



RIS Diary

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Delhi Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation



Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), delivering the inaugural address.

In recent years, South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Development Cooperation (TDC) have evolved as major forms of engagement across the South. With this the modalities and dimensions of engagements have also multiplied. This has assumed greater importance with the launching of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

RIS has been on the forefront of bringing together all stakeholders to deliberate on these issues for a better understanding of an emerging global architecture. In order to carry forward the process of discussing SSC further, RIS organized the International Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation on 24-25 August 2017 in New Delhi. This was the Third Conference in the series that RIS started in 2013.

The inaugural session began with the welcome remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General,

RIS; and Mr Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, New Delhi. Ambassador Hardeep S Puri, Chairperson, RIS chaired the session. Mr Jorge Chediek, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation, New York, and Professor Li Xiaoyun, China International Development

Research Network (CIDRN), Beijing; Chairman Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) also presented their point of views during the session. Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development, New Delhi, made special remarks. Ms Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government

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Hon'ble Mr Mohamed Nasheed, former President, Republic of Maldives, delivering the valedictory address.

SDGs and Integral Humanism

To commemorate Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Centenary Year, the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, NITI Aayog, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and Deendayal Research Institute jointly organized the National Seminar on SDGs and Integral Humanism on 23-24 September 2017 at New Delhi. The programme began with introductory remarks by Shri Atul Jain, General Secretary, Deendayal Research Institute and Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog chaired the session. Shri Ram Madhav, Director, India Foundation, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, also addressed on the important issues.

Shri Mahesh Chand Sharma, Chairman, Research and Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, chaired the plenary session on Day 1 on the SDGs and Integral Humanism - Moving for New Paradigm of Development. Smt Arachana Chitnis, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh; Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha); Dr. Ashok Tandon, Media Adviser to former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee; and Dr. Ramesh K Jalan, Global Advisor, Waste Management, were among the panelists.

The Session I on Sustainable Economic Growth: Implementing SDG 8 and SDG 12, was chaired by Dr. Bajrang Lal Gupta, Delhi University. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, was the Chief Guest. Dr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, Economic Research



Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India speaking at the seminar.

Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia, and Prof A Damodaran, Professor & IPR Chair on IP Management (MHRD), IIM Bengaluru, were the panelists. The Session II on Multidimensionality of SDGs for harmony between 'Man & Nature', was chaired by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). Shri Ashok Jain, Adviser (Rural Development and SDGs), NITI Aayog; Prof T C James, Visiting Fellow, RIS; Dr. Leena Gupta, Social Scientist; Dr. P K Anand, Visiting Fellow, RIS, were panelists.

The 'SDGs and Integral Humanism: The Way Forward.' was the main theme of the concluding day which began with the welcome remarks by Shri Atul Jain, General Secretary, Deendayal Research Institute. Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Dr.

Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), summarised the outcomes of the Day 1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, addressed the august gathering.

Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India, delivered the valedictory address. Hon'ble Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, was the distinguished guest and also addressed the participants. Shri Virendrajeet Singh, Chairman, Deendayal Research Institute, extended the vote of thanks. The detailed agenda of the Conference is available at the RIS website: www.ris.org.in



Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India speaking at the seminar

National Consultation on Reducing Inequalities

The RIS in association with the NITI Aayog and UN in India organized National Consultations over the last one year with many stakeholders including state governments, CSOs and others with focus on specific SDG goals.

As part of the series, a National Consultation on SDG-10 related to issues of Inequalities was held on 28 August 2017 at New Delhi.

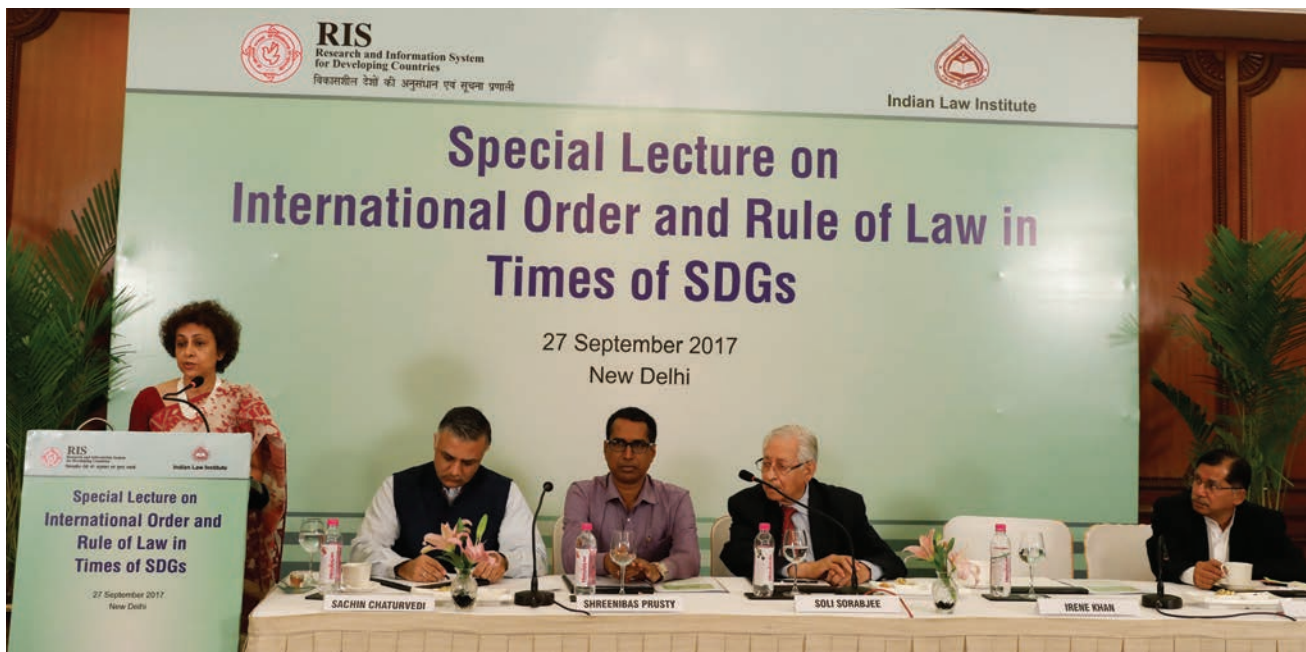
Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser, NITI Aayog welcomed all and Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, made initial remarks. Shri Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator, India, addressed the inaugural session and Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, delivered the special address and Dr. Arvind



Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, delivering the keynote address

Panagariya, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, delivered the keynote address. The detailed programme is available on the website of RIS.

International Order and Rule of Law



Ms Irene Khan, Director General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO), delivering special lecture.

RIS and the Indian Law Institute (ILI) organized a Special Lecture on International Order and Rule of Law in Times of SDGs on 27 September 2017 at New Delhi.

The programme began with the introductory remarks by Professor

Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Dr. Shreenibas Prusty, Registrar, ILI. Mr Soli Sorabjee, former Attorney-General of India, chaired the session. Ms Irene Khan, Director General, International Development Law Organization

(IDLO), delivered special lecture on 'International Order and Rule of Law in Times of SDGs'. The perceptive lecture was followed by question-answer session. Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS, extended the vote of thanks.

Asia Africa Growth Corridor: The Way Forward

A consultation on 'Asia Africa Growth Corridor: The Way Forward' was organized on 25 August 2017 at New Delhi, jointly by RIS and the Confederation of Indian Industry. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, briefed about outline of the work programme of AAGC of the consultation. Ambassador Hardeep S Puri, Chairperson, RIS, chaired the meeting. In his address Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs highlighted the significant issues concerned with AAGC. H.E. Mr Sidharto R. Suryodipuro, Ambassador Designate, Embassy of Indonesia; Professor Diran Makinde, Senior Adviser, NEPAD Industrialization Science, Technology & Innovation Hub (NISTI), South Africa; and Dr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, also presented their point of view.

Ms Renana Jhabvala, National Coordinator, Chair, SEWA Bharat Self Employed Women's Association, SEWA Reception Centre; Dr. T. P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow, RIS; Dr. Harpreet Sandhu, Scientist (F) & Head, Indian Council of Medical Research, made presentations, which were followed by panel discussion by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan,



Foreign Secretary Dr. S. Jaishankar addressing the participants.

Secretary, DHR, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MHFW) and Director General, ICMR; Prof Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh; Dr. Hannington Odame, Executive Director, Centre for African Bio-Entrepreneurship, Lavinton, Nairobi; Prof Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa; and Dr. Thomas Fues, Head of Training Department, German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany.

Ms Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis also presented her views, followed by the panel

discussion by: Dr. Maharajh Rasigan, Professor Extraordinary, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; Mr Saidu Nasiru Sulaiman, Nigeria; Mr James Bichachi Wafula, International Relations and Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uganda; Dr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, Executive Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development, Zimbabwe; Dr. A.K. Krishna Kumar, Principal Advisor, IL&FS Cluster Development Initiative Limited; and Mr Gavin McGillivray, Head, DFID Office, India. The agenda is available on RIS website: www.ris.org.in

Consultation Meeting on AAGC

To discuss further on the AAGC Vision Document, the RIS with ERIA and IDE-JETRO organized jointly a consultation meeting on 30 August 2017 at Tokyo. The RIS team in

the meeting were: Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General; Dr. Harpreet Sandhu, ICMR; Ms Ruchita Beri, IDSA; Dr. Soumya Chattopadhyay, ADB; Prof Dr. Selva Kumar, Tamil University;

Prof Santosh Mehrotra, JNU; Dr. T.P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow; Prof T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, and Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Research Associate.

AAGC and the National Development Priorities of Tunisia

As reported earlier, at the Annual Meeting of the African Development Bank on 22-25 May 2017, at Ahmedabad, a Vision Document on Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) was released by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The RIS along with other institutions have initiated a major research work programme on the AAGC. The idea is to explore possibilities for developing a framework for projects which would be contributing in the success of this growth corridor.

The RIS invited H.E. Mr Nejmeddine Lakhal, Ambassador,



Participants at the interactive session of AAGC.

Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia, for the first interactive discussion on 'AAGC and the National Development Priorities of Tunisia' on 6 July 2017 at the RIS. Ambassador Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS,

chaired the interactive session. Mr Amar Sinha, former Secretary (ER), MEA presided over the meeting. Participants included representatives from African Missions in India, various academic, business and industry circles.

Industry Consultation on AAGC



Participants at AAGC consultation meeting that was held at RIS.

RIS and Confederation of Indian Industry organized an Industry Consultation on the Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) on 18 August 2017 at New Delhi. The programme started with the initial remarks by Amb. Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS gave a presentation on the AAGC followed by remarks of Mr S. Kuppuswamy, Advisor - Group Finance and Special Projects, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Pvt. Ltd.

In the open discussion, the main topics were: Infrastructure, Agriculture, Health and Auto. The prominent speakers were Shri Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Mr Ajaneesh Kumar, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs. Mr Pranav Kumar, Director, International Trade Policy, CII, extended the vote of thanks.

As reported earlier, The Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)

Vision Document was released during the Annual Meeting of African Development Bank held on May 2017 at Ahmedabad. The action plan envisaged in the Vision Document assumed greater significance in view of the forthcoming visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe to India in September 2017. RIS along with other institutions viz., IDE-JETRO and ERIA, is working further on the Vision Document.

Delhi Dialogue 9 on 'ASEAN-India Relations'



Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India with other dignitaries of ASEAN countries at the Delhi Dialogue 9.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India inaugurated the two-day Delhi Dialogue 9 on 4-5 July 2017 at New Delhi, on the theme "ASEAN-India Relations: Charting the Course for the Next 25 Years". This dialogue was organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi. AIC at RIS was a key partner of the event. Key attendees at the session included political leaders, policy makers, senior officials, business leaders, think tanks, academics from India and ASEAN. The prominent dignitaries were: Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs; Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister of Assam; H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign

Affairs, Vietnam; H.E. U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Myanmar and H.E. Hirubalan V P, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Political-Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat.

The Delhi Dialogue 9 was broadly divided into three sessions, viz. Ministerial Sessions, Business Sessions, and Academic Sessions to facilitate debate on various aspects on ASEAN India relations. Some of the panel discussions held during the event were on: 'International economic trends and their impact on India and ASEAN', 'India-ASEAN Trade Relations', 'India-ASEAN Partnership: Building Regional Network to promote SMEs and Women's Empowerment', 'India-ASEAN Infrastructure Investments:

Current Scenario and the Way Forward', 'Trade and Tourism through Connectivity - Focus North East and East', 'Regional Geopolitics: Great Power Politics in the Asia-Pacific', 'New Connectivity Paradigm in the Asia-Pacific', 'Technology, Innovation and Big Data', and 'Socio-Cultural Engagement and Diaspora Links'.

Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC, as a panelist at the Panel Discussion on New Connectivity Paradigms in the Asia-Pacific, made a presentation on the ongoing India's connectivity projects with several ASEAN countries. Amb. Hardeep S Puri, Chairperson, RIS chaired the Session on Cultural and Civilizational Links.

Visit of ASEAN Permanent Representative

ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives visited the AIC at RIS on 7 July 2017. Amb. Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman, RIS gave a presentation on the significance of ASEAN-India strategic partnership given the dynamic changes in geopolitical scenario. ASEAN Diplomat had a fruitful interaction with Amb. Puri. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.



ASEAN CPRs with Amb. Hardeep Singh Puri and Amb. Suresh Reddy, ASEAN Mission to Jakarta.

25th anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations



ASEAN Delegates and Grand Finale Contestants.

The Royal Thai Embassy, in collaboration with the ASEAN New Delhi Committee and the ASEAN-India Centre at RIS, organized 'The ASEAN Quiz' on 1st September 2017 at Arya Auditorium, New Delhi. The event marked the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN and the 25th anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations and aimed to spread awareness of ASEAN and its achievements among the Indian public especially

Indian youths, leading to greater understanding of the organization and its Member States, their peoples and their interactions with India over the last 25 years. A total 150 teams from various schools and colleges across Delhi NCR participated in the Quiz, which was focused on ASEAN.

His Excellency Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to India and current Chair of ASEAN, New

Delhi Committee, gave a keynote address before the Grand Finale. A special vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Apirat Sugondhabhirom, Minister & Deputy Chief of Mission of the Royal Thai Embassy, who thanked the ASEAN New Delhi Committee, ASEAN-India Centre, and the participants for making the ASEAN Quiz a huge success. Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy from AIC attended the programme.

Visit of ASEAN Journalists

A group of 20 journalists of ASEAN countries visited the AIC at RIS on 4 July 2017. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi gave Opening Remarks. Amb. Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman, RIS presented an overview of the ASEAN-India strategic partnership and the changing dynamics of Indian foreign policy. Activities of the AIC were also briefed to the visiting journalists. Amb. Puri also answered the questions raised by the visiting journalists. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC.



RIS Faculty with ASEAN Journalists.

India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Relations

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, New Delhi; ASEAN Studies Center and Indian Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD), Kolkata organised a joint international workshop on “India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Relationship: Way Towards a Stronger ASEAN-India Partnership” on 6-7 September 2017 at MAKAISAS, Kolkata.

Dr. Binoda Mishra, Director, Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD), Kolkata welcomed the participants. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS, New Delhi delivered an Opening Remarks. Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Executive Director, ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok gave the Inaugural Address. Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai, and Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar delivered a Special Address.

The objectives of the workshop were to (i) identify the challenges that



Participants of the Joint International Workshop on India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Relations.

India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral relationship has been facing in the context of ASEAN-India partnership; (ii) present the strategies and policies to be undertaken in order to strengthen the trilateral relationship; and (iii) publish the research findings to the attention of the policy-makers.

The event was attended by over 25 delegates, which included academic researchers, government officials and foreign official’s representatives. The workshop had seven sessions which included an opening session, a session each focusing on Dynamics of Trilateral Cooperation; Foreign Policy and Security Issues; Cultural Links; Trade and Investment related issues. The

workshop aimed at facilitating an in-depth discussion on various aspects relating to the experiences of India, Myanmar and Thailand with respect to new initiatives and ideas, that would help formulate an actionable policy agenda for strengthening the Trilateral Cooperation. Towards the end, Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC summed up the proceedings. Closing Remarks was given by Prof. J K Ray, National Professor, Kolkata. Finally, Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Arpita Basu Roy, Senior Fellow, CSIRD, Kolkata.

Tribute to Prof Saman Kelegama

RIS organized a special meeting on 11 July 2017 at New Delhi to pay tribute to Prof Saman Kelegama for recalling his immense contributions towards strengthening the economic cooperation in South Asia.

H.E. Mrs Chitrangane Wagiswara, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, also joined on the occasion. Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP; and Prof Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, JNU and Co-Chair, SACEPS; Prof Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development and Prof Sachin



From left: Dr. Nagesh Kumar; Prof Sachin Chaturvedi; Prof Deepak Nayyar; H.E. Mrs Chitrangane Wagiswara and Prof Muchkund Dubey at the meeting

Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; paid their heartfelt tributes to Prof Saman Kelegama while highlighting

his immense contributions towards the promotion of economic integration in South Asia.

Inaugural Lecture of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) Forum

'Make in India', 'Skill India', 'Digital India' and 'Start-up India' are some of the new initiatives taken by the government for harnessing science, technology and innovation. The government and political leadership are emphasizing on making India a global leader in science and technology. The fruitful gains of the science and technology would lead to positive outcomes in different sectors- industry, agriculture, health-care and education. For accelerating pace of growth of science and technology, the potential of the national innovation system, comprising R&D institutions, including universities, technology institutions, industry, government and other policy- maker bodies, has to be enhanced.

RIS, too is committed to promote and enhance science-society connect. Keeping this broad perspective in view, RIS, in collaboration with the India Habitat Centre (IHC) and other institutions working on the Science and Technology (S&T) issues, has launched a Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) Forum. The other partner institutions are-The Energy Research Institute (TERI), Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA) and Vigyan Prasara.

The Forum has been founded with the objectives of promoting



Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India, delivered the lecture.

informed debate on the different aspects of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, and has planned a monthly Lecture Series to act as a broader public platform for interactions. The Forum would also bridge the gap between the science and the society through dissemination of the information on developments in S&T as well as through kindling debate of societal aspirations and expectations from S&T and Innovation. Under the Monthly Lecture Series, a partner institution would also take the lead to organize a lecture of the renowned expert.

The Inaugural Lecture of the STIP Forum Lecture Series was

organized jointly by the RIS and the India Habitat Centre on 26 September 2017.

Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India, delivered the lecture and presented his thoughts on the "Sustainable Development: Role of Science, Technology and Innovation".

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Shri Rakesh Kacker, Director, IHC; Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Director, IFCPAR/CEFIPRA; and Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Distinguished Fellow & Senior Director, TERI, also presented their views regarding the importance and the role of the STIP Forum.

Lecture Planned in the Series under STIP

- **30 October 2017:** Dr. V Sumantran, Chairman, Celeris Technologies and Former Executive Director of Tata Motors would present his views on 'Aspects of Mobility'.
- **30 November 2017 :** Dr. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Former Indian Diplomat 'Technology and Indian Foreign Policy: Trends and Opportunities'. Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India & Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet would Chair
- **21 December 2017:** Dr. Frank Shu, Eminent Astrophysicist from UC Berkeley and National Tsinghua University, Taiwan, on "Reversing Climate Change with Molten-Salt Technologies" Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) would Chair.

Implementing Agenda 2030: The Role of Global Partnership

A panel discussion on 'Implementing Agenda 2030: The Role of Global Partnership' was jointly organized on 18 July 2017 by RIS and the United Nations Foundation, New York.

This meeting assessed the means required to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, localization of the SDGs, and the role of southern institutions in SDG implementation. The discussions were on how to deliver vast global means of implementation through financing for development with a focus on mobilizing resources from diverse sources – public, private, international and domestic; room for new alliances to tap innovation in business; accessing technology; and developing institutional frameworks to accommodate rising emerging developing countries action taken for implementation of the agenda.

The interactions also touched on enhancing provision of global public goods to meet SDGs, besides localization of SDGs. Following were the topics-- (1) institutional frameworks and the rise of emerging developing countries, (2) localization



Participants at Panel Discussion on Implementing Agenda 2030.

of the SDGs, (3) financing for development and the role of southern institutions, and (4) India's country perspective.

Ambassador Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS chaired. Ms Minh-Thu Pham, Executive Director for Policy, UN Foundation and Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS welcomed the participants and gave a brief introductory remarks. Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh; Mr Jitendra Shankar Mathur, Secretary, Ministry

of Panchayati Raj, Government of India; Mr Manuel F. Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre in Geneva; Mr Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator for India; Ms Romilly Greenhill, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, were panelists. The final wrap up of the session was by Ms Minhu-Thu Pham and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi. The detailed agenda of the Conference is available at the RIS website: www.ris.org.in

South-South Global Thinkers Initiative

A special event on the South-South Global Thinkers Initiative and signing of the MoU between UNDP and NeST and Workshop on Impact Assessment for South-South Cooperation were organized on 14 July 2017 at the UN Headquarters, New York. Ms Simona Marinescu, Director, Development Impact Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP chaired the signing ceremony. Mr Magdy Martinez-Soliman, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP welcomed all and Ambassador Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS, made opening remarks.

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The workshop on Impact Assessment for South-South Cooperation in progress.

India's Quest for Connectivity

A consultation meeting on India's Quest for Connectivity was organized on 6 July 2017 at the RIS. Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, welcomed the participants. Ambassador Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS, chaired the Consultation meeting. Dr. Arvind Gupta, Dy. National Security Advisor (NSA), delivered the special address. Mr Rajat Nag, Distinguished Fellow, NCAER, presented his special remarks, followed by a panel discussion.

The agenda of the meeting included thematic discussion by: Prof Sachin Chaturvedi: Asia-Africa Growth Corridor; Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, NMF: Indian Ocean and Maritime



Participants at the consultation meeting.

Connectivity; Dr. Pritam Banerjee, DHL India: SAARC, BBIN and North-South Corridors; Dr. Prabir De, RIS: ASEAN-India Connectivity, BIMSTEC Corridors and BCIM Economic Corridor; and Dr. Rajeev

Ranjan Chaturvedy, ISAS-NUS: Belt and Road Initiative were among the panelists. Mr Ravindran, SAEA Group Research, Singapore, and Mr Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury, Economic Times, New Delhi.

Vladimir Yakunin at RIS

The RIS organized a discussion meeting on 28 July 2017 on 'India-Russia Bilateral Relations in the Global Context' as a part of celebrating 70 years of India-Russia bilateral relations. The programme began with welcome remarks of Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Amb. S. T. Devare, Chairman, RIS Research Advisory Council chaired the session. Professor Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute, Head of the Department of State Politics of the Faculty of Political Science, Moscow State University, delivered special address; followed



Participants at the discussion meeting on India-Russia Bilateral Relations.

by panel discussion by Anuradha Chenoy, Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Mrs Ekaterina Semenova, First Secretary, Embassy of the Russian Federation.

Other Delegations welcomed at RIS

- As part of the outreach programmes of the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division to enhance awareness and understanding of contemporary India and its heritage among foreign countries, around 20 journalists from the ASEAN countries under India-ASEAN Media Exchange programme visited RIS on 4 July 2017.
- A group of 10 Thai young students visited RIS on 11 August 2017. They were in India as part of the Bharat Shiksha Yatra Programme.
- A group of 15 Journalist/Editors from Sri Lanka visited RIS on 19 September 2017 under the familiarization programme of the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division, MEA.

'Leveraging Trade in High Technology for Emergence: The BRICS Experience'

A Breakfast Seminar on 'Leveraging Trade in High Technology for Emergence: The BRICS Experience' by Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS was held on 4 July 2017 at the RIS. Prof Vijay Kumar Kaul, Dean, Faculty of Applied Social Science and Humanities, University of Delhi, chaired the Seminar.

Transforming India: Eradicating Poverty, Promoting Prosperity

The RIS with NITI Aayog and UN jointly organized a Panel Discussion on Transforming India: Eradicating Poverty, Promoting Prosperity on 17 July 2017 at UN Headquarters. Prof Arvind Panagariya, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog; Prof Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University; Amb. Hardeep S. Puri, Chairperson, RIS; Prof T.C.A. Anant, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Govt. of India; Shri Anupam Kher, UN Ambassador for Gender Equality; and Amb. Syed Akbaruddin, Permanent Representative of India to UN were among the eminent panelists.

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of India, delivered the inaugural address. Hon'ble Mr Mohamed Nasheed, former President, Republic of Maldives, delivered the valedictory

address. The detailed agenda of the Conference is available at the RIS website: www.ris.org.in



Participants of the Delhi Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

South-South Global Thinkers Initiative

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A MoU was signed between the UNDP and the RIS. Mr Jorge Chediek, UN Secretary General's Envoy on South-South Cooperation and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and Ambassador Tanmay Lal, Deputy Permanent Representative of India to UN made congratulatory remarks.

The MoU signing was followed by the SSC Global Thinkers Workshop - Impact Assessment for SSC. Ms Xiaojun Grace Wang, Deputy Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, was moderator.

Dr. Neissan Alessandro Besharati, Senior Research Fellow/ Visiting Professor/M&E Specialist, African Coordinator, NeST Africa;

Dr. Paulo Esteves, BRICS Policy Centre Supervisor, NeST Brazil; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS, were main speakers. Mr Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India gave special remarks; followed by concluding remarks by Ms Simona Marinescu, Director, Development Impact Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Participated in the Interactive Session with the Ambassador of Norway organised by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi, 3 July 2017.
- Participated in the Roundtable discussion on broad economic overview with the Australian High Commission organised

by the Australian High Commission, New Delhi, 7 July 2017.

- Participated in the Meeting of Board of Trustees organised by the India International Centre, New Delhi, 21 July 2017.
- Participated in the Brainstorming session on Global Economic Governance: International Institutions and India organised

by Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi, 25 July 2017.

- Made a presentation on Asia Africa Growth Corridor at the Meeting of Track 1.5 organised by JETRO, Tokyo, 31 July 2017.
- Roundtable Meeting at JICA Institute on India's development cooperation policy and to discuss about the broad structure, pattern and modalities of engagement of

Japan in Asia and Africa, Tokyo, 1 August 2017.

- Delivered keynote address at the Workshop on Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific organised by Institute for South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore, 3 August 2017.
- Participated in the interactive session on the theme 'What is the Future for Development Cooperation? Building Innovative and Inclusive South-South Institutions' organised by O. P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi, 22 August 2017.
- Made a presentation on Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC): Implication for Indian Ocean Regional Cooperation (IORA) at the Meeting of Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC): Implication for Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) organised by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Bandung, 31 August 2017.
- Made a presentation on "South-South cooperation forty years since BAPA: Challenges and Opportunities" at the DCF workshop on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda, Building Innovative and Inclusive Partnership, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 6 September 2017.
- Made a presentation on 'Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)' at the Interactive Meeting under chairpersonship of Commerce Secretary organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi, 11 September 2017.
- Made a presentation on 'Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)' at the session on

Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC): AAGC Vision Report and India-Japan Cooperation and Collaboration during India-Japan Economic Forum organised by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Ahmedabad, 14 September 2017.

- Participated in the informal discussion on Landscape of research for development organised by International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, 17 September 2017.
- Made remarks at the International Day for Peace on 'Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all' organised by University for Peace, Embassy of Costa Rica, New Delhi, 21 September 2017.
- Participated in the Discussion meeting on 'Post Dong Lang: the Future Direction of Sino-India Relations' organised by the Embassy of People's Republic of China, New Delhi, 21 September 2017.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Participated in the Thirteenth Meeting of the (Second of the Reconstituted) Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities (EC on NTAC), organised by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) at Chennai on 21 July 2017.
- Participated in the International Workshop on Practical Workstreams on Trade and Investment and IORA Economic Integration, organised by the Indian Ocean RIM Association and Ministry of Trade, Indonesia at Bali on 1 August 2017.
- Participated in the International Workshop on Practical Workstreams on Trade and

Investment and IORA Economic Integration, as resource speaker and made a presentation on Emergence of IORA as a Dynamic Economic Grouping: Shaping Strategies for Policy Action in the session on Recommendations on practical works on trade and investment that would contribute to the IORA economic integration at Bali on 1 August 2017

- Participated as a Representative of Indian Delegation in the 7th Bi-Annual Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia at Bali 2-3 August 2017.
- Participated in the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with experts on IORA Economic Integration and presented on IORA: An Untapped Dynamic Economic Grouping, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Policy Analysis and Development Agency at Bogor, Indonesia, 4 August 2017.
- Participated in the meeting on Asia Africa Growth Corridor, organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and made a presentation on Asia Africa Growth Corridor Vision Framework: Moving from Concept to Action at New Delhi on 11 September 2017.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting held in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Department of Commerce and made a presentation on a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) between the Republic of India and the Republic of Mauritius on 11 September 2017.

- Participated in the Discussion Meeting held in the Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce on Services Sector: India-Mauritius JSG, New Delhi on 12 September 2017.
- Participated in the official dialogue to discuss on the Joint Study Group Report for India-Mauritius CECPA, organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industries, and interacted with the representatives of Government of Mauritius in New Delhi on 27-28 September 2017.

Prof. T. C. James

Visiting Fellow

- Delivered lectures on “IPR Fundamentals and Ethics and Values in R&D” at the 34th Induction Training Programme’ for the scientists organised by CSIR-HRDC on 21 July 2017.
- Participated in the National Symposium on AYUSH Research for New India: Vision and Strategies organised by Savitribhai Phule Pune University on 4th August, 2017. Contributed in the session on Integration of Traditional Medicine Systems with general health care system.
- Made a presentation on “IPR: Overview of Policy and Challenges for Developing Countries” at the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) Capacity Building Programme on “Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Commercialization and Cooperation and India-Africa Development Partnership” for African Countries organised by NRDC on 5 September 2017.
- Delivered a talk on ‘IP Ecosystem in India: The Way Forward’ at

the Joint FICCI-IPO Programme at the Delhi University on 15 September 2017.

- Addressed two sessions on “ IPR Jurisprudence – Scope & Relevance in present day Adjudication, Origin & Development of the IPR Legal Regime, Constitutional Imperatives and Legislative and Judicial responses” in the Orientation Course for the officers of DHJS, New Delhi, 18 September 2017.
- Contributed as member, IPR Chair Review Committee constituted by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas

Visiting Fellow

- Made a presentation on ‘The status of application, capacities and the enabling environment for agricultural biotechnologies in the Asia-Pacific region: Presentation of some preliminary findings’ 12th September at Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition in Asia-Pacific, 11-13 September 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dr. Beena Pandey

Research Associate

- Made a presentation on ‘Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education for All’ as an input speaker at the ‘No Future Without Education’ Lab organized by Alumniportal Deutschland and GIZ IN at New Delhi on 26 September 2017.
- Participated in the ‘EU- India Dialogue on Migration and Mobility’ organized by ILO at New Delhi on 26 September 2017.

Dr. Priyadarshi Dash

Research Associate

- Participated in the meeting on “Inclusion of Investment in Multilateral Trade Agreements” held in the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India on July 20, 2017.
- Made presentation on “Recent Trends in Global and Regional Trade & Finance” to the students of M.A (Analytical and Applied Economics) of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar on August 10, 2017.
- Made presentation on “Rise of BRICS, Emerging Markets and Evolving Narratives in Global Governance” in the International Conference on ‘G20 and BRICS: Cooperation for Resilient and Balanced Growth’ at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in Moscow on September 20, 2017.
- Made online presentation on “Larger Relevance of Economics of Corridor: An Illustration of Asia Africa Growth Corridor” in the International Conference on ‘India and China as Rising Global Powers: Repercussions for Central Asia’ held at Almaty, Kazakhstan held on September 25, 2017.

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Made a presentation on “Policy Framework in India and Review under SDGs” at Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission, Naya Raipur-National Consultation on SDGs and Administrative Reforms, 3-4 August 2017.

Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy

Consultant, AIC at RIS

- Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy, Consultant, AIC at RIS completed the online course on “Non-Tariff Measures (NTM) and the data collection 2017”, 10 July 2017 to 27 August 2017.

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Asia-Africa Growth Corridor: The Way Forward



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The Vision Document of the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) that was released at the African Development Bank meeting in May this year envisages it as “A people-centric sustainable growth strategy details of which would be evolved through a process of detailed consultations engaging various stakeholders.” I underline this message because growth and connectivity initiatives are truly globally owned only when they emerge from a broad consultative process. It is particularly necessary if you are to ensure that such initiatives are demand driven and locally owned.

As we set about fashioning the AAGC, it is only natural that it would reflect how we each look at the world. Today, there is much common ground among nations of the region and it is their shared perspectives that bring us together in this joint endeavour. We would naturally on universally-recognized international norms, good governance, rule of law, openness, transparency and equality. There must be a strong sense of local ownership, as I pointed out, and that can only happen with consultative project designing, transfer of technology and encouragement of skills. No less important is the ensuring of financial responsibility so that there is no encouragement of unsustainable debt. Our activities must fully conform to protection and preservation standards and, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Given these broad principles, it is a matter of satisfaction that the four components of the AAGC are: (i) development and cooperation projects, (ii) quality input, (iii) capacity and skill enhancement, and (iv) people-to-people partnerships. These four components are mutually self-supporting and together reflect the approach that I have just explained. Indeed, India’s own approach to development cooperation and international partnerships has these very elements at their heart.

Growth and connectivity are today very central to India’s foreign policy making. The approach of ‘*sabka saath, sabka vikas*’, ‘that is collective action and inclusive growth’ is very important role in international relations and domestic development. It is already being reflected vigorously in our neighbourhood first policy. In the last three years, new energies and additional resources have been devoted to ensuring that our immediate neighbours are also beneficiaries of our growth story. That must have been very evident yesterday in the outcomes of the visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal. In fact, across South Asia what you can see now is our transformational initiatives in energy, road and rail connectivity and infrastructure building. As they are realized, their contribution to the emergence of a larger regional cooperative architecture would be increasingly appreciated. Significantly, we are today working closely with a number of other international players in this regard.

India’s activities in the maritime space to its South have complemented those on the land. An integrated approach towards the Indian Ocean has allowed us to think in a more inter-connected manner with East Africa as much as with the Pacific Islands. We have an established development cooperation record in Africa that ranges from power projects and dams in Sudan and Rwanda, to water treatment in Tanzania and sugar factories in Ethiopia. Our training centres are scattered across the continent and we have a long tradition of receiving students. Our approach has been to not only teach people to fish but also to encourage them to identify the fish in question. Thus, We need to aim more or bigger than what we can just do for each other. I think we also need to send out a message that we are there for each other, and that at least in India’s case has been very visible in our response to natural disasters to man-made disasters to medical emergencies. You see that in examples in Yemen, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka in the recent past. The Vision Document points out that the AAGC connects the robust Asian economy to the young demography of Africa that holds so many possibilities. This mix of opportunities and challenges is so vast that it requires a whole-hearted international collaboration effort.

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