



RIS Diary

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Special Week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) at RIS Exhibition on 75 Years of Development Partnership – Saga of Commitment to Plurality, Diversity and Collective Progress



Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India, Smt Meenakshi Lekhi speaking on the occasion of AKAM celebrated at RIS.

India is a world leader in 'development cooperation' as the country's support to the Global South through technology transfer, capacity building, humanitarian aid as well as financial assistance is unconditional and in the spirit of the Vedantic mantra 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' ('the world is one family'), according to the Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India, Smt Meenakshi Lekhi speaking at a special programme held on 21 February 2022 to mark the celebration of

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

RIS brought out a report as part of the AKAM programme of MEA on India's development cooperation initiatives during last 75 years. A week-long exhibition on the same theme began after the event held to commemorate 75 years of Independence and befittingly celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Minister said at the launch of report that "We (India) are a (global) leader in that sense (in development

cooperation), but we are reluctant in claiming that space. The goodness (of India) and the help that we have provided including during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccination and medical support, and which is being celebrated through this exhibition, can never be monetized," the Minister said.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS, said India's development cooperation is based on the priorities of the recipient countries and completely

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Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India, Smt Meenakshi Lekhi lighting the inaugural lamp.

demand driven. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, said the RIS painstakingly compiled information from 1947 to 2022 from the annual reports of all the ministries, adding that India's assistance was not only in terms of money, but also in the form of concepts such as 'Southern Collective', 'Climate Justice', 'illicit financial flows', 'Technology Facilitation Mechanism', 'Peace Keeping Forces' and 'LIFE' (Lifestyle for the Environment) as stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help the world attain net-zero status to combat climate change. Prof Chaturvedi also said India helped set up international institutions such as the International Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. The country also set up the India Aid Mission in Nepal in 1952 and then decided to rename it Indian Cooperation Mission as it was felt that the principle of giving should be based on development cooperation instead of using the approach of aid.

According to the RIS report the duty foregone by India for granting the poor countries access to Indian markets was to the tune of \$7 billion. The in-kind assistance provided by India, including through distribution

Highlights of the Report

- The quantum of development assistance provided by India from 1947 to 2022 is to the tune of \$127 billion.
- The Lines of Credit provided by India is close to \$31 billion, and about half of it was to the neighboring countries.
- Trained 350,000 people from other nations in the developing world through several initiatives including the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC).
- After the COVID-19 outbreak, India has provided vaccines to over 90 countries and \$4 billion in aid and grant to around 100 countries.

of farm equipment, during the period under review was also found to be \$7 billion. Incidentally, the RIS houses the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC), which is a dedicated forum for exploring various facets of development cooperation, seeking to draw upon India's own experience in the backdrop of international development cooperation scenario. It is a tripartite initiative of the Development Partnership Administration of the MEA, academia and civil society organisations.

At the outset, Minister emphasised that report would be useful during India's official engagements with other countries.



Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs of India, Dr Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh meeting the participants at the exhibition.

There is need to make all these information available in public domain to help ensure that transparency in the process. ■

Panel Discussion on “Tracing 75 Years of India’s Development Partnership: Exploring New Horizons and Meeting Emerging Challenges”

To commemorate 75 years of Independence and befittingly celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), RIS organised an exhibition during 21-27 February 2022, showcasing India’s development cooperation initiatives in various countries across different regions by bringing on board national institutions of Government of India, major public and private entities, civil society organizations and social entrepreneurs.

On this occasion, RIS also organised a panel discussion on “Tracing 75 Years of India’s

Development Partnership: Exploring New Horizons and Meeting Emerging Challenges” on 25 February 2022. Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS delivered the welcome remarks and Amb. Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS chaired. Following were the panelists: Shri Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary (DPA), Ministry of External Affairs; Dr Sachidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Shri David Rasquinha, former Managing Director, EXIM

Bank; Dr Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, The Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDS); Dr S. K. Varshney, Adviser / Scientist G, Department of Science and Technology; Shri S. Kuppuswamy, Advisor-Group Finance and Special Projects, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Pvt. Ltd. And Mr Chandra Bhushan, President and CEO, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST). Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS gave the vote of thanks. ■



From left to right: Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Mr Chandra Bhushan, Shri David Rasquinha, Shri Prabhat Kumar, Amb. Amar Sinha, Dr Sachidanand Joshi, Dr Ruchita Beri and Shri S. Kuppuswamy

SDGs

Research Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Development Goals



Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs of India, Dr Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh, interacting with the research scholars from north-eastern states of India.

The first phase of two week Research Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was conducted under the flagship of RIS and North East Training, Research and Advocacy Foundation (NETRA) for young north eastern research scholars during 14-18 March, 2022 at RIS, New Delhi. Total 15 research scholars joined the programme from eight different north eastern states.

Dr Rajesh Tandon, Chairman of FIDC and President of PRIA in his inaugural speech discussed about the Localization of SDGs: Perspectives from North Eastern States of India. He emphasized that vision of SDG can be fulfilled when one can connect with the indigenous people and work with them to amalgamate the indigenous knowledge and the modern technique by keeping originality and nature safe to become compatible to each other. He urged the participants to contribute their research work to the people or to the community they belong.

Professor Milindo Chakraborty, Visiting Fellow, RIS commenced the programme by a short addressing speech on Sustainable Development

Goals and by pronouncing the significance of two Weeks Research Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He also mentioned the importance of collaboration of RIS and NETRA and how they will work hand in hand to bring or to achieve all the 17 SDGs in north eastern states of India. In his presentation, Prof. Chakraborty also raised the issues of localizing SDGs in North East India.

Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs also interacted with the participants. He listened the queries and suggestions provided by the participants to attain SDGs in north east India. While addressing he pointed out that SDGs should be achieved by integrating the local knowledge and practices with modern knowledge without harming the originality of the region. Prof. S. K Mohanty, Senior Professor, RIS and Dr. Sumit Seth, Joint Secretary, Policy Planning and Research, Ministry of External Affairs also joined during the interaction.

While interacting with SDG-research scholars, Dr Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog urged all the participants to go to the

ground level and find out the real facts and data about the north east region of the country. He also asked to connect with the local people and try to understand the need of the local people which will help different policymakers to frame suitable policies for the local people.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS discussed the India's Development Cooperation: A Cross Border Spectrum by in relation to 17 SDGs. He pointed that a researcher need to find basic problems that are existed in their region and try to find out the best possible alternatives which suited them. He stressed on, to explore the ways to remove the problems associated with the local community and most importantly one need to find why the problems are there.

Among the speakers, Mr. Shubomoy Bhattacharya, Fellow RIS, discussed on Energy Security (SDG-7) and essentiality to understand the risk and benefit factor of the energy transition from conventional to renewable energy source. He further pointed out the need for identification of the alternatives specific to North eastern region.



Dr Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog with the SDG-research scholars.

Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS enlightened the participants about different aspects of the Financing SDGs. The importance of effectively mobilizing domestic and foreign resources was further stressed upon by him.

By addressing the issues in sustainable health for all (SDG-3), Professor T.C. James, RIS and President of NIPO very well explained about the terms health, health for all and sustainable healthcare. In his presentation, he emphasized that the political commitment, community participation and support of health related sectors are the requisites of sustainable health for all.

Dr Purva, Sr. Researcher, NIUA, in her delivery pointed out that it is not simple to align all the goals and objectives to the global framework therefore we need to get down at the city level (SDG-11) and develop these indicators and understand what are those indicators.

Professor Amitabh Kundu, RIS brought out how SDG11 questions the present structure

of urbanization, as in the present settlement hierarchy everything is concentrated in big cities, which is one major issue discussed in the framework. He emphasized on the need to have an urban migration strategy and settlement strategy that we have to have a settlement structure that can integrate the whole region.

Expatriating on Gender Equality, SDG5, Dr Beena Pandey, RIS asserted that the women empowerment is the precondition to achieve the targets of several other SDGs like poverty eradication, inequality, access to good health and education for all, decent work and economic growth among others.

Dr Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay, Director of PRIA highlighted the roles played by a Civil Society organization in a community or a nation. The CSOs help reach the services meant for the marginalized and underprivileged. He underlined the reason for having partnerships and the factors contributing to a successful partnership, including having relatively equivalent power

organizations, clearly defined organizational structure, and capacity enhancement of all the partners to work with each other.

Dr Jayanta Choudhury, Asst. Professor, Tripura University, Founder of NETRA, discussed how to localize SDGs in North East India. Dr. Choudhury emphasized on importance of capacity building of different stakeholders, strengthening of existing local level institutes in the North East India. He also put importance of CSOs at different levels to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

All the participants also participated in International discussion on Indigenous People and India organized by RIS. At the end of the programme, participants presented their thoughts on issues related to north East India under the mentorship of Professor Kesang Degi, Board Member of NETRA and Professor, Department of Education, RGU, Arunachal Pradesh. The next phase of programme will be conducted in the month of April at Regional Centre, IGNTU, Manipur. ■

International Discussions on Indigenous People and India

India's stand in various international fora on issues relating to access and benefit-sharing for biological resources and traditional knowledge reflects India's approach of considering different groups of people that form the rich tapestry of Indian society as indigenous people.

However, international discussions on human rights have thrown up some questions on suitable terms to refer to differently positioned people, be it historically, socially or economically. The appropriate use

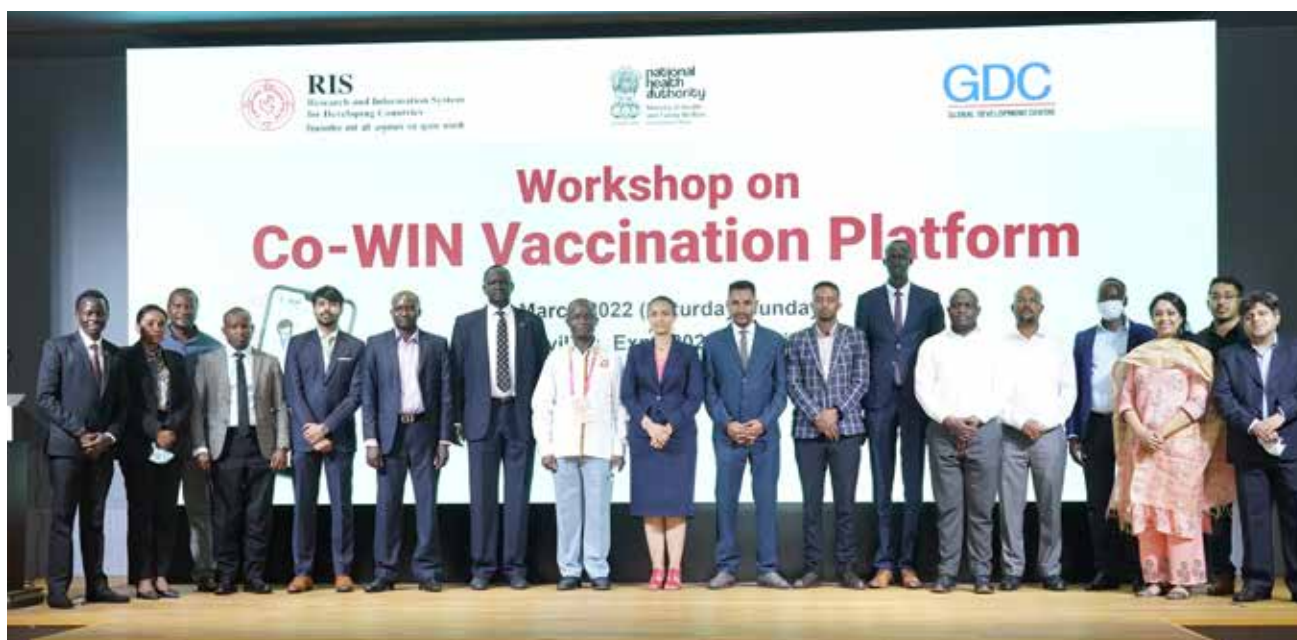
of the term 'indigenous' and how it shapes legal narratives on rights and development, both nationally and internationally, becomes important in this context.

In this backdrop, FITM organised a Panel Discussion on 16 March 2022, based on a Discussion Paper 'International Discussions on Indigenous People and India' authored by Professor T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS.

The Panel Discussion was chaired by Shri Harsh Chouhan,

Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The panelists included Justice Pratibha M. Singh, Delhi High Court, Smt Bhaswati Mukherjee, Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands and Smt Uma Sekhar, Additional Secretary (L&T), Ministry of External Affairs.

Mr Ram Chander Jangra Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha and Convener, Sub-Committee of the Parliament Rajbhasha Committee also addressed the participants. ■



Participants at the Dubai Expo 2020.

Leveraging India's Digital Experience in Payments & Vaccination Platform

GDC at RIS participated in the Dubai Expo 2020 held on 5-6 March 2022. The exhibition provided an opportunity for exchange of ideas on the need for creating sustainable solutions to global problems which demand collaboration across nations and regions to uphold SDGs. On this occasion, GDC also hosted workshops on 'Leveraging India's Digital Experience in

Payments & Vaccination Platform', showcasing NPCI International Payments Limited's (NIPL) digital payment solutions and Co-WIN digital vaccination platform at India Pavilion, Expo 2020, Dubai, UAE. The workshops were attended by senior officials from Malawi, Zambia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda, Mozambique and Rwanda, as well as representatives from

other country pavilions. GDC also facilitated three technical bilateral sessions with countries from Malawi, Ethiopia & South Sudan which showed notable interest in detailed learning. The aim of these programmes was to open avenues for possible adoption and/or providing need based appropriate solutions for African countries. ■

Regional Cooperation in South Asia

Development Cooperation between India & Neighbouring Countries: Possibilities & Challenges

RIS and Tripura University jointly organized an international seminar on “Development Cooperation between India and Neighbouring Countries: Possibilities and Challenges” on 22-24 March 2022 at Department of Economics, Tripura University, Agartala.

The seminar was on one of fundamental research areas of RIS. It provided an excellent academic platform to experienced as well as young researchers of India, especially from Northeast region and neighbouring countries to share their research studies on issues concerning to the habitats of these

from North-eastern region, and development partnership with all neighbouring countries. Experts from India, Bangladesh and Nepal participated in this international seminar. The seminar was also supported by ONGC.

Various thematic issues of development cooperation and India’s development partnership with neighbouring countries were highlighted in the seminar. In his keynote address, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS, emphasized on the regional connectivity and greater development cooperation with

neighbouring countries. He also highlighted the progress made by India and neighbouring countries in recent times. In the second keynote address, Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister of Education, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh said: “The relation between Bangladesh and India important for the development of both the countries. The contribution of Tripura-India during the liberation war of Bangladesh is remarkable till the date”. A large number of young scholars and Ph.D students participated in the seminar. ■

Food and Agricultural Trade in BIMSTEC

RIS-IFPRI National Partners’ Meeting took place on 30 March 2022. The meeting addressed the significant problems raised by BIMSTEC in relation to regional competition, with a focus on agriculture. BIMSTEC has been and will continue to be a significant platform for encouraging regional cooperation among South Asian and South East Asian countries, however most BIMSTEC countries’ agriculture sectors remain untapped. Food and agriculture trade has doubled in real terms since 1995, reaching 1.5 trillion in 2018. Surprisingly, emerging and developing countries account for a third of global trade. BIMSTEC will debate on the need for investment in infrastructure, particularly food processing, testing standards, marketing and logistical infrastructure. Food exports from BIMSTEC countries have risen. In 2019, it was 45.3 per cent of total

merchandise exports in Nepal, reversing the previous trend. It will be the greatest achievement if this trend continues. BIMSTEC is pushing agriculture as a priority sector and working hard to see it grow. Trade facilitation, trade financing, cross-border payment settlement, and other variables can assist the food and agriculture sectors to flourish.

The participants deliberated on BIMSTEC linkages, partnerships and cooperation conceptual framework. Poverty and food insecurity due to economic shocks, climate change and interstate conflicts; rising poverty headcount ratio; unemployment and lower earnings due to economic recession are some of the challenges in BIMSTEC whereas natural resource abundance and trade and investment advantages are some of its strengths. Myanmar is the only BIMSTEC country

leading in agriculture. India leads in tourism, transportation, disaster management, and counterterrorism. Similarly, each BIMSTEC country has leading sectors in Economic, Social, and Environmental Linkages (Integrated framework). Some of the areas of cooperation between BIMSTEC countries are - Implementation of a climate-friendly FTA and international collaboration on climate change goals, limitation of fossil fuel subsidies, reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers on environmental goods and services, domestic policy required for trade and investment gains, etc. The ultimate goal is to make evidence-based policy insights.

Although BIMSTEC's sectoral model differs from other regional agreements, it has been compared to ASEAN and SAARC. SAARC countries are also BIMSTEC

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G-20

Women's Issues in G-20 and Way Forward

RIS organised a special Panel Discussion on 'Women's Issues in G-20 and Way Forward' on Women's Day on 8 March 2022 in virtual mode. Dr Namrata Pathak, Consultant, RIS gave the welcome remarks and Dr Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor moderated the panel discussion. Professor Pam Rajput, Department cum Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Panjab University; Professor Lekha S. Chakraborty, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP); and Dr Beena Pandey, Assistant Professor, RIS were the main panelists during the discussion.

At the outset, Professor Chakraborty emphasized the importance of integrating of gender into the public policy and further commented that public actions and public policy both are important for gender equality. She was also of the view that budgetary and monetary policies should incorporate gender concerns in economic growth recovery process during pandemic. The Ministry of Finance has the important role to play in G20 Forum which is a specialized forum to finance human development and gender equality as an important public good. Gender budgeting in G20 countries is a promising framework to deal with gender issues.

Professor Pam Rajput in her presentation gave an overview of women's issues in G20 and highlighted that W20 urged all the countries to advance member states policies towards the '25 by 25' target set by G20 for reducing the gender gap in labour force participation rate by 2025 by putting forward national plan of actions. She mentioned that this is one of the



Dr Beena Pandey, Assistant Professor, RIS



Dr Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS



Dr Namrata Pathak, Consultant, RIS



Professor Pam Rajput, Department cum Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Panjab University

commitments that still needs to be achieved in several G20 countries. She further emphasized the issues of labour, finance, gender budgeting and technology and stressed on the commitments of the G20 national and international mechanisms.

Dr Beena Pandey gave the brief background of RIS work programme on G20 and discussed the women's issues in G20 countries. In her presentation, she pointed out that according to the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report, 2020, it would take another 100 years to achieve gender equality based on the current rate of progress. She also stated that women who have been contributing effectively in promoting economic growth of the nations, apart from sharing

wide variety of responsibilities, playing pivotal role in upbringing their children, and supplementing the family income, doing unpaid care work, taking care of children, elderly, disabled and dependents etc. but they are still being discriminated at every level. Apart from these, the Governments in G20 countries should work effectively in close partnership with the public, private organizations and civil society organizations in order to bring significant improvement in the socio-economic conditions of women.

The panel discussion was also followed by a question and answer session. Dr Pankhuri Gaur thanked all the panelists and participants. ■



Post-Pandemic Infrastructure and Global Public Goods in the G20

RIS in collaboration with the Global Solutions Initiative, Germany has organised a Virtual Seminar as part of the G20 Finance Track on 'Post-Pandemic Infrastructure and Global Public Goods in the G20' on 18 February 2022. H.E. Mr Febrio Nathan Kacaribu, Chairman of Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance of Indonesia delivered the opening remarks. In the first plenary session, special remarks were given by Ambassador Abhay Thakur, Additional Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs & G20 Sour-Sherpa. There were two speakers: Dr Raja Al Marzoqi, Chief Economic

Advisor, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Saudi Arabia and Ridha Wirakusumah, Chair, B20 Indonesia, Finance and Infrastructure Taskforce and following were the discussants: Dr Irina Karapetyants, Director of Institute of International Transport Communications, Russian University of Transport and Christian Wertli, Infrastructure Solutions and Director, Public Sector Solutions, SwissRe.

The second plenary was moderated by Dr Nicolas J.A. Buchoud, Co-Chair T20 Indonesia infrastructure Task Force. Following were the speakers: Dr Francesco Profumo, President, Fondazione

Compagnia di San Paol and former lead co-chair, T20 Italy Infrastructure taskforce; Dr Raffaele de la Croce, Senior Economist at the OECD and Co-Chair of the T20 Indonesia TF8 Resilient Infrastructure and Financing and Dr Sebastian Wienges, Project Lead of Multilateral Development Banks For Global Public Goods, GIZ. Professor Milindo Chakrabarti, Research Fellow, RIS; Dr Yannick Autret, Sustainable Infrastructure Expert, French Ministry For Ecological Transition were discussants. Closing Remarks were delivered by Mr Sudarto, Ministry of Finance of Indonesia. ■

Food and Agriculture Trade in BIMSTEC

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members, therefore lessons from SAARC can be learned. Unlike in Nepal, where farmers are terribly disadvantaged and unheard, India's policies are centred on farmers. India offers interest-free loans to farmers. An agricultural trade deficit is alarming for a country that used to be a big rice exporter in the early 1970s. Bangladesh has

made great strides in agriculture and is now food self-sufficient. Agriculture is a diverse industry with unique challenges. Value addition in agriculture is difficult. Also, agriculture cannot develop in isolation of trade and industry. The abolition of NTBs has been shown to enhance GDP by 1.6 per cent in some circumstances.

Tariff liberalization is not complete without looking at other nations' tariff regimes. BIMSTEC countries can create an enabling environment by removing trade barriers and improving connectivity. BIMSTEC can contribute to food and nutrition security, farmer prosperity, employment creation, and poverty alleviation. ■

India-Africa Partnership

Digital Payments Offerings by NIPL

GDC at RIS reached out to Sociedade Interbancaria De Mocambique (SIMO), a government entity associated with Central Bank of Mozambique. It functions as a regulator of all commercial banks in the country. As part of SIMO's mandate, it manages digital payments in Mozambique. GDC had already organised a virtual bilateral session between SIMO and representatives of NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) in the month of February 2022. Subsequent, GDC hosted another bilateral session between United Nations Industrial Development Organization and



Participants from Reserve Bank of Malawi attending Bilateral Session with NIPL

NIPL on 11 March 2022 to take the deliberations further.

Both sessions aimed to provide details about NIPL and the specific solutions that it can offer to support

advancement of digital payments in Mozambique. Stakeholders from both SIMO and UNIDO, Mozambique evinced greater interest in espousing the digital payment solutions from India. ■

India-South Sudan Bilateral Session on Co-WIN Vaccination Platform

GDC at RIS organized a bilateral session between the National Health Authority, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and delegates from the Ministry of Health, Government of South Sudan on 5 March 2022. It was an opportunity for a more detailed technical exchange between South Sudan Delegates and NHA. The delegation from South Sudan, led by the Director General, Ministry of Health,



Participants from South Sudan interacting during bilateral session with NHA official

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India-Malawi Bilateral Session on Digital Payments

GDC at RIS facilitated a bilateral session between NIPL and Reserve Bank of Malawi. Dr Seshadri Chari, Member, RIS Governing Council chaired the session. The bilateral session was an opportunity for further in-depth technical exchange with respect to the specific requirements of Malawi based on their local contexts.

During the session, the team from Malawi presented details of their country's plan towards advancing digital payment systems and appreciated the potential of experience sharing and peer-learning based on India's experience with UPI and RuPAY Cards. They also shared insights on the Reserve Bank of Malawi's procedures for implementing such a system. On the other hand, the team from NIPL

presented further technical details, implementation and operational modalities, financing mechanisms, etc. and answered all queries raised by the Malawi delegation. Other issues discussed included operations costs, capacity building requirements, among others. The NIPL team and Malawi delegation also agreed on the next steps of their engagement. ■

India-Ethiopia Bilateral Session on Co-WIN Vaccination Platform

GDC at RIS also organized a bilateral session between the Ministry of Health, Ethiopia and National Health Authority, Ministry of Health, Government of India on 5 March 2022. The Ethiopian delegation, led by Dr Meseret Zelalem, expressed Ethiopia's interest to advance the current District Health Information (DHI-2) system used in the country. They reiterated their interest to improve the reporting mechanisms, both for C-19 and other existing programmes. It was also emphasised that there is need for a system that can be plugged to interoperable work with their current systems. They also called for support in



Participants from Ethiopia interacting during bilateral session with NHA official as expressed by the Ethiopian delegates. NHA's engagement with donor organisations were also highlighted to provide financing for the implementation of agreed Co-WIN modules. Both parties agreed to continue their engagements. ■

Representative from NHA expressed keen interest in working with the Ministry of Health Ethiopia. In this regard, technical details of the Co-WIN system were shared that would plug the reporting challenges

as expressed by the Ethiopian delegates. NHA's engagement with donor organisations were also highlighted to provide financing for the implementation of agreed Co-WIN modules. Both parties agreed to continue their engagements. ■

Rwanda Bilateral Session on Digital Payments Offerings by NIPL

GDC has established linkages with National Bank of Rwanda to explore opportunities of co-learning and suitable adoption of relevant offerings provided by NPCI International Payments Limited, India in the field of digital payments. The team from Rwanda

was invited to attend the workshop at Expo 2020, Dubai on 5-6 March 2022. Unfortunately due to C-19 related travel restrictions, they preferred to join a virtual session over physical participation at the Expo. Rwanda was led by Mr Karamuka Bagirishya John, Director

Payment Services, National Bank of Rwanda. At the programme NIPL's digital payment offerings were showcased, followed by a Q&A session. The virtual session on 16 March 2022 was well appreciated by officials from National Bank of Rwanda. ■

Webinar on Evolving Strategic Architecture in Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from India and ASEAN

Webinar- I to Celebrate Thirty Years of ASEAN-India Relations was held on February 18, 2022 on the theme of 'Evolving Strategic Architecture in Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from India and ASEAN' on virtual format. Special remarks were given by H.E. Mr Ung Sean, Ambassador, Royal Embassy of Cambodia, New Delhi and Amb. Jayant N. Khobragade, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN, Indian Mission to ASEAN, Jakarta. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General, RIS, New Delhi extended the opening remarks. India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific are two important guiding principles for the peace and security in the Indo-Pacific. Indo-Pacific is much discussed in the recent academic and policy discourses and that explains its relevance for India's foreign policy formulation. India's recent initiatives in the Indo-Pacific exemplify its position for peaceful resolution of disputes



and sustainability of development. Indo-Pacific is also important in international affairs as it symbolizes post-Cold war era features and demonstrates the relevance of plurilateral constructivism. Dr Prabir De delivered the vote of thanks. ■

Indo-Pacific Dialogue

Advancing India-Australia-Pacific Islands Development Cooperation

Following the 2021 publication of “Advancing South-South Cooperation: India’s Development Partnerships with Pacific Island Countries” from the Asian Foundation and RIS and supported by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), a

consultation webinar on ‘Advancing India-Australia-Pacific Islands Development Cooperation’ was held on 31 March 2022. Speakers from India, Australia, and the PICs discussed and explored the history and prospects for India-PICs partnership and points of

convergence between Australia's and India's interests in the PICs. The webinar provided opportunity for articulating priorities. It was underlined that more studies should be conducted to analyze the prospects for triangular cooperation in different areas. ■



Celebrate Thirty Years of ASEAN-India Relations – ‘Evolving Strategic Architecture in Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from India and ASEAN

The year 2022 is marked as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year to commemorate the 30 years of dialogue relations that began in early 1990s. To commemorate the 30 years of ASEAN-India dialogue relations, RIS is organising webinars in virtual mode to focus on the persistent challenges and emerging opportunities in ASEAN-India relations. RIS will organise five webinars on five thematic areas of the ASEAN-India relations throughout the year. To start with, first webinar on strategic pillar of the ASEAN-India relations was organised virtually on Evolving Strategic Architecture in Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from India

and ASEAN on 18 February 2022. Dr. Prabir De, Professor and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS gave the welcome remarks. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the opening remarks. H.E. Mr. Ung Sean, Ambassador, Royal Embassy of Cambodia and Amb. Jayant N. Khobragade, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN, Indian Mission to ASEAN, Jakarta delivered the special remarks. The panel discussion was chaired by Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai and following were the speakers:

Ms. Joanne Lin, Lead Researcher, ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS Yusof-Ishak Institute, Singapore; Prof. Rajaram Panda, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi; Mr. Waffa Kharisma, Researcher, Department of International Relations Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta and Dr. Lawrence Prabhakar Williams, Professor, International Relations, Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College, Chennai. Dr. Sampa Kundu, Consultant, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS gave the vote of thanks. ■

STIP Forum

Translational Research through Traditional Medicines for Holistic Health Care

The 40th STIP Forum Lecture was delivered by Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, on 23 February 2022 via online platform. The topic of this public lecture was “Translational Research through Traditional Medicines for Holistic Health Care”. The event was moderated by Dr. Kinkini Dasgupta Misra, Scientist F, Vigyan Prasara.



Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.

Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha began his very insightful address by providing an overview of the concept of holistic health care and highlighted the key role traditional medicines can play in achieving holistic health care. Vaidya Shri Kotecha elaborated on the translational approach through Ayurveda and explained in detail how well the whole Ayurveda knowledge system is itself structured as translational model. The three tier structure of the Ayurvedic knowledge system comprising of ‘Taatva’ (principles), ‘Shastra’ (theoretical constructs) and ‘Vyawahar’ (practical applications)

is aimed to ensure that the academic insights get translated into practical application. The Ayurvedic knowledge system is also engrained with the process of translation through science, rationale and experience.

Vaidya Shri Kotecha further shared some successful instances of integration of AYUSH in the mainstream public health care schemes and programmes. He highlighted the cases of integration of AYUSH in the National Programme

for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), National Reproductive and Child Healthcare (RCH) Programme like SUPRAJA Initiative, Geriatric Healthcare through VAYO MITRA, Palliative Survives (KARUNYA). Vaidya Shri Kotecha also mentioned about AYURVIDYA, a new AYUSH Ministry initiative for the promotion of healthy lifestyle through Ayush system in 75,000 schools. He also shared the list of extensive AYUSH research done on COVID-19 across the country during the pandemic.

At the end, Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha put forward some key pointers as way forward, which included inter alia a call for facilitating more inter-disciplinary collaborative research studies; envisioning a National AYUSH Research Consortium; promoting industry-academia collaboration and setting-up on intuitional mechanism for translational research to convert evidences and experiences into practical implementation. ■

Enabling the Global Energy Transition: India in the World

The 41st STIP Forum Lecture was delivered by Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance, on 28 February 2022 via online platform. The topic of this public lecture was “Enabling the Global Energy Transition: India in the World”. The event was chaired by Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI. Welcome remark was delivered by Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy, RIS followed by brief remarks by Mr. Sunit Tandon, Director, India Habitat Centre.



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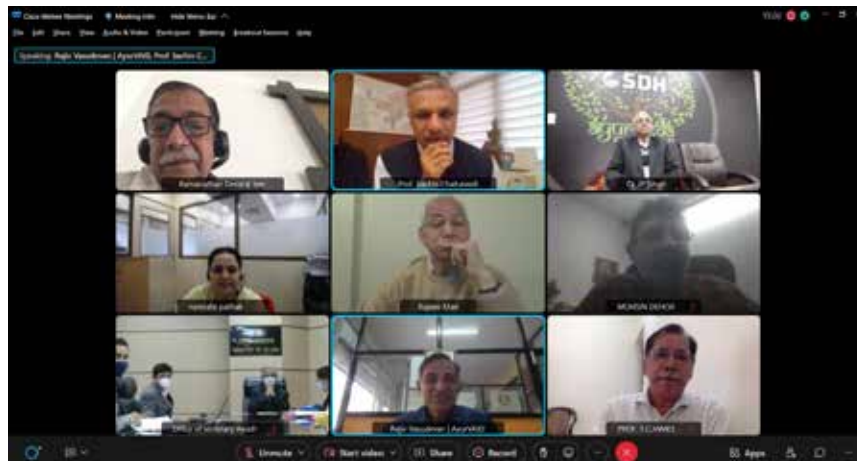
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'AYUSH Sector Promotion: Identifying Product Categories for Financial and Regulatory Support'

The Ministry of AYUSH has framed various schemes and is working on several initiatives that aim to make India the hub for manufacturing of AYUSH products, with global competence and penetration. To enhance domestic capacity and exports and position India as the global champion of traditional medicine, strategies to reduce import dependency and improve the cost competitiveness of domestically manufactured AYUSH products become important.

FITM at RIS organised Round Table discussion to elicit views from the industry and other stakeholders for identifying important components of the industry that may require policy support. The virtual Round Table Discussion on 'AYUSH Sector Promotion: Identifying Product Categories



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for Financial and Regulatory Support' was held on Monday, 14 February 2022. Welcome Remarks was given by Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Opening Remarks was delivered by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH. The session

on AYUSH Product Categories for Financial and Regulatory Support was chaired by Shri Rajiv Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi and vote of thanks was given by Dr Namrata Pathak, Consultant, RIS, New Delhi. ■

FITM Invited Lecture on 'One World One Health'

FITM has launched the Invited Lecture series with an objective to bring national and international policymakers, academics and subject experts to discuss their views and experience in development of AYUSH system and its global connect. The first Invited Lecture was delivered by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission on the topic of 'One World One Health' held on 16th February 2022. Welcome remarks were given by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, presided over the event. Prof. Kumar, in his Lecture highlighted the need for global cooperation on early detection mechanisms for diseases, data generation and



Webinar in progress.

sharing through a public cloud system, along with an integrated health approach as the fundamental steps required for achieving one health goals. He advocated the need for 'One health one world' strategy considering the particular vulnerability of rural population and communities to the zoonotic diseases owing to their degree of interface with livestock animals. He

emphasized the importance of classical Indian texts for One Health in line with their strengths in diagnosis and prevention of zoonoses and pressed for its validation with modern medicine. Vote of thanks was given by Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS. The lecture was attended by several participants from Australia, Sri Lanka, Japan, etc. ■

Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue, 2022

RIS jointly with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) organised an Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue, 2022, on 24 February 2022. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Prof Amrita Narlikar, President of the GIGA

gave the welcome remarks. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary, Dr Tobias Lindner, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office of Germany delivered the inaugural address. Session I was on Foreign and Security Policy was moderated by Dr Markus Kaim, SWP. The speakers were: Amb. Gurjit Singh, Former Indian Ambassador, ICWA and Prof Dr

Patrick Köllner, Vice President of the GIGA. Session 2: Sustainable Development and Trade was moderated by Prof Dr Jann Lay, GIGA and the speakers were Dr Priyadarshi Dash, RIS; Svenja Schöneich, SWP. Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General of ICWA and Dr Stefan Mair, Director of SWP gave the closing remarks. ■

India-South Sudan Bilateral Session on Co-WIN Vaccination Platform

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presented plan of action to acquire a digital system with greater capabilities compared to the system which is currently used in the country. They shared their interest in systems that support quality data entrance

and processing for which Co-WIN has distinct strengths.

NHA representative shared India's willingness to implement aspects of the Co-WIN system as per South Sudan interest. There is

immense potential support from NHA in mobilizing resources for implementation of the system. Participants agreed to engage further through exchange visits, capacity building programmes, among others. ■

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In his very insightful address, Dr Ajay Mathur provided an overview of the energy transitions happening in the world and in India. He began his lecture by highlighting that the renewable energy and non-fossil fuels have taken up a substantial share of the electricity generation mix. Globally, the share of renewable energy stands at 31 per cent, while in India it's at 36 per cent. For India, it's almost like achieving the related Paris Agreement target well in advance. Dr Mathur elaborated on the key driving factors behind such significant transitions in the short period of time. One of the key drivers has been the significant decline in the prices of renewable energy. Other

key driver has been the decline of cost of the battery energy storage. He also highlighted that the global investments in renewable energy have increased substantially and so have the installed capacities.

Dr Mathur enumerated two key public policy interventions that helped India scaled up its solar energy installation till date viz. Price reduction and demand creation. Price reduction has been achieved through a two-stage process comprising of Feed-in Tariffs and Reverse Auctions, whereas demand creation was achieved through the system of Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs). These policy instruments have made

renewable energy cost effective and competitive, thus spurring their high intake. However, as mentioned by Dr Mathur, India's trade balance in terms of solar cells and solar modules is extremely skewed at this moment, wherein only 36 per cent of the solar panels installed in India during the FY 2021 were supplied by the domestic manufactures. Another challenge, as pointed by Dr Mathur, is in terms of cost of capital for solar energy projects which is quite high in India as compared to many other countries such as US, China and Europe. He placed high hopes on recently launched PLI scheme to change this scenario in near future. ■

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Panelist at the Session on “The Future of Development Cooperation” at the Global Solutions Summit organised by Global Solutions Initiative Foundation on 29 March 2022.
- Panelist at the Working Session of Task Force 8 – T20 on ‘Digital Transformation in Transportation Infrastructure Development of Emerging Countries’ at the Global Solution Summit 2022 organised by T20 Indonesia 2022 on 29 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on ‘Perspective from India on investments priorities across T/G7/20’ at the Side-event on New Ways towards the Agenda 2030 across the G20/G7 organised during the Global Solutions Summit organised by Global Solutions Initiative Foundation on 29 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on The Future of Development Cooperation at Global Solutions Summit organised by Global Solutions Initiative Foundation on 29 March 2022.
- Keynote Speaker at the Conference on Disaster Management organised by the Sewa International on 28 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on ‘Innovation for Development’ in the online webinar on Public-sector capacity building for Innovation and Industrialization in Developing Countries organised by UNIDO and STEPI in partnership with the Republic of Korea on 22 March 2022.
- Chaired the Session on ‘Socio-technological Transitions and the Key Economic Sectors’ at the 21st Science Council of Asia Conference Science, Technology & Social Science Research: Together for a Better World organised by ICSSR on 15 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on ‘Role of NBFCs in Atma Nirbhar Bharat: Opportunities & Challenges’ at the Interactive Meeting organised by Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) on 15 March 2022.
- Panelist in the online Roundtable discussion on ‘War in Ukraine: Implications for International Cooperation’ organised by GDI/DIE on 10 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on “Emerging opportunities for India in the Indo Pacific region” at the CII National Committee on ASEAN and Oceanic Region on 4 March 2022.
- Made a presentation on ‘BBIN Connectivity’ at the webinar on "BBIN Connectivity: Way Forward" organised by The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) on 28 February 2022.
- Participated in the Brainstorming Session on growing inter-connectedness between national security, defence, foreign policy, economic development, financial inclusion and gender equality organised by Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) on 24 February 2022.
- Keynote Speaker in the session on Digital Healthcare Revolution at the virtual Brainstorming Workshop on theme ‘Post-COVID19 Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track’ organised jointly by the University of Mauritius, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat on 24 February 2022.
- Participated in the Interactive session on expanding India’s footprint in the Arctic organised by National Security Council Secretariat on 23 February 2022.
- Moderated the virtual Session on ‘EU-India Connectivity to celebrate EU-India relations in the context of India@75 celebration’s organised by the EU Policy & Outreach Project in India on 22 February 2022.
- Participated in the Brainstorming meeting on LIFE -the role of lifestyles in addressing climate change organised by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 16 February 2022.

- Participated in the Round Table Discussion on "AYUSH Sector Promotion: Identifying Product Categories for Financial and Regulatory Support" organised by Ministry of Ayush on 14 February 2022.
- Made a presentation on Global Health Architecture and Financing at the T20 Indonesia 2022 - Inception Conference organised by T20 Secretariat, 9 February 2022.
- Delivered 23rd Malayala Manorama Annual Budget organised by Malayala Manorama on 4 February 2022.
- Moderated the Session on 'Operational innovations in knowledge sharing: Examples for effective and sustainable operations' at the South-South and Triangular Cooperation Forum themed "Harnessing South-South and Triangular Cooperation: How to accelerate contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" organised jointly by Rwanda Cooperation, APC Colombia and the German Development Institute on 19 January 2022.
- Made a presentation on 'One Health Security: Safeguarding Against (Re-) Emerging Veterinary and zoonosis Diseases in Africa: Key Challenges and Opportunities in Implementation of One Health Strategy in LMICs' in the Panel Discussion on 'Addressing critical bottlenecks & opportunities

for the effective implementation of One Health Programs in low-and-middle income countries' organised jointly by the Global Alliance for Pandemic Preparedness And Response (APAR), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA- NEPAD) on 19 January 2022.

- Participated as a Co-chair of TF8 on Managing and financing local and social infrastructure development (PA-6) in the Kick of Meeting for Co-chairs and Thematic Coordinators of TF8 organised by T20 Secretariat on 17 January 2022.
- Made a presentation on University Think-tank Connect - Inferences for India-China Studies at the panel discussion organised during Synergence 2022 - The Knowledge Week by Shiv Nadar University (SNU) on 5 January 2022.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Participated in the webinar on India Exim Bank instituted the International Economic Research Annual (IERA) Award: 2020 organised by EXIM Bank of India on 21 March 2022.
- Participated in the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) - Funded Virtual Brainstorming Workshop on "Post-COVID-19 - Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track" and made a

presentation on Emerging Blue Economy in IORA: Changing Dynamic of the Manufacturing Set-up, organised by The University of Mauritius and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and the IORA Secretariat, Mauritius on 23 February 2022.

- Participated in the Virtual Inception Conference of the T20 Secretariat, Jakarta Indonesia regarding discussion on policy brief on Greening the Global Trade: Policy Options for Developing Countries on 10 February 2022.
- Submitted policy recommendations for the T20 policy brief on Greening the Global Trade: Policy Options for Developing Countries on 17 January 2022 and has been accepted by T20 Secretariat, Indonesia on 5 February 2022.
- Participated in the meeting regarding Joint Working Group on India-GCC FTA organised by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi on 2 February 2022.
- Participated in the luncheon meeting to discuss the draft export policy of Madhya Pradesh 2022-2027 on 10 January 2022.
- Participated in the meeting on Current Economic Scenario of Madhya Pradesh - Madhya Pradesh GDP task force virtual meeting organised by Department of Planning, Economics and Statistics, Government of Madhya Pradesh on 7 January 2022.

Dr Priyadarshi Dash Associate Professor

- Served as a Discussant for the UKIERI-DST Conference on 'AI, Cyber Risks and Data Science for FinTech and Digital Economy' organised by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and University of Essex on 14 January 2022.
- Served as a Discussant in the virtual seminar on 'Post-Pandemic Infrastructure and Global Public Goods in the G20' organised by G20 Indonesia in collaboration with B20 Indonesia, RIS and Global Solutions Initiative on 18 February 2022.
- Served as a Speaker in the Strategic Roundtable Discussion on 'The Importance of Industry in Driving Forward Digitalization and Environmental Sustainability in G20 Countries and Beyond' organised by G20 Indonesia, T20 Indonesia and UNIDO on March 24, 2022.

Mr Rajeev Kher Distinguished Fellow

- Participated in a Webinar on "India-Japan Partnership Towards Resilient Supply Chains" organized by ICRIER on 31 March 2022.
- Participated in a Flagship Seminar on "Asia and the Changing Global Economy: Outlook and Risks Ahead" organized by The Centre for Social and Economic Progress on 30 March 2022.

- Participated in a conference on 4th Edition "Arbitration in the Era of Globalization: organized by ICA and FICCI on 19 March 2022.
- Participated in a webinar on "Can we design a carbon tax that doesn't create trade conflicts?" organised by Peterson Institute for International Economics on 16 March 2022.
- Participated in the Director Power e-Meeting organized by Asian Centre for Corporate Governance & Sustainability on 18 February 2022.
- Participated in the 4th Annual Senior Care Conclave : Building the Silver Economy organized by Confederation of Indian Industry on 11 February 2022.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Board meeting of Airtel Bank on 10-11 February 2022.
- Participated in a Flagship Seminar & Book Launch- The Struggle and The Promise: Restoring India's Potential organized by The Centre for Social and Economic Progress on 9 February 2022.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the board meeting organized by Goodyear India Limited on 1 February 2022.
- Participated in the Disciplinary Committee - Bench-II Meeting organized by Institute of Accountants of India on 19 and 31 January 2022.

- Participated in a Pre-board meeting on Whistle Blower on 31 January 2022.
- Invited to join Budget Special English Prime Time Show on Boosting Trade and Commerce organized by Sansad TV on 22 January 2022.
- Participated in the Airtel Payments Bank draft strategy note discussions on 18 January 2022.
- Participated as Honorary Member of NABCB Advisory Committee on 17 January 2022.

Dr P. K. Anand Visiting Fellow

- Participated in the webinar on 'India-Japan Partnership Towards Resilient Supply Chains', organised by ICRIER on 31 March, 2022.
- Participated in webinar on 'Advancing India-Australia-Pacific Islands Development Cooperation, organised by RIS in collaboration with The Asia Foundation on, 31 March 2022.
- Participated in the Summit on the 'Digital Wellbeing' on 30 March 2022 organised by King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.
- Participated in the Summit on 'Listen to the world: Promoting social well-being within planetary boundaries', organised by Global Solutions on March, 28-29 March 2022.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Participated in the STIP Lecture on 'Rewiring the Brain: Is It Possible?' by Dr K. Sridhar, Honorary Secretary, Neurological Society of India coordinated by RIDS with Vigyan Prasar on 28 March 2022.
 - Participated in the TF5 meeting as co-author for the Policy Brief titled, 'Education for survival- Strengthening multi-sectoral and integrated policy approaches to early childhood as a global common good', on 23 March 2022.
 - Participated in the ICRIER-PRI Workshop on 'Policy Responses to COVID19 in India and Japan and Prospects for Economic Cooperation Going Ahead', on 22 March 2022.
 - Participated in the web dialogue entitled: 'Development of North Eastern Indian Region and Neighbourhood: India-Japan Collaboration for Fostering Entrepreneurship and People Connectivity', on 3 March 2022, organised by the Asian Confluence, India East Asia Centre.
 - Participated in the STIP Policy lecture on Solar Energy by Dr. Ajay Mathur, DG, ISA, on 28 February 2022.
 - Participated in the RIS, ICWA, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) organised, Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue 2022 on February 24, 2022.
 - Participated in the webinar on 'Indonesia's G20 Presidency: Economic Transformation to Recover Together and Recover Stronger', organised by T20 Secretariat, Indonesia on 24 February 2022.
 - Participated in the meeting on, 'Celebrating 30 Years of ASEAN-India Relations Evolving Strategic Architecture in Indo-Pacific', held on 18th February 2022.
 - Participated in Seminar on the theme 'Post-Pandemic Infrastructure and Global Public Goods in the G20' collaborated by RIS and Global Solutions Initiative along with G20 Indonesia, on 18 February 2022.
 - Participated in the T20 Inception Conference titled 'Realizing Inclusive Recovery from The COVID-19 Pandemic', on 9 and 10th February 2022.
 - Participated in the 'Debate on the Rural Development Report 2021: Food system midstreams', on 3 February 2022, organised by IFAD.
 - Participated in the webinar on 'Making agrifood systems more resilient to shocks and stresses' organised by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on 19 January, 2022.
 - Participated in the Summit on the "Digital Wellbeing" on 30 March 2022 organised by King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (virtual).
 - Participated in the hybrid Summit on "Listen to the world: Promoting social well-being within planetary boundaries" organised by Global Solutions on March, 28-29 March 2022 (virtual).
 - Participated in the ICRIER-PRI Workshop on "Policy Responses to COVID19 in India and Japan and Prospects for Economic Cooperation Going Ahead" 22 March 2022.
 - Participated in the webinar on "Indonesia's G20 Presidency: Economic Transformation to Recover Together and Recover Stronger" organised by T20 Secretariat, Indonesia on 24 February 2022.
 - Participated in the webinar on "Making agrifood systems more resilient to shocks and stresses" organised by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on 19 January, 2022.
- Dr Pankhuri Gaur**
Assistant Professor
- Participated in discussion in the Department of Commerce on 9 March, 2022.
 - Held an interactive session with IsDB Team on 19 January, 2022.
- Mr Krishna Kumar**
Visiting Fellow
- Participated in the webinar on "India-Japan Partnership Towards Resilient Supply Chains" organised by ICRIER on March 31, 2022 (virtual).

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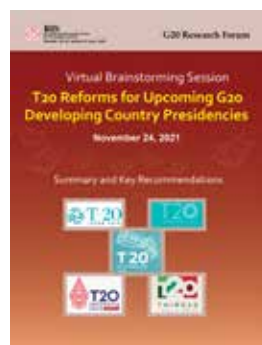
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