr P. K. Anand

Visiting Fellow

- Made a presentation on 'Good Governance and SDGs' at HIPA (Haryana Institute of Public Administration) held on 3 October 2019 at Gurgaon.
- Made a presentation on the launch of UN Emissions Gap Report, 2019 held on 26 November 2019 New Delhi.
- Made a presentation in the international conference on, 'Non-Traditional Economic and Security Risks in a Globalised World', in the session on 'Human and Economic Security: Leveraging SDGs for Economic Development and Social Stability' held on 28 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the meeting of the Governing Council of NILERD at

NITI Aayog held on 2 December 2019 at New Delhi.

- Participated as a Panelist in the session on 'National Priorities on STI for SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities' held on 4th December 2019 at New Delhi.

Mr Krishna Kumar

Visiting Fellow

- Made a presentation on the launch of UN Emissions Gap Report, 2019 held on 26 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Made a presentation in the international conference on, 'Non-Traditional Economic and Security Risks in a Globalized World', in the session on 'Human and Economic Security: Leveraging SDGs for Economic Development and Social Stability' held on 28 November 2019 at New Delhi.
- Participated as a Panelist in the session on 'National Priorities on STI for SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities' held on 4th December 2019 at New Delhi.

Dr K. Ravi Srinivas

Visiting Fellow

- Made a presentation on 'Harnessing South-South Collaboration for Food and Nutrition Security, Environmental Sustainability and Improved Smallholder Farm Value-Chains in Asia and Africa' at 23rd Annual Meeting of the Council for Partnership on Rice Research in Asia (CORRA) IRRI South Asia Regional Centre, held at Varanasi on 14 October 2019.
- Made a presentation on 'Biotechnology Landscape in India' at Evolving AgriFood Systems in Asia Conference organised by IFPRI, ReSAKSS -Asia, and, MIID on 31 October 2019 at Yangon, Myanmar.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Intellectual Property Regime, and Access and Benefit Sharing' in ASEAN-India Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL): Development, Management and Its Utilisation as a Tool of Prior Art Evidence on Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge, organised by the National Biodiversity Authority and TKDL-CSIR on 6 December 2019 at New Delhi.
- Delivered a Key Note Address 'Contestation in Crops and Commons: Genetically Modified

Crops, Plant Genetic Resources Commons and Open Source Seeds at Republic of Plants, International Conference on 10 December 2019 at IIT-Madras, Chennai.

Dr Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Participated in the Launch of the 2019 OECD Economic Survey of India and related events organised by OECD, Paris on 5 December 2019 in New Delhi; Panelist in the Session on "Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: New modalities and innovative financing".
- Participated in the "Third South Asia Forum on SDGs" organised by UNESCAP and the Government of Bangladesh, 8-9 December 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh; was panelist in the Session on "Harnessing the Means of implementation for Accelerating SDGs Achievement in South Asia: Finance, technology, capacity-building and trade (SDG 17)".
- Participated in the "Policy Dialogue on Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia" organised by UNESCAP and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), on 10 December 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh; was panellist in the Session on "Potential and challenges of regional economic integration in South Asia in the new global context".

Dr Priyadarshi Dash

Assistant Professor

- Made presentation on "Growth Triggers in Asia-Pacific: Digital Economy and Quality Infrastructure" as a panelist in the session on 'New Challenges for Achieving Economic Prosperity' in the Asia-Pacific Forum 2019 organised by Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), Tokyo and Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur in Kuala Lumpur on 16-17 October 2019.
- Made presentation on "Quality and Sustainable Infrastructure Investment: Innovations and Institutions" at the roundtable on 'Indian Civil Society's Role in Ensuring Quality and Sustainable Infrastructure Investment' organised by VANI, FIDC and Heinrich Boll Stiftung at New Delhi on 11 October 2019.

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Toward an Inclusive and Cooperative Indo-Pacific



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The original logic of inter-connected maritime space has today reasserted itself, naturally and in an evolutionary manner. Economic and civilisational impulses link the eastern and southern shores of Africa through the Gulf, the Arabian Sea island nations, the Indian subcontinent, South-east Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands. We can certainly say that this is the way it has always been in our region. And perhaps this is as it should be. While there may be a multiplicity of views on the Indo-Pacific and all that it contains, there is everything to gain by engaging with this concept, and trying to build the idea outward as we go.

One step in building this concept outward is enhancing the Indian Ocean region's community's involvement with, and in, the notion of an Indo-Pacific. In line with our own view that the Indo-Pacific naturally includes our western ocean neighbours in the Gulf, the Island nations of the Arabian Sea, and our partners in Africa, India's approach to this concept led us to recognise that both geographical extremities of the Indo-Pacific and everything in between should ideally have their own indigenously evolved approach to the Indo-Pacific. And that is why we were among the first to welcome the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. The challenge of building an Indian Ocean community went beyond the recognition of cultural and historical links requires a strong strategic imperative; one which drives existing mechanisms with a new sense of purpose.

In line with the mandate given to Indian Ocean Dialogue, as the designated Track 1.5 mechanism of IORA, an initial set of ideas on the Indo-Pacific has been produced in a "Delhi Consensus" document. While policy-makers, diplomats and academics congregate to iterate ideas, concepts and strategies, there is equally a need to ensure that we do not get mired in a potentially misleading quest to find a complete identity of views on every element of every concept. On the contrary: the more important task at hand is to invest time and effort to use the Indo-Pacific as an open, free and inclusive platform to deliver tangible and meaningful cooperative initiatives. For this to happen, it is in everyone's interest to ensure that the doors remain open to cooperation on as wide a platform as possible.

Take, for instance, the case of connectivity. There is clearly room for much more to be done within this region: what is needed is for us to find ways to build upon plans to enhance connectivity, regionally and through sub-regional initiatives. There is space for us to reclaim infrastructure connectivity on our own, within our region. Our effort to align our initiatives for cooperation with ASEAN along with the Master Plan for ASEAN Connectivity is an example of what we need to do. These are existing opportunities for us to collectively create sustainable infrastructure through high quality financing.

Another area where tangible outcomes can help us ensure implementation runs in tandem with ideation is partnership-building projects. Our scientific departments offered a number of new initiatives, including a Grand Challenges scheme for the IORA; a fellowship scheme for up to 100 post-doctoral scholars; place for partners on our Oceanic Research vessels; co-branded IORA research facilities; and to share existing technologies in India for low-cost, low-energy consuming desalination facilities, which may be useful especially for island nations.

A further area for partnership, was maritime security in its widest sense. While we all need to work together to share maritime domain data to ensure that every link of the maritime security chain is equally strong, there are also challenges to human security that also need to be addressed. Plastic pollution has an impact on the entire range of economic activities that sustain communities in islands and littoral areas. The implications of the loss of productive economic capacity include significant social and economic consequences and we have seen that in Somalia and Yemen.

It was in this broader context that our Prime Minister suggested the idea of an Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative in his intervention at the 14th East Asia Summit. This initiative, in short, calls for establishing a free, open and cooperative platform to respond to a range of maritime challenges and needs. These include maritime security; managing the maritime environment; disaster risk mitigation; sustainable use of marine resources, including IUU fishing; capacity building; and maritime trade and transport.

A third broad area of conversation that we had apart from definitions, history, and opportunities was around the idea of platforms for coordination. The defining principle for us is to ensure that the region remains open and free for inclusive partnerships with all, within the parameters of sovereignty, equality, and a rules-based system. Operationally, it is only logical that instead of trying to set up new architecture, we work with architecture that already exists. Primarily, though, the most successful and therefore the obvious choices for partnership, are essentially the ASEAN-led mechanisms, especially the East Asia Summit, but also consultative processes such as the ARF, ADMM+ and the Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF). But there is much less architecture that covers the Indo-Pacific region west of India, IORA notwithstanding and certainly no architecture currently that spans the entire region from end to end. It is not a productive exercise to create architecture first and then look for rationale: more often than not, successful platforms and mechanisms have been the result of a felt need for regional or trans-regional cooperation. We should look to make progress steadily to find thematic synergies between platforms in the entire region. From our perspective, India will look to transfer lessons from the progress we hope to make in our partnerships in ASEAN-led mechanisms to the western Indian Ocean region, especially IORA. The goal should eventually be for all of us to have the capacity to seamlessly switch between platforms across the region, so as to deliver meaningful outcomes. In doing so, we can make better efforts to maximise the impact of our capabilities and resources, as well as the quality of outcomes.

What this effort to create convergence across platforms potentially promises is that the process of finding trans-Indo-Pacific convergence may not be as complex as we think. A standing mechanism of Heads of Coast Guards works to coordinate across the entire Indo-Pacific. This is a singular example at least that we know. But perhaps it works precisely because it focuses on specific areas for partnership in which all parties see value. In that case, this means the path toward a mutually beneficial, free, open, inclusive, and cooperative Indo-Pacific can begin from identifying specific actions to enhance cooperation on issues of broad interest to everyone.

Excerpts from the Valedictory Address delivered by Dr S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister at 11th Delhi Dialogue, 14 December 2019, New Delhi.