

Training and Capacity Building Programme on Global and Regional Economic Issues for the BIMSTEC Countries

13-14 January 2026

RIS, New Delhi

AGENDA

13 January 2026 (Tuesday)

09.00-09.30 hrs	Registration [G. Parthasarathi Conference Hall, RIS]
09.30-10.30 hrs	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Welcome Remarks</i> by Professor Prabir De, Professor, RIS• <i>Opening Remarks</i> by Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS• <i>Special Remarks</i> by Dr. Edgard Rodriguez, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi• <i>Special Remarks</i> by Mr. Md. Robiul Islam, Director, BIMSTEC Secretariat (Online)• <i>Vote of Thanks</i> by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS
10.30-11.00 hrs	Group Photo & Tea/Coffee
11.00-11.15 hrs	Introduction of the Training and Capacity Building Programme by Professor Prabir De , Professor, RIS
11.15-12.30 hrs	Session I: BIMSTEC: Progress and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amb. Sumith Nakandala, Former Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Colombo• Dr. Mahfuz Kabir, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Dhaka
12.30-13.30 hrs	Lunch

13.30-14.45 hrs	Session II: Global Uncertainties, Multilateral and Regional Integration Mr. Abhijit Das , International Trade Expert, New Delhi
14.45-16.00 hrs	Session III: Agriculture and Food Security Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma , Director General, RIS
16.00-16.15 hrs	Tea/Coffee
16.15-17.30 hrs	Session IV: Digital and Financial Cooperation Dr. Priyadarshi Dash , Associate Professor, RIS

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9.45-11.00 hrs	Session V: Trade and Technology Dr. Pankaj Vashisht , Associate Professor, RIS
11.00-11.30 hrs	Tea/Coffee
11.30-12.45 hrs	Session VI: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Dr. Sabyasachi Saha , Associate Professor, RIS
12.45-13.45 hrs	Lunch
13.45-15.00 hrs	Session VII: Maritime Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cmde. Sujeet Samaddar, Visiting Fellow, RIS • Professor Prabir De, Professor, RIS
15.00-16.15 hrs	Session VIII: People-to-People Contacts Dr. Rahul Mishra , Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
16.15-16.30 hrs	Tea/Coffee
16.30-18.00 hrs	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Presentations (5 Groups) • Closing Remarks by Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS • Distribution of Certificates of Participation • Vote of Thanks by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, RIS
18.30 hrs onward	Dinner at Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC)