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## RIS Silver Jubilee Events

# High-level International Conference on Financial Crisis, Global Economic Governance and Development: Responses of Asia and the Global South

To launch the Silver Jubilee celebrations of RIS, a High-level International Conference on Financial Crisis, Global Economic Governance and Development: Responses of Asia and the Global South was organized on 6-7 February 2009 in New Delhi. This Conference combined the major themes of RIS' work. The Conference was organized in collaboration with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore; Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia; Global Development and Environment (GDAE) Institute at Tufts University, Medford, USA; Centro De Investigaciones Para La Transformacion, (CENIT), Buenos Aires, Argentina; Commonwealth Secretariat, UK; Asian Development Bank, Manila; Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan and Ford Foundation, USA.

Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble External Affairs and Finance Minister delivered the Inaugural Address, H.E. Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank delivered a Keynote Address in the Inaugural Session chaired by Dr. Arjun Sengupta, M.P. and Chairman, RIS. The Commonwealth Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Kamesh Sharma delivered a dinner



(From left) : Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble External Affairs and Finance Minister delivering the Inaugural Address; Dr. Nagesh Kumar, DG, RIS; H.E. Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, ADB, Manila; Dr. Arjun Sengupta, M.P. and Chairman, RIS; Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Director, ISEAS, Singapore; Dr. Junko Chano, Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo at the inaugural session of the Conference.

address on 6 February, the SAARC Secretary-General H.E. Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma delivered a Keynote Address on 7 February, and Ambassador H. S. Puri, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, delivered the Valedictory Address at the Session chaired by Ambassador Leela Ponappa, Vice-Chairperson, RIS.

The High-Level Conference brought together heads or senior experts from policy

think-tanks across the world and international development agencies with whom RIS has developed institutional networking links. It had a representation of more than 35 institutions from outside India and numerous institutions within the country.

The Report of the Conference has been issued as RIS Policy Brief # 41. The documentation of the Conference is available at [www.ris.org.in](http://www.ris.org.in).

## First Silver Jubilee Lecture by Professor Jan Pronk



Professor Jan Pronk delivering the lecture. Also seen in the picture are Professor Muchkund Dubey, Dr. Arjun Sengupta and Dr. Nagesh Kumar.

Professor of Theory and Practice of International Development at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in the Hague, he was elected as President of the SID, Rome in 2008. A large number of audience attended the lecture and also participated in the question-answer session that followed.

In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of its establishment, RIS has launched an Eminent Persons Lecture Series. The First Silver Jubilee Eminent Persons Lecture was delivered by Professor Jan Pronk on Globalization, Sustainable Development and Conflict on 24 March, 2009 in New Delhi. Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD and Chairman, RIS Research Advisory Council chaired. Dr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairman, RIS made the opening remarks. Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

Professor Pronk is a leading thinker on international development and policy. Professor Pronk served as the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation and as Minister of Housing, Special Planning and Environment. He has been Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD; Co-Chairman, Global Coalition for Africa; and Special Envoy of UN Secretary-General for the World Summit on Sustainable and Development, among many positions. Currently a

# Thought Leaders from across the world at the RIS Silver Jubilee Conference



**Session 2: Global Economic Crisis and Asia: Challenges Faced by the Real Economies in Select Asian Countries and Their Responses.** Dr. Duncan Campbell, Director, ILO, Geneva; Dr. Mahani Zainal-Abidin, Director-General, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur; Dr. Arjun Sengupta, M. P. (Rajya Sabha) and Chairman, RIS (in the chair); Dr. Jomo Sundaram, Asst. Secretary General for Development, UN, New York; Dr. Long Guoqiang, Deputy Director General, DRC of the State Council, Beijing, China; and Professor K.P. Kannan, Member, NCEUS, India.



**Session 3: Responding to the Financial Crisis: Towards a More Development-Friendly and Democratic Global Financial Architecture.** Dr. Delff Kotte, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policy, UNCTAD; Prof. Jayati Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Dr. Amar Bhattacharya, Director, G-24 Secretariat, Washington, D.C.; Dr. C. Rangarajan, M.P. and former Governor, Reserve Bank of India (in the chair); Dr. Cyrus Rustomjee, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London; and Mr. M.K. Venu, Editor (Edit Page), The Economic Times.



**Session 4: Crisis and the Broader Regional Cooperation in Asia: Architecture for Regional Keynesianism and Narrowing Development Gaps.** Dr. H. Nishimura, Executive Director, ERIA, Japan; Dr. Jusuf Wanandi, Vice-Chairman, CSIS, Jakarta; Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Director, ISEAS, Singapore (in the chair); Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, RIS; and Dr. Suthipand Chirathivat, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.



**Special Address: Commonwealth Secretary General H. E. Mr. Kamlesh Sharma delivering the Special Dinner Address.**

**Session 5: Deepening South Asian Economic Integration in an Era of Crisis: Role of SAARC and BIMSTEC.** H. E. Dr. Sheelkant Sharma, SAARC Secretary-General, Kathmandu delivering the Keynote Address. Other speakers Dr. Prabir De, Fellow, RIS (not in the picture); Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute for Policy Studies, Colombo; Professor Muchkund Dubey, Chairman, Research Advisory Council, RIS and President, CSD; (in the chair) and Ambassador Farook Sobhan, Chairman, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Dhaka; and Dr. Biplove Chaudhary, Officer-in-charge, APTII, UNDP-RCC Colombo.



**Session 6: Sharing Each Other's Dynamism and Development Experiences: Role of South-South Cooperation.** Dr. Ludovico Alcorta, Director, Research and Statistics, UNIDO, Vienna; Dr. Newai Gebre-ab, Economic Adviser to the PM and Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute; Dr. Enrique Saravia, Getulio Vargas Foundation, EBAPF-FGV, Brazil; Dr. Nitin Desai, former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations (in the chair); Dr. Samuel Wangwe, formerly Executive Director, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania; and Dr. S.K. Mohanty, Senior Fellow, RIS (not visible).



**Session 7: Financial Crisis and Trade, Industrial and IPR Policies for Development: Beyond Washington Consensus?** Dr. Andres Lopez, Director, CENT, Argentina; Dr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, CEO, ICTSD, Geneva; Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi, former Chairperson, CSSP, Jawaharlal Nehru University (in the chair); Mr. Kamal Malhotra, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Kuala Lumpur; Dr. Tim Wise, Director, Research and Public Policy, GDAE, Tufts University; and Dr. Rajesh Mehta, Senior Fellow, RIS.



**Valedictory Session: Ambassador H.S. Puri, Secretary (ER) delivering the Valedictory Address.** Other Speakers Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS (not visible); Ambassador Leela Ponappa, Vice-Chairperson, RIS (in the chair); Dr. H. Nishimura, Executive Director, ERIA; Dr. Tim Wise, Director, Research and Public Policy; and Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS.



# IBSA Academic Summit on Partnership for Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Globalization

IBSA has emerged as an important forum bringing together three leading emerging countries from three continents in the South to reflect on global issues as well as on strengthening their partnership for mutual benefit. As part of the Third IBSA Summit, held in New Delhi on 13-15 October 2008, RIS, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs, coordinated a high-level Academic Forum on IBSA Partnership for Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Globalization, held in New Delhi on 13-14 October 2008. The Academic Forum brought together senior academics and expert from leading think-tanks and other members of civil society from India, Brazil and South Africa for a discussion on themes of mutual interest and common concerns of development.

Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Arjun Sengupta, M.P. and Chairman RIS made Chairperson's remarks. Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS; Dr. Paulo G. Fagundes Vizontini, Centre of Strategy and International Relations, UFRGS, Brazil; Dr. J.A. Velaphi Bhali, Global Partnership, Government of Republic of South Africa; and Mr. Nalin Surie, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs also addressed the inaugural session.

The first session on Global Economic Governance and Development covered the discussion in the context of US financial crisis. The speakers in the session were: Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, from India; Dr. Claudio Costa Pinheiro, Campinas State University, Brazil and Professor Adam Habib, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Arif A. Waqif, Adjunct Professor, ICAFI School of Public Policy, Hyderabad was the Discussant.

The second session was on IBSA and the Energy Security for Development. Mr. Narendra Singh Sisodia, Director-General, Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) chaired. The speakers included India: Dr. Rekha Krishnan, Visiting Fellow, Centre for Research on Energy Security, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), India; Dr. Paulo G. Gagundes Vizontini, Centre of Strategy and International Relations, UFRGS, Brazil; Professor M. Jeenah, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa. Discussants included Professor A.K. Pasha, Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS.



Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister releasing the RIS report The Trinity of the South at the inaugural session of the IBSA Academic Forum.

The third session had the theme IBSA and the Food Security for Development. Professor G.K. Chadha, Member, Economic Advisory Council to PM chaired. The speakers included Dr. Ashok Gulati, Director in Asia, and Ms. Kavary Ganguly, Senior Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi; Dr. Paulo G. Gagundes Vizontini, Centre of Strategy and International Relations, UFRGS, Brazil; Professor M. Jeenah, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa. Professor Jacob John Kattakayam, Dean,

Cooperation in IBSA: Potential and Challenges. Dr. Nitin Desai, former Under Secretary General, UN chaired. The speakers included from India Dr. S.K. Mohanty, RIS. Dr. Dinesh Abrol, National Institute of Science, Technology and Development (NISTADS). Dr. André Nassif, Economist, Brazilian Development Bank, Brazil; Professor Adam Habib, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg, and Professor M. Jeenah, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa. Discussants included Professor Ajay Kumar

Dubey, Chairman, Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Professor Vijay Kumar Kaul, Department of Business Economics (University of Delhi) Dr. T. Nirmala Devi, Director, Centre for SAARC Studies, Andhra University, Dr. Anshuman Gupta, RIS and Dr. Gurpreet Singh Bhatia, RIS were the rapporteurs.

The Report of Academic Forum was presented to the Leaders of the IBSA Countries at their Summit Meeting on 15 October 2008 by

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS. RIS has issued the Report of the Forum as RIS Policy Brief # 39. The documentation of the Forum is available at the RIS website.



(From left): Prof. J.J. Kattakayam, Prof. M. Jeenah, Prof. G. K. Chadha, Prof. P. G. G. Vizontini and Dr. Ashok Gulati at a session of the IBSA Academic Forum.

Faculty of Social Sciences & Director, UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Kerala was the discussant.

The session five was on Economic

### Seminar on Development Cooperation: Emerging Trends, Patterns and Policies



(From left): Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Mr. S.R. Rao, Ambassador Sudhir T. Devare, Mr. Eckhard Deutscher and Dr. Nagesh Kumar at the Seminar.

The international development cooperation has been an important source and expertise of foreign resources for developing countries. Development assistance provided by OECD countries to developing countries has tended to stagnate and remain much below the target of 0.75 per cent of GDP, adopted by United Nations long time ago. In the meanwhile, large developing countries such as China and India have emerged as important sources of development cooperation for co-developing countries. To take a stock of the emerging trends and patterns of development activities,

RIS organized a Seminar on Development Cooperation: Emerging Trends, Patterns and Policies, on 20 November 2008. Ambassador Sudhir T. Devare, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, chaired the Seminar. The programme began with welcome remarks by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS. Mr. Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), OECD, Paris, Mr. S.R. Rao, Executive Director, EXIM Bank, Mumbai and Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, RIS made presentations which were followed by open discussion.

### Seminar on the Global Financial Crisis and India



(From left): Professor Ajit Singh, Professor Muchkund Dubey and Dr. Nagesh Kumar at the Seminar.

A Brainstorming-cum-Discussion Seminar on the Global Financial Crisis and India was held in RIS on 24 December 2008 with Professor Ajit Singh, Professor of Economics & Senior Fellow, Queens' College, University of Cambridge. The Seminar began with opening remarks by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS, Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD and Chairman of RIS Research Advisory Council moderated the discussion.

### Seminar on Globalization, Productivity and Employment



(From left): Professor Sumit K. Majumder, Professor Dipak Mazumdar, Mr. Ajay Shankar and Dr. Nagesh Kumar at the Seminar.

In the context of the global economic crisis, RIS organized a Seminar on Globalization, Productivity and Employment on 16 December in New Delhi. The programme began with welcome remarks by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, DG-RIS. Mr. Ajay Shankar, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion chaired the Seminar. Professor Sumit K. Majumder, University of Texas at Dallas, USA and Professor Dipak Mazumdar, University of Toronto, Canada made key presentations which were followed by open discussion.

### Seminar on Regional Infrastructure for Asia's Economic Integration



(From left) : Dr. Biswa Bhattacharyay, Dr. Nagesh Kumar, and Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala at the Seminar.

In the context of global financial crisis, regional economic cooperation in Asia has assumed a new relevance and urgency. Infrastructure development and connectivity is a key driver for development and promoting regional economic integration. To discuss the potential, challenges and policies on the subject, RIS organized a Seminar on Regional Infrastructure for Asia's Economic Integration, on 22 December 2008 in New Delhi. Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General made initial remarks. Dr. Biswa Bhattacharyay, Special Adviser, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo and Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, RIS initiated the discussion on the subject. This was followed up by an open discussion.

### Fourth Asian Conference on Biotechnology and Development

The Fourth Asian Conference on Biotechnology and Development was organized by RIS in collaboration with Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC) in Kathmandu on 12-13 February 2009. The Conference was supported by UNESCO.

Mr. Tek Bhadur Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, RIS made the welcome remarks. H.E. Mr. Jayaprakash P. Gupta, Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives, Government of Nepal delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Govindan Parayil, Vice-Rector, United Nations University and Director, Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), Japan delivered the keynote address. Prof. Parashuram Lal Karna, Executive Director, Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC), Kathmandu proposed the vote of thanks. About 90 participants from 19 countries and 7 international organizations participated in the Conference. From India Dr. S. R. Rao, Adviser, Department of Biotechnology; and Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas,



Participants of the Fourth Asian Conference on Biotechnology and Development.

Associate Fellow, RIS, among others, participated.

The Conference was an effort to collectively explore how best Asia and other developing countries may strategize optimum returns on their technological and R&D

investments. It was part of the RIS initiative launched in collaboration with UNESCO and with the support from many other national agencies.

The report of the Conference is available at RIS website.

### Conference on India-ASEAN Economic Partnership: Trade and Investment Opportunities

India has concluded negotiations for ASEAN-India FTA recently in Singapore at the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting. Linking together the dynamic economies of the ten ASEAN countries and India in trade pact is an important event in the direction of broader architecture for regional economic cooperation in Asia. Against that background, RIS jointly with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), New Delhi organized a Conference on India-ASEAN Economic Partnership: Trade and Investment Opportunities on 24 November 2008 in New Delhi. The programme began with the welcome remarks by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS and opening remarks by Dr. Sheela Bhide, CMD, ITPO. Mr. Yogendra Kumar, Additional Secretary (MER), MEA made inaugural remarks. Mr. P.K. Dash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry chaired the first technical session on India-ASEAN FTA in Goods. Mr. Subhash Bose Pillai, Minister Counsellor (Economic Affairs) Malaysian High Commission; Dr Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS; and Mr Dilip Chenoy, Director General, Society of Indian



Mr. Yogendra Kumar, Additional Secretary (MER), Ministry of External Affairs making his inaugural remarks at the Conference. Also seen in the picture are Mr. P. K. Dash, Dr. Nagesh Kumar and Dr. Sheela Bhide, CMD, ITPO.

Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), New Delhi were the panelists. The technical session II on Opportunities for India-ASEAN Investment Cooperation was chaired by Ambassador Navrekha Sharma, former Ambassador in the Philippines and Indonesia. Mr S.R. Rao, Executive Director, EXIM Bank

of India; Mr. D. Matsushima, Senior Director, JETRO; Dr. Raj Agarwal, Director & Professor, IILMS; and Mr N.L. Lakhanpal, former Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India were the panelists. A large number of participants took part in the open discussion that followed.

### Capacity Building Module on International and Regional Economic Cooperation Issues

Under the 47<sup>th</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) of the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs, RIS organized the capacity building module on international and regional economic cooperation issues on 9 and 12 March 2009. The training module included lecture themes such as world trading system and development, WTO negotiations on agriculture: issues and the current status; NAMA negotiations: implications for developing countries; reforming the international financial architecture; conceptual and policy issues in regional trading arrangements (RTAs), regional economic cooperation in South Asia: potentials and constraints; negotiating issues in RTAs, India-ASEAN economic cooperation and climate change and prospects of regional cooperation.



*Participants of the PCFD course at RIS for Module.*



*University and College Teachers at RIS for Training Module.*

### Training Module on Understanding Regional Economic Cooperation in Asia

RIS organized a Training Module on Understanding Regional Economic Cooperation in Asia in conjunction with UGC Refresher Training Programme in Economics for College and University Teachers conducted by the Academic Staff College, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University on 5 November 2008. The programme began with an introduction session on Understanding Emerging Regionalism in Asia by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS. This was followed by presentations on Some Aspects of South Asian Economic Integration by Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS; Issues in Transport Connectivity in Asia by Dr. Prabir De, Fellow, RIS; and Methodologies for Assessment of Gains in RTAs by Dr. Rajesh Mehta, Senior Fellow, RIS. The participants provided feedback in the concluding session.



*Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala leading a session at the Training Module.*

### Training Module on Global Economic Issues: Implications for Developing Countries

RIS organized a Training Module on Global Economic Issues: Implications for Developing Countries in conjunction with 46<sup>th</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats conducted by Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on 10 November 2008. The programme began with an introductory session on WTO and Developing Countries by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, DG-RIS. It was followed by a presentation WTO Agreements and Implications by Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, RIS; and International Financial System by Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, RIS. In the Concluding Session participants gave feedback on the course content.

# Capacity-Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)

In an attempt to contribute to capacity-building in other developing countries, RIS launched a four week long training programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP) in a new compact format in 2005/06 in conjunction with the Government of India's ITEC Programme.

The response and feedback has been very good. This programme has attracted middle level officials dealing with international economic issues in developing countries, providing to us an additional avenue to disseminate in-house research and an Indian perspective on international economic issues and negotiations.

The Fourth Batch comprising 16 participants (including a self-funded participant from Brazil) attended the course from 16 February 2009 to 13 March 2009. The programme took place in conjunction with the Capacity-Building Programme on Global and Regional Economic Cooperation Issues (GRECI).

The programme is attracting senior officials from all across the developing world holding important portfolios. The participants included: Mr. Akissi Atse Roland Olivier,



IEIDP participants with programme coordinator and Director-General, RIS.

Cote d' Ivoire; Mr. Jorge Fernandez Crespo, Cuba; Ms. Nguyen Thuy Phuong, Vietnam; Ms. Mary Ngwe Ngu Ekukole, Cameroon; Ms. Ako Pauline Eneke, Cameroon; Mr. Josef Novotny, Czech Republic; Ms. Riina Maesalu, Estonia; Mrs Claudine Boampoundi Sawadogo, Burkina Faso; Mrs Esther Aladi Achema, Nigeria; Ms. Ekaterina Pologova,

Republic of Belarus; Ms. Ushanova Tatyana, Kazakhstan; Ms. Tamara Lahovski Fox, Croatia; Ms. Naira Ghazaryan, Republic of Armenia; Mrs Karen Molina, Chile; Mr. Vladimir Tkachik, Republic of Belarus; and Mr. Adriano José Timossi, Brazil. Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS was the programme coordinator.

# Capacity-Building Programme on Global and Regional Economic Cooperation Issues (GRECI)

As reported earlier, RIS has launched the Global and Regional Economic Cooperation Issues (GRECI) programme with the support of ERIA.

The first batch of ERIA programme, which ran during 11 February 2008 to 7 March 2008, had 8 participants while the Second Batch conducted during 6 February 2009 to 6 March 2009 had 12 participants.

The programme ran in conjunction with the Capacity-Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP).

The GRECI participants included mainly government officials dealing with regional cooperation issues and academics in the EAS countries.

The participants in the programme held February-March 2009 were: Ms. Pham Thi Xuan Mai, Vietnam; Dr. Liu Xiangfeng, China; Ms. Andrea Chloe Wong, Philippines; Mr. Neth Naro, Cambodia; Mr. Vanxay Sayavong, Lao PDR; Mr. Liam Findlay, Australia; Mr. James Jiannhua To, New Zealand; Ms. Bulanchai



GRECI participants with programme coordinator and Director-General, RIS.

Udomariyasap, Thailand; Mr. Faizal Izany Bin Mastor, Malaysia; Mr. Myint Aung, Myanmar; Ms. Ei Ei Khine, Myanmar; and Mr. Fajar B. Hirawan, Indonesia.

The programme has received very positive feedback from the participants. Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS was the programme coordinator.

### Conservative Friends of India MPs from UK at RIS

A group of Conservative Friends of India MPs from the UK visited RIS on 28 November 2008. They included Hon'ble Mr. Shailesh Vara; Hon'ble Mr. Stephen Hammod MP, Shadow Transport Minister; Hon'ble Mr. Stephen Crabb, MP; Baroness Flather, Hon'ble Mr. Edward Vaizey, MP, Shadow Minister for Arts, Hon'ble Mr. Mark Pritchard, Hon'ble Mr. Simon Burns, Hon'ble Mr. Crispin Blunt, Hon'ble Mr. James Clappison, Hon'ble Mr. Greg Clarke, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office, Hon'ble Mr. Nigel Ewnas, Hon'ble Mr. Mark Field, Hon'ble Mr. Peter Luff, Hon'ble Mr. Brooks Newmark, Shadow Whip, Hon'ble Mr. Hugh Robertson, Shadow Sports Minister, Hon'ble Mr. David Ruffley, MP, Shadow Home Affairs, Hon'ble Mr. Robert Walter, MP, and Hon'ble Mr. David Wilshire, Hon'ble Mr. Shailesh Vara was the Chairperson of CPFIN.

From RIS Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, made presentation on different aspects of the Indian economy. Earlier Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow made a presentation on the work programme of the RIS. This was followed by interactive session.



Conservative Friends of India MPs from UK at RIS.

### Delegation of MPs from Tajikistan at RIS

A delegation of 11 MPs from Tajikistan visited RIS on 26 February 2009.

The leader of the delegation was Hon'ble Mr. Salimov Olim, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs, Social Affairs and Information. Other members of the delegation were Hon'ble Mr. Solijonov Nodirjon, Member of Commission on Control of Instruction and Organization of Works; Hon'ble Ms. Hakimova Khatica Fathulloeva, Member of Committee on Constitution, Legalization and Human Rights; Hon'ble Mr. Hisoriev Mahmadamin Ismatovich, Member of Committee on Science Education and Youth Policy; Hon'ble Mr. Okhunov Inomjon Nurmatovich, Member of Committee on Local



Delegation of MPs from Tajikistan at RIS.

Management; Hon'ble Mr. Salimov Abdjuralol, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Industry, Construction and Communication; Hon'ble Ms. Uzokova Zulfiya Anvarovna, Member of Committee on Constitution, Legalization and Human Rights; Hon'ble Mr. Bobokalonov Abdjalil, Member of Committee on Family Health and Ecology; Hon'ble Mr. Sadridinov Badriddin Talbakovich; Member of Committee on Agriculture and Social Affairs; and Hon'ble Mr. Kasim Mukhtarov, Adviser to the Committee on International Affairs.

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS made a presentation on the work programme of the RIS. It was followed by an interactive session.

### Visit of Parliamentarians of Indian Origin from South Africa



Indian Origin Parliamentarians from South Africa at RIS.

A delegation of the South African MPs of Indian origin visited RIS on 10 December 2008 for an interactive session on Indian economy. The members of the delegation included: Hon'ble Mr. Mewa Ramgobin, African National Congress (leader of delegation); Hon'ble Mr. Rafeek Shah, Democratic Alliance; Hon'ble Mr. Salam Abram, African National Congress;

Hon'ble Dr. Ismail Mahomed Cachalia, African National Congress; Hon'ble Mr. Zonaid Kotwal, African National Congress; Hon'ble Ms. Farida Mahomed, African National Congress; Hon'ble Ms. Santosh Vinita Kalyan, Democratic Alliance; Hon'ble Mr. Alex Chekkat Jacob, African National Congress; and Hon'ble Narend Singh, Inkatha Freedom Party.

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS made a presentation on the different facets of the Indian economy. It was followed an interactive session with the honourable MPs

### Visit of the Journalists of Indian Origin

A delegation of journalists of Indian origin from 16 countries visited RIS on 4 January 2009. The members of the delegation included: Ms. Suryatapa Bhattacharya, UAE; Mr. Balan Moses, Malaysia; Mr. Fakir Hassen, South Africa; Mr. Subry Govender, South Africa; Mr. Amit Roy, UK; Mr. Ajit Jain, Canada; Mr. Ramesh Jaura, Germany; Mr. Anand Sawant Mulloo, Mauritius; Ms. Kumud Merani, Australia; Ms. Indira Toelsie, Suriname; Ms. Fareeza Haniff, Guyana; Ms. Monika Singh, Fiji; Mrs. Mulloo Satyamistha, Mauritius; and Ms. Juhi Bharat, USA.



Journalists of Indian Origin at RIS.



### **RIS/UNESCAP/ARTNeT Gravity Modeling Initiative on “Behind the Border” Factors Affecting Trade (2008-9)**

RIS/UNESCAP/ARTNeT Gravity Modeling Initiative is designed to more closely integrate the research capacity building and research programme implementation objectives and activities of RIS, UNESCAP, and ARTNeT. The specific objectives are (i) to enhance trade-related research capacity of research institutions in the region based on Gravity Modeling; (ii) to make available to the RIS/UNESCAP/ARTNeT research community an up-to-date gravity dataset including non-tariff barriers and “behind the border” indicators; and (iii) to deliver relevant research results to the policy community and other stakeholders. It includes regional technical research workshops, support for research studies to apply techniques learned, development of related research facilitation tools, and support for dissemination of policy relevant results. This initiative is implemented by RIS/UNESCAP/ARTNeT. Additional technical and financial support are provided by WTO and UNCTAD. For further details, please contact: prabirde@ris.org.in

### **Non-Tariff Barriers**

RIS has undertaken a long-term study on Assessment of the Impacts of Non-Tariff Barriers. The goal of the project is to conduct comparative research on the impacts of non-tariff barriers (NTBs) on the competitiveness of selected countries.

In order to reach this goal, the project is based on the following specific objectives:

- (1) To map and to classify the existing NTBs in order to define the NTBs to be targeted in the various project analyses.
- (2) To create a database on NTBs that obstruct or can obstruct agro-exports for select countries, like US, Russia, Canada, Japan, etc.
- (3) To conduct a comparative analysis for assessing the level of limitations of EU's NTBs towards direct trade competitors such as Argentina, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, US, Russia, Canada, Japan, China and India.
- (4) To generate additional quantitative information through case studies for the comparative analysis in (3).

We have identified areas of the research and case studies which will be conducted for India. These identifications have been done in collaboration with other institutes of the project study. The project will be supported by European Union and will be launched in April 2009. For further details, please contact: rajeshmehta@ris.org.in.



*Participants at the inaugural session of the RIS Silver Jubilee Conference.*

### **Notes prepared for the Government of India:**

- Report of the Third IBSA Summit – Academic Forum – IBSA Partnership for Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Globalization, held on 13-14 October 2008 was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 16 October 2008.
- Inputs for US-Japan-India Strategic Dialogue in two parts dealing with prospects for an Asian architecture and perspectives on existing institutions – APEC, ASEAN; and a new institutional framework, that is Asia G8 and global financial architecture, was made available to the Special Envoy to PM on 18 October 2008.
- Note on National Security Exceptions for FDI Policy was made available to the Dy. National Security Adviser and Secretary, NSCS on 18 October 2008.
- Inputs were provided to the Ministry of External Affairs for the 14th ASEAN-India Working Group (AIWG) Meeting, held in New Delhi on 30-31 October 2008.
- Some Talking Points on BIMSTEC Economic Cooperation were sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 4 November 2008.
- A Note on EAS, CEPEA and ERIA was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 5 November 2008.
- RIS publications on financial cooperation in Asia and a Note on importance of India joining the ADB's initiative to develop Asian Currency Unit (ACU) as a unit of account for facilitation of intra-regional trade in Asia was sent to MEA on 6 November 2008.
- Some suggestions and comments on the Draft Chairman's Statement on Finance was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 26 November 2008.
- A Note on CEPEA and ERIA was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 2 December 2008.
- Copies of RIS Policy Brief on a regional mechanism for infrastructure investment along with Notes on financial crisis were sent to the Cabinet Secretary on 29 December 2008.
- Some Talking Points on CEPEA and ERIA were sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 31 December 2008.
- A Note on IORAG activities was made available to the Ministry of External Affairs on 31 December 2008.
- A Note on ASEAN-India Cooperation in Transport Infrastructure was made available to the Ministry of External Affairs on 19 January 2009
- A Note on Towards Deepening Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) : Proposals on Financing Regional Cooperation Projects was made available to the Ministry of External Affairs on 6 January 2009.
- A Note on Towards an Asian Financial Architecture: Building on Chiang-Mai initiative for Mitigating the crisis was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs on 2 January 2009
- Report on the Eighth Meeting of the Track II Study Group on CEPEA was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce on 19 March 2009.

## Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General

- Participated in the 131<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting and Chaired the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Audit Committee of the Export-Import Bank of India, held in Mumbai on 10 October 2008.
- Delivered a keynote address on Triangular and South-South Cooperation in Asia: A Paradigm Shift of Development Cooperation at the Asia-Pacific Development Cooperation Forum, organized on 21-22 October 2008 in Bangkok by the UN-ESCAP jointly with UN-DESA and UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, New York.
- Panelist at the high-level symposium on EAFTA, CEPEA, and FTAAP and beyond, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 29-31 October 2008 and organized by the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia
- Participated at the Meeting of the CSCAP India Committee held at the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi on 4 November 2008.
- Addressed the inaugural session of the BIMSTEC Business Summit 2008 on Strengthening the Economic Partnership, organized by ASSOCHM, CII and FICCI in New Delhi on 12 November 2008.
- Presented the Mid Year Review of Indian Economy, at the India International Centre in New Delhi on 14 November 2008.
- Participation in the Seventh Meeting of CEPEA Study Group, organized by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Tokyo 28 November 2008.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on impact of the current global financial crisis on the Indian economy, convened by the Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance in New Delhi on 8 December 2008.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address at the Annual Economics Festival L'economiste, Hindu College, Delhi University on 10 December 2008.
- Chaired the Panel Discussion on Global Crises and the Development Policy Discourse in South Asia at the IV South Asia Conference on Trade & Development 2008 on Trading in Development: Emerging Issues in South Asia, organized by Centre for Trade and Development (Centad) in New Delhi on 17 December 2008.
- Participated in the interaction of the Committee of Secretaries Chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on Global Recession-Measures to deal with situation, held in New Delhi on 23 December 2008.
- Participated in the 132<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exim Bank of India, held in New Delhi on 5 January 2009.
- Addressed the Round Table on India-Bangladesh Trade and Economic Cooperation, organized by the CII in New Delhi on 30 January 2009.

- Participated in the Research Institutes Network Meeting of ERIA held at Bangkok Research Centre, Bangkok on 24 February 2009.
- Participated in the Eighth Meeting of the Track II Study Group on CEPEA, held in Auckland, New Zealand on 13-14 March 2009.
- Launched to Media UN-ESCAP's *Economic and Social Survey of Asia* and the Pacific in New Delhi on 26 March 2009.
- Participated in the 133<sup>rd</sup> Meetings of the Board of Directors of Exim Bank held in New Delhi on 30 March 2009.

## Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow

- Participated in the Seminar on Indo-Iranian Relations, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in cooperation with the Institute of Political and International Studies in Tehran on 2 November 2008.
- Delivered a keynote Address at the Concluding Session of the 36th World Marketing Congress on India and Central Asia: Collaboration and Cooperation, organized by IMM in New Delhi on 13 February 2009.
- Made a presentation on Indian economy at the symposium on prospects of the Asian Economies amid the Global Financial Crisis, organized by Keizai Koho Center in Tokyo on 18 February 2009
- Made a presentation on Regional Keynesianism: Turning the Global Economic Crisis into an Opportunity for Inclusive Regional Growth at Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing on 5 March 2009.

## Dr. Rajesh Mehta, Senior Fellow

- Participated in the Conference on Globalization, Corporate Leadership and Inclusive Growth: An Indian Agenda for Global Knowledge & Local Implication, organized by CII in New Delhi on 20-21 October 2008.
- Participated in the Seminar on Relevance of the Multilateral Trading System and Doha Negotiations in Today's World, organized by ICRIER in New Delhi on 23 October 2008.
- Participated in the Symposium on The Global Financial Crisis: Implications for India, organized by ISID & IDNM in New Delhi on 13 November 2008.
- Participated in the programme on WTO Negotiations on Agriculture and Developing Countries, organized by IFPRI in New Delhi on 1 December 2008.
- Participated in the Audio Conference on Indo-Australia Joint Study Group organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Government of Australian on 10 December 2008.

- Chaired the session on Banking and Financial Inflows and Panelist on Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreement at the Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance, organized by IIFT, Kolkata, on 23-24 December 2008.
- Made a keynote presentation at the All India Seminar on Safety and Toxicity in Food Products, organized by the Institute of Engineers (India) and Avenash Society, in New Delhi on 9-10 January 2009.
- Made a presentation on World Trade Organization at the Seminar on Food Regulations and Voluntary Certification, organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industry, FICCI and QCI in Mumbai on 16 March 2009.

## Dr. S. K. Mohanty, Senior Fellow

- Delivered lectures on Economic Aspects of Regional Integration among Developing Countries; and Regional Reading Arrangements: Some Issues Relating to Theory and Practice, at the Training Programme for University Teachers, organized by UNCTAD and Centre for Development Studies on 24-25 October 2008 at Tiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Delivered a lecture on Global Financial Crisis and Implications for the India's External Sector at the Refresher Course for University Teachers, Kerala University, held at Tiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 24 October 2008.
- Made a presentation on Independence of Think-Tanks in Developing Countries at the International Conference on the Role of Think-tanks in Developing Countries, organized by Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC), Cairo, Egypt on 17-18 January 2009.
- Participated in the Research Workshop on Emerging Trade Issues for Policymakers in Developing Countries of Asia and the Pacific -New Era of Trade Governance, organized by ESCAP on 5-6 March 2009 in Manila.

## Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow

- Made a presentation on Development Aid Policies: Emerging Experience from India at the First All India Alumni and Partner Conference, organized by InWent on October 16, 2008 in New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on Trade Facilitation and Regional Integration: A View from India at the Seminar on Trade Facilitation in South Asia, organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) and FBCCI in Dhaka on 19 October 2008.
- Made a presentation on CBD and Human Resources: Is the Inclusion Possible! at the GenBenefit Research Project Meeting held on 30-31 October 2008 in Johannesburg.
- Made a presentation on WTO Agreement and Implications at the Training Module on

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- Global Economic Issues: Implications for Developing Countries organized by the Ministry of External Affairs on November 10 2008 in New Delhi.
- Participated as a discussant at the Roundtable Meeting on Global Socio Economic Impact of Biotech Crops, at the International Life Sciences Institute-India (ILSI-INDIA) in New Delhi on 13 November 2008.
  - Made a presentation on Impact of “Emerging Powers” on Governance in Partner Countries at the European Development Days on 16 November 2008, Strasbourg, France.
  - Made a presentation on India-Africa Economic Partnership: Agenda for Collective Resurgence at the ORF-RLF International Conference on Engaging with a resurgent Africa, organized by the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi on 21 November 2008.
  - Made a presentation on Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge: Indian Experience at the GBD/WTO Issues Meeting between CASTED/RIS/Uclan on 9-11 December 2008 at Beijing, China.
  - Made a presentation on Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge: Indian Experience at the Seminar on IPRs and Cyber Law organized by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal on 19 December 2008.
  - Participated in the First Advisory Committee (AC) meeting of the project Enabling Bio-innovation for Poverty Alleviation in Asia at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand. 23 January 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Issues under WTO-SPS and CBD-Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at the National Orientation Course on Biosecurity and Biosafety: Policies, Procedures and Issues at NBPGR, New Delhi on 28 January 2009.
  - Participated in the Roundtable meeting to discuss the matter regarding a legislation for protection of Traditional Knowledge at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 3 February 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge: Indian Experience at the Training Programme for WTO Officials from African countries, organized by the IIFT in New Delhi on 10 February 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Intellectual Property Rights and Trade Regime: Indian Experience at the Training Programme for State government officials, organized by the IIFT in New Delhi 10 February 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Indigenous Knowledge and Evolving Indian Regulatory Framework at the Conference on Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources, organized by George Washington University and CII, New Delhi on 24 February 2009.
  - Participated in the International Policy Dialogue on The Global Financial Crisis and International Financial Institutions –

- Governance Perspectives for Developing Countries, organized by the German Development Institute (GDI) and InWent, Berlin, Germany on 8-9 March 2009.
- Participated as an observer at the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing: Informal Consultation with the Co-chairs and regional consultations, on 31 March – 1 April 2009, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), UNESCO, Paris, France.

### **Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow**

- Delivered a lecture on India’s Trade Policy and Regional Economic Engagements to Indian Economic Service Probationers at the Institute of Economic Growth on 1 October 2008.
- Participated in the Meeting convened by Secretary (ER) on Asian Cooperation Dialogue in the Ministry of External Affairs on 6 October 2008.
- Participated in the Meetings on India-New Zealand JSG organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on 8 October 2008, 6 November 2008 and 13 January 2009.
- Participated in the Meeting convened by Additional Secretary (TC) on ITEC, in the Ministry of External Affairs on 21 October 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on New Developments in Trade Theory and Practice at the Training Programme for College Faculty and Researchers on Contemporary Issues in International Trade organized by the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum on 25 October 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on The Dynamics of South Asian Economic Integration at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 27 October 2008.
- Participated in the Meeting on Expert Group of Preferential RoO, organized by the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 29 October 2008.

- Delivered a lecture on Understanding WTO Agreements under the ITEC Programme for Foreign Journalists, organized by the Indian Institute of Mass Communication on 11 November 2008.
- Participated in the Meeting on India-Pakistan Trade Relations, organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 14 November 2008.
- Participated in the Meeting on Asian Economic Cooperation with Mr Richard A Woolcott AC, Special Envoy for the Prime Minister of Australia, organized by the Australian High Commission on 14 November 2008.
- Participated in the Meeting of the Project steering Committee on Trade and Gender, organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 17 November 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on South-South Trade and Regionalism under the Training Programme on Trade and Sustainable Development organized by TERI, Gurgaon on 27 November 2008.
- Presented paper on Imperatives of Regional Economic Integration in Asia in the Context of Developmental Asymmetries: Some Policy Suggestions in the Annual Conference 2008 on Asia’s Contribution to Global Economic Development and Stability, organized by Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) on 5 December 2008 in Tokyo.
- Presented a paper on Trade and Investment Cooperation between India and GCC at the Seminar on GCC Investments in Asia: Issues and Prospects, organized by CWAAS / Gulf Studies Programme / SIS / JNU in New Delhi on 15 January 2009.
- Participated in the Meeting on India-New Zealand JSG organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 12 February 2009.



*Participants at the evening function of the RIS Silver Jubilee Conference on day one.*

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- Delivered a lecture on Understanding Preferential Rules of Origin Some Conceptual and Policy Issues under the Training Programme for DGFT Officials, organized by the Centre for WTO Studies and IIFT on 12 February 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Asian Economic Community during a Meeting with Taiwanese Delegation, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs on 16 February 2009.
  - Participated in the Meeting on India-Indonesia JSG, organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 17 February 2009.
  - Participated in the Meeting on India-New Zealand JSG, between Trade and Commerce Ministers of New Zealand and India on 12 February 2009.
  - Presented a paper on India-ASEAN Trade and Economic Relations: Problems and Prospects at the International seminar on Culture, Trade and Development in Southeast Asia, and India's Response organized by The Society for Indian Ocean Studies on 5 March 2009 in New Delhi.
  - Participated in the preparatory meeting on India-ASEAN Summit and East Asia Summit convened by the Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs on 13 March 2009.
  - Participated as a Discussant in the National Conference on Corporate Sector, Industrialization and Economic Development in India, organized by the ISID on 27 March 2009 in New Delhi.
- Prof. I. N. Mukherji,**  
**Senior Consultant**
- Made a presentation on Multilateral Trading System and Regional Trade at the International Conference on The Role of the Private Sector in South Asian Economic Integration, organized by Asian Development Bank at Colombo on 16-17 October, 2008.
  - Made a presentation on India's Economic Diplomacy in South Asia: with Special Reference to Indo-Bangladesh CBMs at the National Maritime Foundation on 22 October, 2008.
  - Discussant at Second Session on Regional Security and Cooperation in the Changing Political Context at the International Second Annual Conference on Changing Political Context in India's Neighborhood: Prospects of Security and Regional Cooperation, organized by the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on 6 November, 2008.
  - Chaired the Technical Session-3 on SAPTA at the International Seminar on Engagement of Developing Countries in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs): An Assessment, organized by the Department of Economics, Mizoram University on 12 November, 2008.
- Made a presentation on SAARC: Past, Present and Future at the International Conference on Cooperative Development, Peace and Security in South Asia, organized by the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, on 27-29 November, 2008.
  - Chaired the Session on FTAs and Implications for South Asia at the Fourth Annual Conference on Trade and Development: Trading in Development: Emerging Issues in South Asia, organized by Centre for Trade and Development (Centad) on 17 December, 2008.
  - Appointed Member, Expert Group on Preferential Rules of Origin by the Govt. of India.
  - Made a presentation on Global Knowledge Economy: Elements and Challenges at the International Conference on Towards an Afro-Asian Knowledge—Based Society Initiative, organized by the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization, Cairo, on 11-12 January, 2009.
  - Made a presentation on Indo-Nepal Relations: Building Confidence by Strengthening Trade, Investment and Infrastructure Linkages at the International Conference on Cooperative Development, Peace and Security in South and Central Asia, organized by Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh in Kolkata on 1-2 March 2009.
  - Made a presentation on India-Pakistan Trade: Potential Unrealized at the International Seminar on India & Pakistan: the Costs of Conflict, organized by the Pakistan Studies Programme, Academy of Third world Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia on 19-20 March 2009.
  - Invited as Visiting Faculty under UGC-CAS-Phase-1 Programme in the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University to deliver lectures on India's Look East Policy on 23-30 March 2009.
- Dr. Prabir De, Fellow**
- Participated in the 14th ASEAN-India Working Group (AIWG) Meeting, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs held in New Delhi on 30-31 October 2008.
  - Delivered a lecture on Economic Reforms and Infrastructure Development in India at the 46<sup>th</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats, organized by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi on 5 November 2008.
  - Made a presentation on Transport Issues and Integration in BIMSTEC at the BIMSTEC Business Summit, organized by the ASSOCHAM-CII-FICCI, held in New Delhi on 12 November 2008.
  - Made a presentation on Trade, Infrastructure and Regional Disparity in India and China at the Global Institute Russia-India-China (RIC) 4th Annual International Conference on Emerging Super Trio: Global Economic Implications, organized by the National
- Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi; Centre for China in the World Economy (CCWE), Beijing and Centre for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR), Moscow in New Delhi on 20-21 November 2008.
  - Presented a paper on Restoring Asian Silk Route: Towards a Vision of Borderless Asia at the International Conference on Building the Southwest Corridor of the Third Asia-Europe Continental Land Bridge, organized by the Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), held at Beijing, on 24-25 November, 2008.
  - Made a presentation on Potential for Trade in Services under SAFTA on-behalf of the SAARC Regional Services Study Team, at the Policy Workshop on Intraregional Trade and Investment in South Asia, organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), at Kathmandu, on 4-5 December 2008.
  - Participated as a resource person and made a presentation on Enhancing Asia's Trade: Trade Costs Matter, at the ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research: Behind the Border Gravity Modeling, organized by UNESCAP Trade and Investment Division and ARTNeT, held at Bangkok on 15-19 December 2008.
- Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas,**  
**Associate Fellow**
- Made a presentation at the High-level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer, held on 7-8 November 2008 at Beijing.
  - Participated at the TERI-SPRU Workshop on UK-India Collaboration to overcome barriers to the transfer of low carbon energy technologies held on 28 November 2008 in New Delhi.
  - Made a presentation at IPRs, Law and Society: Inter-disciplinary Conversations at the Centre for International Legal Studies (CILS), School of International Studies (SIS), JNU, New Delhi on 7 January 2009.
  - Made a presentation and chaired a panel at National Conference on Nanotechnology and Regulatory Issues at the Centre for Research in Nanosciences & Nanotechnology, Calcutta University on 9-10 January 2009.
  - Participated at the Consultative Workshop to identify the barriers to the transfer of low carbon energy technologies, Phase-II, organized by TERI-SPRU, University of Sussex on UK-India collaboration in New Delhi on 4 February 2009.
  - Participated in the Consultation on Climate Change, organized by Centre for Trade & Development (Centad) in New Delhi on 2 March 2009.
  - Chaired a session on Bio-Cultural Diversity, Ethics, Regulation and Law at Indian Society for Human Genetics, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held in New Delhi on 20 March 2009.

## Policy Briefs

### # 38 Deepening Regional Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal: Agenda of the BIMSTEC Summit

BIMSTEC has been launched with laudable objectives of promoting cooperation in the region in mutually beneficial manner in 13 select areas. The potential for cooperation is immense in a view of the synergies of the member countries. A number of steps have been taken to evolve an institutional framework for fostering regional cooperation. It is now time for advancing the agenda for action and the expediting the implementation of programmes. The progress in BIMSTEC also has great positive implications for development of India's north eastern region transforming it as India's gateway to the East. The Policy Brief called upon the Delhi Summit to give a new thrust towards promoting in integration within the region.

### # 39 IBSA Partnership for Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Globalization: Report of Third IBSA Summit Academic Forum

The Academic Forum addressed three themes for a detailed discussion under the broad theme of IBSA partnership for shared prosperity and inclusive globalization. These included global economic governance and development, food and energy security, and potential and challenges for IBSA economic cooperation. Besides, it reflected on the future directions of the Forum to make it more effective. The Policy Brief presents a Report of the discussion.

### # 40 Reforming the Bretton Woods System for Inclusive Development and Democratic Global Governance

The policy brief presents some thoughts on how a more effective global governance can be promoted in one vital area, namely, the financial sector. It argues that lack of international surveillance on the country with "license" to print international money (namely, the US) was at the root of the current global financial crisis. It also argues that on present trends, the financial crisis may soon be transmuted into a major economic crisis with the risks of repetition of the nightmare scenario of the 1930s. It suggests the way forward like globalization of IMF.

### #41 Financial Crisis, Global Economic Governance and Development: Responses of Asia and the Global South

The Policy Brief presents the report of the High Level Conference on Financial Crisis, Global Economic Governance and Development: Responses of Asia and the Global South. The main objective of the Conference was to understand the impact of the global financial crisis on developing countries and discuss the policy responses by Asian countries and the global South at national, regional and global levels. Hopefully, these efforts would make the world economically more equitable and sustainable in future. Towards this goal, imperatives of designing a 'Southern Consensus' on a new development paradigm cannot be overemphasised.

## Discussion Papers

### #146 Livestock Industrialization, Trade and Social-Health-Environment Impacts in Developing Countries: A Case of Indian Poultry Sector by Rajesh Mehta, Clare A. Narrod and Marites M. Tiongco

**Abstract:** This paper presents the results of an empirical study of the Indian Poultry Industry which is specially focused on the social and environmental outcomes generated by the rapidly increasing scale of egg and broiler production in India. Among the effects of these rapid changes that occurred in the poultry industry include increased risk for animal health, changes in demand patterns in terms of amount, quality, and food safety, higher prices for high value items; but there is also a threat to smallholders that they will be excluded from more demanding markets. There are important questions, which have arisen with the industrialization of poultry activity in India. Is the scaling up of production driving small producers to disadvantage on account of high transaction costs, policy distortions and environment externalities? Why do some poultry farms have higher incomes than others? Do large farms earn more profit per unit of output than small farms? What explains the differentials in efficiency? An attempt is made here to take stock of these changes and to assess their social and environmental outcomes particularly those that affect the welfare of poor. The paper starts by examining the state of the Indian Poultry Industry, then it goes in dealing with selected socio-economic, health, and environment changes that affect the competitiveness of livestock production including domestic institutional arrangement of food safety standards.

### #147 India's Role in East Asia: Lessons from Cultural and Historical Linkages by Ellen L. Frost

**Abstract:** India's presence in the East Asia Summit signals not only a victory for New Delhi's "Look East" policy but also an implicit "Look West" policy on the part of India's neighbors to the east. This convergence represents not only a major economic opportunity for India but also a long-term strategic shift in regional order. The purpose of this essay is to demonstrate that for historical, cultural, political as well as for substantial economic reasons India belongs to the East Asian table. It is time to "re-center" our notions of Asia so that maps and other geographic concepts reflect India's resurgent links with eastern neighbors. India's political role in the Asian integration movement underscores this need. One of the key opportunities for policy makers is to revive and build on India's historical and cultural legacy in Asia without appearing to be seeking hegemony or trumpeting a chauvinist vision.

### #148 India's Outward Foreign Direct Investments in Steel Industry in a Chinese Comparative Perspective by Nagesh Kumar and Alka Chadha

**Abstract:** Indian and Chinese enterprises have emerged as important outward investors in recent times with their involvement in a number of prominent Greenfield investments and acquisitions. The theory of international business posits that the ownership of some unique advantages having a revenue generating potential abroad combined with the presence of internalization and locational advantages leads to outward FDI. Conventional MNEs based in the industrialized countries have grown on the strength of ownership advantages derived from innovatory activity that is largely concentrated in these countries. It examines the case of steel industry that has become an important sector of overseas activity for Chinese and Indian companies with a string of major acquisitions of foreign MNEs for acquiring footprints and natural resources in order to identify the sources of ownership advantages and strategies of outward investments from emerging countries.

### #149 Eradicating Poverty in India: Lessons from Experiments in Empowerment by Beena Pandey

**Abstract:** This paper was prepared as a part of SACEPS/CPD (Dhaka) larger study on the role of empowerment of the poor through asset transfers in poverty alleviation. The paper analyzes the importance of structural interventions through asset ownership by the poor and helping them to move up the value chain. It explores the India's experience in addressing poverty in cooperative sector, through self-help groups (SHGs) and some initiatives taken by the private sector of empowering making small and poorer producers as stakeholders of their supply chains. This includes case studies of AMUL in cooperatives, Lijjat Papad in SHGs and Tata Tea's worker-ownership scheme in tea plantations. It also draws some policy implications of these selected case studies.

### #150 Policies for Industrial Learning in China and Mexico by Kevin P. Gallagher and M. Shafaeddin

**Abstract:** Previous work has shown that the results of both China and Mexico's export-led market reforms over the past quarter century have been strikingly different. In contrast to China, Mexico has not managed to increase the value added of its exports of manufactured goods and has subsequently had a difficult time competing with China in world markets. Building on this previous work, in this paper we conduct a comparative analysis of the role of government policies in industrial learning and the development of capabilities of indigenous firms in Mexico and China in order to shed light on why China is outperforming Mexico. We find that Mexico and China have had starkly different approaches to economic reform in this area. Mexico's approach to reform has been followed a "neo-liberal" path, whereas China's approach could be described as "neo-developmental." Mexico's hands-off approach to learning has resulted in a lack of development of endogenous capacity of domestic firms, little transfer of technology, negligible progress in the upgrading of industrial production, and little increase in value added of exports. By contrast, China has deployed a hands-on approach of targeting and nurturing domestic firms through a gradual and trial and error led set of government policies.

### #151 Who Uses the Patent System in Developing Countries? A Study of Patent Propensities in Argentina, 1992-2001 by Andrés López And Eugenia Orlicki

**Abstract:** This paper aims at studying the determinants of the patent behavior of Argentinean manufacturing firms. In particular, we seek to identify the factors that affect the probability of obtaining a patent and the determinants of the number of patents granted. We include industry fixed effects and our sample is based on data extracted from two

innovation surveys. Our main results are: (i) foreign owned firms have a higher probability of obtaining a patent than domestic ones; (ii) local R&D activities have not had any impact on the probability of obtaining a patent neither on the number of patents obtained by the firms.

## #152 The Limited Promise of Agricultural Trade Liberalization by Timothy A. Wise

**Abstract:** It has become an article of faith in international trade negotiations that farmers in developing countries have much to gain from agricultural trade liberalization. This paper assesses the evidence for such claims. It concludes that the promise of agricultural trade liberalization is overstated, while the costs to small-scale farmers in developing countries are often very high.

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### • Asian Biotechnology and Development Review, Vol. 11, No.1, November 2008.

Policy and Institutional Factors and the Distribution of Economic Benefits and Risk from the Adoption of Insect Resistant (Bt) Cotton in West Africa by Jose Falck-Zepeda, Daniela Horna, Patricia Zambrano and Melinda Smale; Indian Efforts for Developing Biotechnology by Prasanta K. Ghosh; Technical Capacity, Policymaking and Food Standards: An Overview of Indian Experience by Nupur Chowdhury and Sanjay Kumar; and The Cost of Research and Development for Producing a Transgenic Crop and Its Biosafety Regulation Compliance in Indonesia by Bahagiawati Amirhusin, Erna Maria Lokollo, Supriyati, and Sutrisno. List of Reviewers (1997-2008). 10 Years of ABDR: Select Messages.

## Outside Publications of the RIS Faculty Members

### Research Papers

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Chaturvedi, Sachin. 2008. "Biodiversity, Intellectual Property Rights Regime, and Indigenous Knowledge System at the WTO: Revisiting the Unresolved Issues"

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Chaturvedi, Sachin et. al. 2009. "Historical Analysis of the Effectiveness of AKST Systems in Promoting Innovation" in *International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD): Global Report*, World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Chaturvedi, Sachin 2009. "Agricultural Biotechnology and Trends in IPR Regime: Emerging Challenges for Development Countries" in D. Castle (ed.) *The Role of Intellectual Property Rights in Biotechnology Innovation*. Centre for Intellectual Protection Policy. February. London: Edward Elgar.

De, P. 2008. "Empirical Estimates of Transport Costs: Options for Enhancing Asia's Trade" and "Trade Transportation Costs in South Asia: An Empirical Investigation" in Douglas Brooks and David Hummels (eds.) *Infrastructure's Role in Lowering Asia's Trade Costs: Building for Trade*. Edward Elgar, Cheltenham.

De, P. 2008. "Is India's Services Trade Pro-Poor? A Simultaneous Approach", in UNESCAP (ed.) *Emerging Trade Issues for Policymakers in Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific*, Studies in Trade and Investment # 64, United Nations and Economic and social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, New York and Bangkok.

De, P. 2008. "Empirical Estimates of Trade Transportation Costs: Option for Enhancing India's Trade". *Trade and Development Review*, Vol. 1, No.2, pp. 95-121.

De, P. 2009. *Inclusive Growth and Trade Facilitation: Insights from South Asia*, ARTNeT Policy Brief # 16, UNESCAP, Bangkok, January.

Kumar, Nagesh. 2008. "Internationalization of Indian Enterprises: Patterns, Strategies, Ownership Advantages, and Implications". *Asian Economic Policy Review* 3, Blackwell, 242-261

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## More stimulus plans coming, says Pranab

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Government will announce more stimulus packages to promote growth and protect jobs as the global economic recession worsens, said acting finance minister Pranab Mukherjee on Friday, cautioning that deepening global crisis would affect India's growth in 2009. He said that India's economy is expected to grow 7% in 2008-09, far slower than the previous year's 9%. Mukherjee said since next

## India sees no signs of economic crisis abating

PTI ■ New Delhi

India on Friday said it saw no signs of the global economic crisis abating in the near future and prescribed higher public spending to keep up rural economy in developing countries to begin a turnaround. The Minister said it was the need to invest in infrastructure.

With the global economic crisis deepening, India's own Minister of Finance Pranab Mukherjee said it was clear that the crisis in this region will when it will add, address the economic crisis by using the need to invest in infrastructure.



HT Correspondent New Delhi, February 6

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"A regional financial architecture, drawing upon the heavy industry in Asia, would mitigate the severity of the economic crisis for us. A coordination mechanism could help improve surveillance and prevent a repeat crisis," Mukherjee said. Warning that the global crisis is likely to deepen, as it shows signs of abating, the Finance Minister said that the government would take steps to support labour-intensive sectors.

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## India calls for cooperation among developing nations

Political Bureau New Delhi, Oct 13

For the international financial structure to be beneficial to the developing countries, the government on Friday called for greater cooperation among India, South Africa (RSA), Brazil, Russia and China. While underlining that a "development world trading system along with other developing countries" is the need of the hour, the government said that the global economic crisis is a "watershed moment in the history of modern world".

## Financial crisis top on agenda at IBSA summit

Political Bureau New Delhi

With India, Brazil and South Africa meeting for their annual trilateral summit, the rise in the price of oil is a major concern. The summit will be held in New Delhi on Friday. The agenda of the summit includes the financial crisis, the global economic downturn, and the need for a new international financial architecture. The summit will also discuss the need for a development world trading system along with other developing countries.

## Downturn may force India to postpone trade pact with Asean

THE HINDU

India may have to postpone its trade pact with Asean due to the global economic downturn, officials here said on Friday. The pact was expected to be signed in Thailand on February 27. However, the global economic crisis has put the pact on hold. The government is now reviewing the pact and may postpone it until the economic situation improves.

## August exports soar, but oil bill widens deficit

THE HINDU

India's exports in August were up 15% from a year ago, but the oil bill has widened the trade deficit, officials here said on Friday. The trade deficit in August was \$1.5 billion, compared with \$1.2 billion in the same month last year. The increase in the oil bill is the main reason for the widening deficit.

## Unctad's India office faces closure

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UNCTAD's India office faces closure as the organization's budget is cut. The office has been operating since 1996 and has played a key role in promoting trade and investment between India and other developing countries. The closure of the office would be a setback for India's trade relations with other developing nations.



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## Release on BIMSTEC expected to be better given the global crisis

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## India - BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement, the pipeline - Summit moots joint Buddhism tour package

With the global economic crisis culminating from the west and in the backdrop of look east policy, BIMSTEC is expected to perform better, said Mr. Yogendra Kumar, Additional Secretary (MER) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Strengthening The Economic Partnership organized by The ASSOCHAM, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), here today in New Delhi.

He added, "a Free Trade Agreement amongst India and BIMSTEC region is in pipeline. As per the agreement, priority sectors have been identified for mutual cooperation, amongst the

## Trade within Asia to tackle slowdown

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Trade within Asia to tackle slowdown as the global economic crisis deepens. The Asian region is expected to be a major driver of growth in 2009. India is looking to strengthen its trade ties with other Asian countries to boost its economic growth. The government is also planning to launch a joint Buddhism tour package to promote tourism between India and other Asian nations.

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