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G20

India with attaining G20 Presidency in 2022, RIS has initiated major work programme on G20 in the context of issues like trade and investment, economic growth and financial stability, SDGs, climate change, digital economy and host of other issues, including role of engagement groups.

11 May, 2020

Webinar on Priorities for India's G20 Presidency in 2022: Role of Engagement Groups

G20 serves as an important global forum on issues of trade & investment, economic growth & financial stability, sustainable development goals, climate change, digital economy, and host of other areas. Like its active participation in the past as well as current Leaders' Summits and other tracks, India's presidency of G20 in 2022 would be closely watched especially by the developing countries. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Shri Suresh Prabhu, G20 Sherpa of India, India is gearing up to steer the G20 process in 2022.

Besides official tracks, Engagement Groups such as Think Tank 20 (T20), Women 20 (W20), Business 20 (B20), Civil 20 (C20), Science 20 (S20), etc. play crucial role in articulating ideas and solutions for the Leaders' Summits. With an aim to promote collective understanding of the unique space and strength of each engagement groups and build a synergistic narrative on common areas, RIS organised a Webinar on "Priorities for India's G20 Presidency in 2022: Role of Engagement Groups" on 11 May 2020. The programme began with initial remarks by



Hon'ble Shri Suresh Prabhu, G20 Sherpa of India.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Remarks by Ambassador (Dr) Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS. The Special Address was delivered by Hon'ble Shri Suresh Prabhu, G20 Sherpa of India. This was followed by a Panel Discussion: W20: Professor Pam Rajput, Professor Emeritus, Panjab University, Chandigarh; T20: Professor Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER, New Delhi; B20: Mr Pranav Kumar,

Head-International Trade Policy, CII, New Delhi; S20: Dr Sadhana Relia, Prominent International Science Cooperation Expert and Commentator; and C20: Mr Harsh Jaitli, Chief Executive officer, VANI, New Delhi were the prominent panelists. After the discussion the floor was opened for Q&A session. At the end of the programme Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks.

Sustainable Development Goals

Focus on North East Region : Moving forward with NITI Aayog and TATA Trusts. Keeping in view the importance of localization of SDGs in North Eastern region, RIS in collaboration with NETRA organized webinar series in different North Eastern States.

Localising Sustainable Development Goals – Perspectives from North East India

RIS and North Eastern Training, Research and Advocacy Foundation (NETRA) organised a Webinar Series on 'Localising Sustainable Development Goals – Perspectives from North East India'. The first Webinar in the series was held on 4 July 2020. Professor Kanak Haloi, President, NETRA chaired. The lead speakers were Dr. Siladitya Chatterjee, Advisor, Centre for the SDGs, Govt. of Assam, Professor Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS and Associate Dean, Jindal School of Govt. and Public Policy; and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS. Dr. Jayanta Choudhury, Associate Professor, NIRDPR-NERC moderated. Knowledge Partners were: United Nations Development Programme; Centre for Sustainable Development Goals, Govt. of Assam; and Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, OP Jindal Global University, Haryana.

The second Webinar was held on 11 July 2020 on the Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Assam. Dr P.K. Anand, Visiting Fellow, RIS Chaired. Prof. Jyotiraj Pathak, Head, Deptt. of Political Science, Bodoland University and Founder Member of NETRA Foundations was the moderator. The Panelists were: Mr. Rupak Mazumder, IAS, Commissioner, Deptt. of Transformation and Development, Govt. of Assam; Dr.

Abhijit Sharma, Director, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati; Mr. Jiban Chanra Phukan, Consultant, Centre for SDG, Assam; Prof Polly Vauqueline, Head, Deptt. of Women Studies, Guwahati University; and Dr. Syed Sultan Kazi, Director, North East Development Foundation, Assam. The Knowledge Partners were, Department of Political Science, Bodoland University.

The third Webinar held on 18 July 2020 dealt with 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Tripura'. Shri Krishna Kumar, Visiting Fellow RIS Chaired the Session and Dr. Subhrabaran Das, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Economics, Tripura University moderated. The panelists were: Shri A.K. Chanda, Joint Director, Planning (Eco. & Stat.) Dept., Government of Tripura; Dr. V.T. Dralong, Vice-Chancellor, Martin Luther Christian University, Meghalaya; Prof. Chandrika Basu Majundar, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, Tripura University; Dr. Jayanta Choudhury, Associate Professor, NIRDPR-NERC, Assam; and Dr. Sreelekha Roy, Executive Director, GHAT, Tripura. For this session, Knowledge Partners were: Department of Rural Management, The ICFAI University, Tripura

The fourth Webinar that was held on 25 July 2020 focussed on 'Issues and Challenges of Localising

SDGs in Sikkim'. Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired. The knowledge partner was Department of Political Science, Sikkim Central University. The panelist in the session included: Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU and Chief Economic Advisor, Government of Sikkim; Dr. A.K. Shrivastava, IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim; Dr. Sandhya Thapa, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Sikkim Central University; Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Sikkim Central University; and Dr. Sarala Khaling, Regional Director, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Eastern Himalaya Northeast India.

The fifth Webinar in the series was held on 1 August 2020 on the theme of 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Meghalaya. Professor Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, RIS and former Professor and Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU Chaired this session. Department of Rural Development, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya was the Knowledge Partner. Dr. Bamin Tade, former Advisor (Health), North Eastern Council, Meghalaya; Dr. P.S. Nianglang, Chief Planning Officer and Head, SDG Cell,

Government of Meghalaya; Dr. Deigracia Nongkynrih, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong; Dr. Papiya Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Rural Development, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya; and Miss. Mayfereen Rytahiang, President, GRASSROOT, Shillong, Meghalaya were the panelists.

The Sixth Webinar under the series was on 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Mizoram', which was held on 8 August 2020. Mr. Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Senior Adjunct Fellow, RIS Chaired the Webinar. Shri. Naveen Verma, Former Secretary, Ministry of DONER, Government of India spoke on 'Inclusive Development in the State of Mizoram', which was followed by presentations on 'Initiative Taken by the State Government towards Localisation of SDGs in Mizoram' by Dr. C. Vanlalramsanga, Secretary, Planning & Implementation Department, Government of Mizoram; 'Gender Issues related to Localisation of SDGs in Mizoram' by Dr. C. Lalfakzuali, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Mizoram University, Aizawl; 'Industrial Development in Mizoram : With Special Reference to MSME' by Dr. Bidhu Kanti Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Mizoram University, Aizawl; and 'Role of CSOs in Localisation of SDGs in Mizoram' by Prof. Tluanga, Secretary, Young Mizo Association & Controller of Examination, Mizoram University. Concluding Remarks were given by the Chair.

The Seventh Webinar under the series was on 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' which was held on 14 August 2020. Ambassador Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS

Chaired the Webinar. The following were the presentation in the Webinar: 'Livelihoods & inclusive development issues in Localising SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' by Professor Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rajeev Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; 'Initiative Taken by the State Government towards Localisation of SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' by Mr. Prashanta S. Lokhande, Commissioner, Investment & Planning Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh; 'Gender and Child issues related to Localisation of SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' by Prof. Kesang Degi, Professor, Department of Education, Rajeev Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; 'Local Government and Localisation of SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' by Dr. Narayan Sahoo, Associate Professor, NIRD&PR, NERC, Guwahati; and 'Role of Civil Societies Organisations and Media in Localisation of SDGs in Arunachal Pradesh' by Mr. Pradeep Kumar Behera, Senior Journalist, Arunachal Pradesh.

The Eighth webinar in the series was on 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Manipur' which was held on 22 August 2020. Amb. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS Chaired the Webinar. The following were made the presentations: 'Inclusive development issues in Localising SDGs in Manipur' by Prof. E Bijoykumar Singh, Department of Economics, Manipur University; 'Initiative Taken by the State Government towards Localisation of SDGs in Manipur' by Ms. Kulka Rani Devi, Joint Director, Department of Planning, Government of Manipur; 'Gender issues related to Localisation of SDGs in Manipur' Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo, Executive Secretary, Mountain Indigenous

Knowledge Centre; 'SDG and Tribal Development in Manipur: Problem and Prospects' by Dr. N. Surjitkumar; Head, Department of Tribal Studies, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Manipur and Formerly Visiting Scholar, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; and 'Role of Local Government in Localisation of SDGs in Manipur' by Dr. Kanak Haloi, Professor, NIRDPR-NERC (Rtd.) & President NETRA Foundation.

The last Webinar under this series was on 'Issues and Challenges of Localising SDGs in Nagaland' on 29 August, 2020. Welcome Address was given by Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Political, Sikkim Central University. Dr. D.K. Bhalla, Senior Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland Chaired and addressed the Webinar. The following were the presentations: 'Initiative Taken by the State Government towards Localisation of SDGs in Nagaland' by Mr. Nosazol Charles, Addl. Development Commissioner, Planning & Coordination Department, Nagaland; 'Sustainable Agriculture in Localising SDGs in Nagaland' by Dr. Rongsen Ao, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Assam; 'Gender issues related to Localisation of SDGs in Nagaland' by Dr. Petekhere, Women Studies Centre, Nagaland University; 'Local Government and Localisation of SDGs in Nagaland' by Dr. Kanak Haloi, Professor, NIRDPR-NERC (Rtd.) & President NETRA Foundation; and 'Role of Civil Societies Organisations and in Localisation of SDGs in Nagaland' by Dr. Amba Jamir, Director, Sustainable Development Foundation, Nagaland.



The North East SDG Conclave organised on 24-26 February 2020 in Guwahati, Assam with participation of senior ministers from the Central Government and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States.

24-26 February, 2020

SDG Conclave 2020 – Partnerships, Cooperation and Development of North Eastern States

RIS was nominated by the NITI Aayog as their knowledge partner for the North East SDG Conclave that was organised on 24-26 February 2020 in Guwahati, Assam with participation of senior ministers from the Central Government and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States. The other partners in this effort included the Government of Assam, TATA Trusts and the UNDP. RIS was entrusted with the responsibility of producing a comprehensive report on North East and SDGs, which

was developed over a period of six months between September 2019 and February 2020. The report was drafted after due consultations with various State governments in the North East, often at the level of highest political leadership and through field visits undertaken by RIS faculty members to various State capitals. A workshop with local resource persons and the NETRA Foundation was organised in October 2019 to capture the ground realities and perspectives. Guidance was also received from

the Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and other officials. The Report included the following chapters: State Initiatives and Localisation of SDGs; Drivers of Economic Prosperity and Sustainable livelihood; Climate Adaptive Agriculture and Diversification; Nutrition, Health and Well being; Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Communication, Connectivity and Infrastructure Development; and Financing of SDGs.

Development Finance and Development

RIS has also been making concerted efforts in the field of finance for development and the need for a Development Bank for India. Focus is also there on digital currencies, crypto currencies, value chains etc.

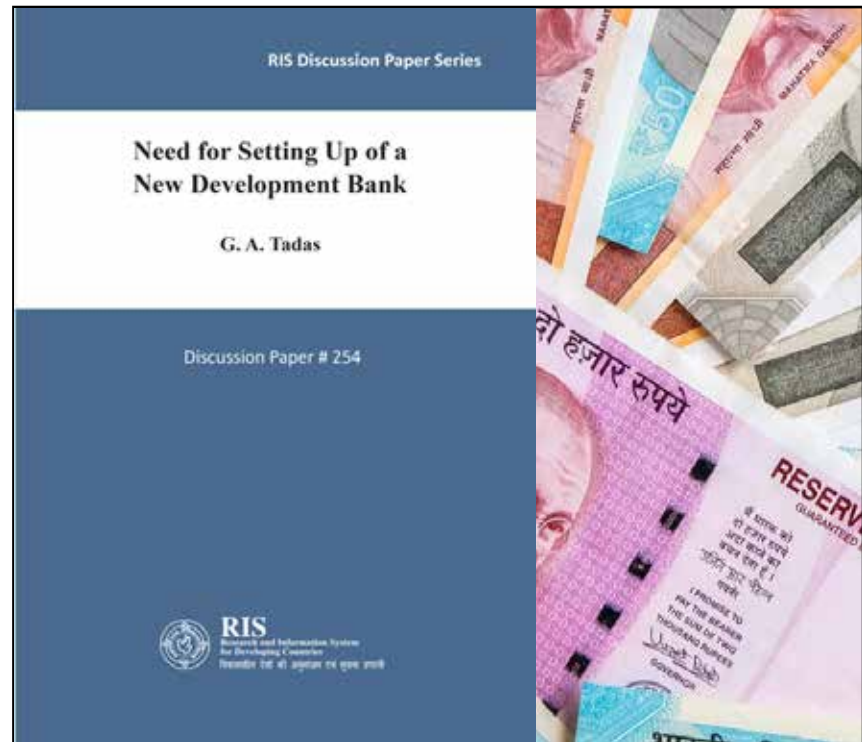
14 July, 2020

Development Banks and Policy Choices for India

Development banks offer many institutional opportunities for financing development projects with long gestation period. In order to discuss the important role of development finance institutions in promoting industrialisation and creating necessary infrastructure, RIS has initiated a focused research programme on Finance and Development. In this context RIS organised a Webinar by Mr. G. A. Tadas, formerly Executive Director, IDBI on development banks and policy choices for India in light of a Discussion Paper on 'Need for Setting Up of a New Development Bank' on 14 July 2020. Mrs. Shyamala Gopinath, Former Deputy Governor of RBI and current Chairperson of HDFC, chaired the Webinar.

The presentation by Mr. Tadas was followed by a Panel Discussion. The distinguished panelists were: Professor Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University and Dr. Janmajeya Sinha, Chairman, India, Boston Consulting Group, Mumbai.

In his presentation Mr. G.A. Tadas emphasized on the development finance institutions (DFIs) like IFCI, IDBI and ICICI formed post-Independence contributed significantly towards India's industrialisation. However, with financial sector reforms since 1991, access to low cost funds for DFIs gradually stopped and the pioneering institutions like IDBI and ICICI had to transform themselves



into commercial banks, while IFCI has been undergoing financial strain. Development banks world over, whether in developed or developing countries, were formed in response to failures of the markets to provide the financing necessary for entrepreneurial activity to boost new or existing companies and in the process promote industrialisation and infrastructure development. When India's development needs are enormous requiring huge financial resources, the closing down of the existing DFIs appears premature, especially in the context of underdeveloped long-term bond market. Time has come to set up a nodal DFI to provide medium- and long-term credit to infrastructure

and other long gestation projects, promote innovation and new technologies that are not supported by the banks and financial institutions as a gap-filling or market-creating mechanism. The innovative ways of raising resources may need to be explored by studying various approaches adopted by development banks across developed and developing countries. It is desirable to have periodic reviews of mandates assigned to DFIs and need to factor in changing priorities of the economy to ensure that they remain relevant. The Discussion Paper is available on RIS Website. It has also been circulated widely.

11 January, 2020

Panel Discussion on ‘Capturing Economic Value in India’

RIS jointly with SKOCH organised a panel discussion on ‘Capturing Economic Value in India’ on 11 January 2020. Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS chaired. The panelists were Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Mr Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International; Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director and Head of the South and South-West Asia (SSWA) Office of the UN-ESCAP; Dr Abhijit Das, Head & Professor, Centre For WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. A large number of participants took part in the open discussion.



7 May, 2020

Webinar on Digital Currencies and Crypto-Currencies, 7 May 2020

The global economic landscape is undergoing a silent transformation enabled by innovations in digital technologies. Financial technologies in particular have assumed tremendous attention in the recent years. Banking and finance fields are witnessing rapid strides in application of digital technologies in advanced economies as well as in emerging and developing economies. In this digital era, countries are exploring whether new forms of money like digital currencies and crypto-currencies would be the game changer. There are many apprehensions with respect to the regulatory and supervisory challenges associated with use of digital and crypto-currencies. Besides central banks of different countries, international forums like G20 are also discussing the opportunities and constraints associated with crypto currencies and the standards involved.



RIS has been working on digital technologies and Fintech sector in the realm of trade, investment and industrial policy especially in the context of G20. In order to understand the intricacies of digital currencies and crypto-currencies, RIS organised a webinar on “Future

Digital Currencies and Crypto-Currencies: Policy Choices and Way Forward” on May 7, 2020.

The programme began with welcome remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon’ble G2-Sherpa of India addressed the importance of the theme of the Webinar and shared his perspective insights. Dr Martin Suster, Director (Research), National Bank of Slovakia made the lead presentation and it was followed by a panel discussion. The distinguished panelists were Professor Biswajit Banerjee, Adjunct Senior Fellow, RIS and Professor of Economics, Ashoka University; Dr Srinivas Yanamandra, Chief-Compliance, New Development Bank, Shanghai, China; Professor Manmohan Agarwal, former Professor, JNU; and Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS.

27-28 February, 2020

RIS-PRIA-NIUA and European Union National Conference on 'Future of Urban Sanitation in India' 27-28 February 2020

The Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in partnership with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), organised a National Conference on "The Future of Urban Sanitation" with A Special Consultation on "Localising SDGs in Secondary Cities" on 27-28 February 2020. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India delivered the inaugural address.

The objectives of the Conference were: Showcasing scalable innovative

solutions from across the country to address the challenges of inclusive and sustainable urban sanitation services; creating a learning and knowledge platform by bringing together policy makers, researchers, experts, and practitioners on inclusive and sustainable urban sanitation services; and informing and influencing policies and institutions to enhance the impact of urban sanitation programmes. The Conference is aimed to develop a consensus on the framework, methodology, and mechanism for localising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Indian secondary

cities with a particular focus on SDG 11. The Conference had the following sessions: Accelerating Behaviour Change and Citizen Participation for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Sanitation Services; Developing Local Capacities for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Sanitation Services; Healthy Workplace for Sanitation Workers (with a special focus on women sanitation workers); Convergence of Public Programmes for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Services in Indian Cities; and a Special Session on Localising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Secondary Cities.

South South Cooperation in Action

To strengthen bilateral and regional strategic partnership, RIS held webinars with Vietnam, Cote d'Ivoire, Uzbekistan and Indonesia, BIMSTEC Secretariat and Exit Plan from COVID-19.

24 June, 2020

Webinar on the theme, "India-Vietnam S&T Cooperation: Prospects and Perspectives"

On 24th June 2020, RIS in collaboration with Vietnam embassy, New Delhi hosted the Webinar on the theme, "India-Vietnam S&T Cooperation: Prospects and Perspectives". H.E. Pham Sanh Chau, Ambassador of Vietnam to India and Shri Pranay Verma, Ambassador of India to Vietnam jointly chaired the event. Among the key speakers for the webinar included Shri Sanjeev Varshney, Head & Advisor, International Bilateral Cooperation Division (IBCD), Ministry of Science and Technology, India; Professor Dr Le Van Toan, Chairman of Scientific Council, Center for



Indian Studies; Shri Arvind Gupta, Founder iSPiRT & Digital India Foundation; Dr Le Thi Hang Nga, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Journal for Indian & Asian Studies, Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian

studies, and Dr B. Balakrishnan, Former Indian Ambassador and Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS. The seminar aimed to build a bridge between S&T communities between India and Vietnam.

10-11 September, 2020

Expanding South-South Cooperation in an Interdependent World

RIS in consultation with the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC-Colombia) organised the Seminar on 'Expanding South-South Cooperation in an Interdependent World' on 10-11 September 2020. The first session on Interdependence and Solidarity: "Work between partners who need each other" was held on 10 September 2020 and the second session on 'Unlikely conversations after COVID-19: 'What you want to know, but haven't been able to ask' was held on 11 September 2020.

The session I took up discussion that each region was comprised of countries with common languages, histories, influence areas and development problems. These interdependencies are the basis

of South-South Cooperation - solutions developed in one country can be adapted and replicated in another one, for the wellbeing of our peoples. But this interdependency also entails a vulnerability. Global crisis situations underscore how vulnerable our economies, our political systems and our societies are to the problems that besiege our neighbors. Whether we are discussing climate change, migrations, capital or disease flows, certain situations shake our countries and demand joint answers.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made a presentation in the Session II on Unlikely conversations after COVID-19 "What you want to know, but haven't been able to ask". From

RIS, Professor Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow also participated. The Session discussed that the COVID-19 pandemic has moved our governments, companies and organisations to a path of accelerated learning to evaluate and take action to contain the expansion of the virus, with severe socio-economic effects, which are themselves contagious due to our interdependencies. The virtualisation of life caused by the lockdown is already generating important social, economic, fiscal and urban impacts, which are partially irreversible, and for which South-South Cooperation will have to formulate innovative answers. However, the current situation should not completely distract our attention from other necessary matters that need to be discussed.

3 February, 2020

Interactive Session with Professor Klaus Larres, Richard M. Krasno, Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA



An Interactive Session with Professor Klaus Larres in progress at RIS, Delhi.

An Interactive Session with Professor Klaus Larres, Richard M. Krasno, Distinguished Professor, University

of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA was organised on 3 February 2020 at G. Parthasarathi Conference

Hall. RIS Faculty participated in the discussion and exchange of ideas.

7 September, 2020

Strengthening Cooperation Initiatives between India and Côte d'Ivoire

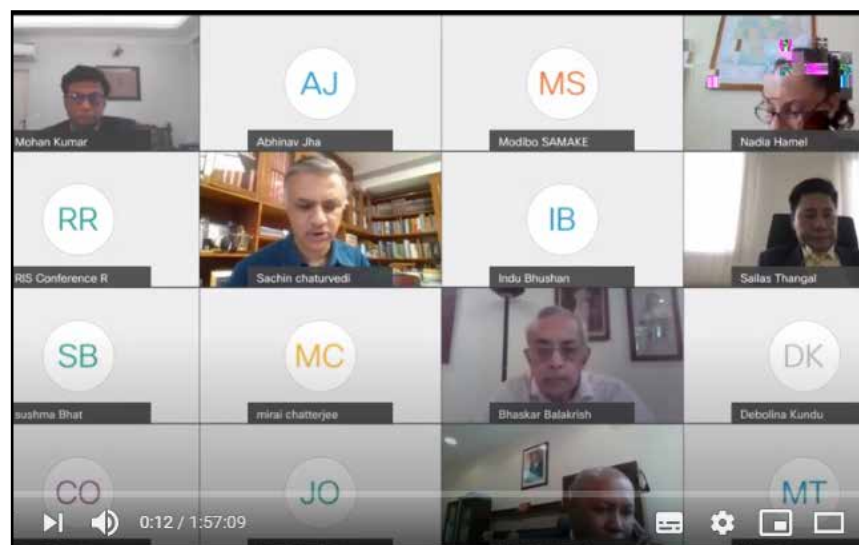
RIS in partnership with the Indian Embassy in Abidjan and the Government of Ivory Coast organized a Webinar on Strengthening Cooperation Initiatives between India and Côte d'Ivoire, on 7 September 2020.

The Inaugural Session was Chaired by Dr. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS. Welcome Remarks were given by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Ambassador Sailas Thangal, Ambassador of India to Cote d'Ivoire. Keynote address was delivered by Mr. Patrick Achi, Hon'ble Minister in President's Office, Cote d'Ivoire. The first session on 'Opportunities for India-Côte d'Ivoire Cooperation in implementing Universal Health Insurance Systems' was chaired by Ambassador Sailas Thangal, Ambassador of India to Cote d'Ivoire. Special addresses were given by Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB - PMJAY) and the National Health Authority (NHA); and Dr K. Srinath Reddy, President, PHFI in this session.

The second session on 'Opportunities for India-Côte d'Ivoire Cooperation in Improving Agricultural Productivity' was Chaired by Dr. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS. The distinguished panelists were Dr. Anand Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticultural Science), ICAR, who spoke about the possible technical collaboration on farming system, climate adaptation farming, NRM etc.; and Dr T. P. Rajendran, Former Assistant Director General, ICAR and Adjunct Fellow, RIS spoke about the major advancement in integrated pest management,



Webinar in progress



regulatory system of agrochemicals and biological inputs such as biofertilisers, biopesticides including microbial pesticides, quality risk management of agri-inputs, farm gate commodity safety assurance through Good Agriculture Practice.

The third session was on 'Opportunities for India-Côte d'Ivoire Cooperation in Implementing Self-Help Groups

(SHGs) and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs); and policies for Affordable Housing' was Chaired by Dr Rajesh Tandon, Chairman, Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC). The Panelists were Dr Mirai Chatterjee, Director, Social Security, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and Prof. Dr. Debolina Kundu, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).



Welcome remarks were given by H.E. Mr Farhod Arziev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India giving welcome remarks at the Roundtable Discussion

10 February, 2020

Roundtable discussion on Uzbekistan-India: New horizons of strategic partnership

RIS jointly with the Uzbekistan Embassy in New Delhi organised a Roundtable Discussion on 'Uzbekistan-India: New Horizons of Strategic Partnership' on 10 February 2020 at Uzbekistan Embassy. Welcome remarks were given by H.E. Mr Farhod Arziev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India and Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS. H.E. Mr Farhod Arziev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India spoke on the Development Dynamics of Uzbekistan. Mr Bidyut Behari Swain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India gave a

lecture on New opportunities for expanding trade relations between Uzbekistan and India. Mr Manish Prabhat, JS ERS MEA, Government of India made special remarks. Other prominent speakers were: Mr Rajiv Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India spoke on India-Uzbekistan IT cooperation. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS addressed the participants on the theme 'Economic Development Partnership including digital economy'. Dr Sanjeev Bansal, Dean - Faculty of Management Studies, Director & Head,

Amity Business School spoke on Experience of cooperation in the sphere of education. Representatives of Indian business circles made special remarks on, Doing business in Uzbekistan: new opportunities for Indian investors. A presentation on Commercial Section of the Embassy of Uzbekistan was also made a presentation on First Tashkent International Investment Forum (TIIF) - (5-6 March, 2020). H.E. Mr Farhod Arziev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India made closing remarks. It was followed by dinner with live performance by Cultural group from Bukhara region of Uzbekistan.

30 June, 2020

Webinar on 'Revisiting Economic Cooperation in BIMSTEC in Post-COVID-19'

A Webinar on Revisiting Economic Cooperation in BIMSTEC in Post-COVID-19 was held on 30 June 2020. Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India delivered the inaugural address. H.E. Mr M Shahidul Islam, Secretary General, BIMSTEC Secretariat, Dhaka made special remarks. Ambassador (Dr) Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS and Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS also addressed the participants. Ambassador Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi chaired the Session on Country Policy Responses to COVID-19 and Opportunity for Collective Action by BIMSTEC which had the following distinguished panelists: Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka; Mr Chewang Rinzin, Director, Royal Institute for Governance and Strategic Studies (RIGSS), Bhutan; Dr Arun Kumar



Thakur, Executive Director, Centre for Economic and Development Administration (CEDA), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu; Mr Lahpai Zau Goone, Member, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), Yangon; Dr Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo; Dr Surat Horachaikul, Director, India Study Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi.

Dr Virander Paul, Additional Secretary (BIMSTEC, SAARC & Nalanda), Government of India chaired Session 2 on Regional Cooperation in Health, Finance and Value Chains. Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director and Head of South and South-West Asia Office, UN-ESCAP, New Delhi; Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka; Dr Ganeshan Wignaraja, Executive Director and Chair of the Global Economy Programme, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Colombo; Dr Manoj Nesari, Adviser (Ayurveda), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India; Professor Bishwambher Pyakuryal, Former Ambassador of Nepal to Sri Lanka and President of Nepal Economic Association, Nepal; and Professor S. K. Mohanty, Professor, RIS, New Delhi were the distinguished panelists.

13 August, 2020

Webinar on 'Indonesia's Exit Plan and Potential for Bilateral and Regional Cooperation'

RIS organised a Webinar on Indonesia's Exit Plan from COVID-19 and Potential for Bilateral and Regional Cooperation was organised on 13 August 2020. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. Ambassador Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS chaired. Dr Philips J. Vermonte, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia made the lead presentation. This was followed by Special Remarks by Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat, Ambassador of India, Indonesia.

During the deliberations it was underlined that there is need to bolster economic cooperation and enhancing implementation of global health regulation and interconnectivity between strong and weak countries. WHO and major powers should help facilitate global resource pooling and technical assistance to countries with limited capacities. Regional organizations need to increase their investment in infrastructure, capacity building and human resource development in public health and health security. Developed countries and international financial

institutions can provide economic assistance to poorer countries that face dire economic crisis. At the same time nationalism and protectionism should be kept at bay by strengthening cooperation in international trade and through other economic measures.

At bilateral level, commonality of interest between Indonesia and India open up many possibilities for deepening cooperation. Both countries can work together in the area manufacturing and supply chains.

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Traditional Medicine

As a part of AYUSH initiative, webinar was organized on international promotion of Traditional Medicine system.

16 January, 2020

Seminar on Traditional Medicine in India and China

The Government has been taking a number of measures to promote the AYUSH sector recently. As part of that the Ministry of AYUSH has set up a Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM) in RIS. The Forum has been organizing programmes and research studies on trade and industry related issues of the AYUSH sector. AYUSH sector has a strong presence in the MSME sector. In order to promote the growth of this sector India has to open up export promotion opportunities as well as learn from the experience of other countries like China, who have made good progress in international promotion

of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Dr Wang Zang, Director, Research Institute of Traditional Indian Medicine at Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CUTCM), Sichuan, China, was recently on a study visit to India. His Institute is the only academic institute undertaking research on Ayurveda in China. To avail the opportunity of benefiting from the insights of by Prof Wang's visit, RIS organised a seminar on "Traditional Medicine in India and China" on 16 January 2020. The programme began with remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, DG,

RIS. Shri Pramod Kumar Pathak, Additional Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH delivered the inaugural address and also Chaired the Session. Dr Wang Zang, Director, Research Institute of Traditional Indian Medicine, Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Sichuan, China and Professor Tanuja Nesari, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi and CEO, National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi were the lead speakers. Professor T.C. James, Member Secretary, FITM and Visiting Fellow, RIS gave the vote of thanks.



Seminar on "Traditional Medicine in India and China" on 16 January 2020 in progress.

Technology and Governance

Highlight on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI); energy efficiency; medical devices sector; access, equity and inclusion issues; and India's STIP policy.

13 January, 2020

Special Talk on 'Role of Energy Efficiency in Effective Energy Transition'

RIS organised a Special Talk by Shri Abhay Bakre, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India on the 'Role of Energy Efficiency in Effective Energy Transition' on 13 January 2020. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Introductory remarks. The lecture was followed by a panel discussion. The panelists were: Shri Augustine Peter, Visiting Fellow, and Shri Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Consultant, RIS.



The session of the Special Talk in progress.

17 January, 2020

Roundtable on 'Social Enterprises and Social Stock Exchange - the Indian Scenario'

RIS organised a roundtable on 'Social Enterprises and Social Stock Exchange - the Indian Scenario' on 17 January 2020 at New Delhi. Dr Rajesh Tandon, President, PRIA Chaired the Session. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made introductory remarks. It was followed by presentations by Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor and Mr Arun Nair, Visiting Fellow. During the discussion the panellists were: Mr Harsh Jaitli, VANI; Dr Mirai Chatterjee, SEWA; Mr Rakesh Marqus, AVPN; Dr Seema Arora, CII; Ms Nitya Nangalia, SEWA; and Mr Swapnil Agarwal, Dhawani RIS.



Roundtable on 'Social Enterprises and Social Stock Exchange' in progress at RIS.

31 January, 2020

Breakfast Seminar on 'Medical Devices Sector in India: Regulations, Local Manufacturing and Trade'

RIS organised a Breakfast seminar on 'Medical Devices Sector in India: Regulations, Local Manufacturing and Trade' on 31 January 2020. This was chaired by Dr Sakthivel

Selvaraj, Director, Health Economics, Financing and Policy, PHFI. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS gave the welcome remarks. Dr Abha Jaiswal,

Visiting Fellow, RIS made the presentation and the discussants were: Dr (Ms) Lalita Goyal, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR; Professor T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS.



A Breakfast seminar on 'Medical Devices Sector in India: Regulations, Local Manufacturing and Trade' in progress.

30 September, 2020

Making of India's STIP Policy 2020

Professor K. VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India delivered the 29th STIP lecture on 'Making of India's STIP Policy 2020' on 30 September 2020. Mr Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Limited chaired the session.

In lecture, Professor VijayRaghavan expressed his views on current positioning of India in Science, technology and innovation and what more needs to be done in this context in order to better achieve our scientific objectives (coupled with inclusive growth) through STIP, 2020. Professor VijayRaghavan started his lecture by taking up three questions: (i) Where did we come from?; (ii) Where are we going now in terms

of our science, technology and innovation and (iii) Where would we go from here?

Professor VijayRaghavan said that the change in the mind-set of the people is of utmost importance in order to fully harness the potentialities of scientific and technological parameters into the growth process of our economy. In this line, some of our industrialists took up the challenge, experimented at ground level and succeeded in achieving success also. Professor VijayRaghavan said that if we take any area in Science and Technology in India, we have qualitative and skilled people mainly owing to two reasons i.e. the ambition of the young people to excel and tools of learning are more widely available now like computers and advanced

equipment designs.

Regarding the proper alignment of STI policy with SDGs goals, he pointed the need towards adoption of wiser approach if India wants to achieve SDGs at a faster pace. Every person wants quality at the lowest cost. By paying artificially lower prices in the current time, we will let our future generations suffer more in the future. The wiser approach calls for the need to price our products rightly which should cover all other costs like environmental and sanitation and hygiene. If we price our products in a right manner which can accommodate all other costs, then the speed of the attainment of SDGs would be much faster in the times to come.

6 July, 2020

Book Release Webinar on ‘Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Genetically Modified Crops: Global Implications’

A Book Release Webinar on ‘Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Genetically Modified Crops: Global Implications’, was organised on 6 July 2020. The programme began with Welcome Remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Professor Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog launched the book entitled “Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Genetically Modified Crops: Global Implications”.

Findings from the Project was presented by Study Team Members. Professor P.G. Chengappa, Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore; Professor E. Haribabu, Adjunct Senior Fellow, and Professor of Sociology (Retd.), University of

Hyderabad; Professor N. Lalitha, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad; Professor Rabindra Padaria, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; Professor K. Srinivas, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad; Professor Suresh Patil, Dean, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur; Professor K. R. Ashok, Director, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore; Dr A.V. Manjunatha, Director (Evaluation), Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Bangalore; and Dr K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant, RIS.

It was followed by a Panel

Discussion. Dr S.R. Rao, Vice President, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, Pondicherry and former Adviser, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India Chaired. The main panelists were: Dr Ranjini Warriar, former Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change; Dr Ashwani Mahajan, National Co-convener, Swadeshi Jagran Manch, Professor M.K. Ramesh, National Law School University, Bangalore, Shri Harish Damodaran, Editor, Rural Affairs and Agriculture, Indian Express, Professor N. Chandrashekar Rao, Institute of Economic Growth, and Dr Koen Beumer, Utrecht University, The Netherlands. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr K. Ravi Srinivas.

3 September, 2020

Consultation on Access, Equity and Inclusion (AEI) and Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)

RIS has been working on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) issues and the development implications of STI particularly that of emerging technologies has been major interest to RIS. While, RIS has worked on agricultural biotechnology, nanotechnology and synthetic biology among emerging technologies, there is a need for an alternative paradigm that goes beyond traditional methods of impact assessment to assess the societal implications of STI. In this regard, RIS organized a Consultation on ‘Consultation on Access, Equity and Inclusion (AEI) and Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)’ on 3 September 2020. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS gave the



Webinar in progress

welcome remarks. The first session on ‘Access, Equity and Inclusion and STI : Status and Way Forward for AEI Paradigm’ was chaired by Prof. K. J. Joseph, Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram. The speakers were Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Former Professor, Centre for Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

& currently Adjunct Senior Fellow, RIS; Prof. Dinesh Abrol, Professor, The Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID); Dr Saradindu Bhaduri, Associate Professor, Center for Studies in Science Policy, JNU and Dr Arul Scaria, Associate Professor, National Law University, Delhi. The second session was on ‘Gender, STI and AEI’ was chaired by Prof. Karuna Chanana, Former Professor Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU; Prof.V. Sujatha, Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU; and Dr Nimita Pandey, DST-Science Technology Innovation Policy Fellow, DST Center for Policy Research, IISc, Bangalore. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr Krishna Ravi Srinivas, RIS.

23 June and 29 June, 2020

Webinar on STI for SDGs

India was one of the leading force behind the negotiations for introduction of a UN driven global Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) as part of the SDGs. Concrete operational steps on TFM is currently underway through the Global Pilot Programmes on STI for SDGs Roadmaps launched in 2019. India has joined four others as pilot countries under this initiative. The European Union and Japan have joined the UN Inter-agency Task Team (IATT) on STI for SDGs in this initiative to support the pilot countries in their SDG Roadmaps exercise. STI for SDGs Roadmaps in India, as decided, would focus on 4 SDGs viz. SDG 2 (Agriculture/nutrition); SDG 3 (Health and wellbeing), SDG 6 (Water and Sanitation) and SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy). Under the STI for SDGs

Roadmaps exercise in India, suggested key deliverable would be to work towards formulating a decision support system for expenditure review on R&D for greater effectiveness in the Indian context, to be placed with the Office of the PSA. Scoping study in this regard has been initiated. India and Japan have together come on board and are collaborating based on mutual interest in promoting the STI for SDGs Roadmaps in the respective countries, as well as in robustly supporting replication of this initiative in African countries including those who are already part of the exercise as pilot countries.

As part of this exercise, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) and RIS as the knowledge partner with PSA, jointly with the Cabinet Office,

Government of Japan (CAO) and the UN-Interagency Task Team (UN-IATT) on STI for SDGs, organised a virtual workshop on “Developing STI Partnerships for Sustainable Development: Accelerating International Cooperation and Actions through the Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps” on 29 June 2020. This workshop has been recognised as an official work programme of the TFM ahead of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), July 2020. Senior policymakers and experts from the pilot countries, India, Japan and UN/partner agencies, joined the workshop. The bilateral dialogue between India and Japan focusing on leveraging frontier technologies in implementation of the four aforementioned SDGs was hosted on 23 June 2020.

South Asian Cooperation for Accelerating Recovery from COVID-19 and Building Back Better

A Policy Dialogue on South Asian Cooperation for Accelerating Recovery from COVID-19 and Building Back Better was organised jointly by UN ESCAP, UN75 2020 and Beyond and SACEPS in collaboration with RIS, India; SAWTEE, Nepal; SDPI, Pakistan; IPS, Sri Lanka; and Biruni Institute on 9 September 2020. The Policy Dialogue started with opening remarks by Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director, UN ESCAP-SSWA and Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Professor-Emeritus, JNU and Co-chair, SACEPS. It was moderated by Prof. Akmal Hussain, Dean, ITU,

Lahore and Co-chair, SACEPS and the distinguished speakers were Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, CPD, Bangladesh; Mr. Wangchuk Namgay, Chief, Development Cooperation Division, GNHC, Bhutan; Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, SAWTEE, Nepal; Dr Abid Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI and Member of PMEAC, Pakistan; and Dr. Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, IPS, Sri Lanka.

According to the report issued by the UN ESCAP, the policy dialogue offered important insights,

country perspectives and strategies for taking the agenda of South Asian cooperation forward. While proposals were made at the national level for crisis recovery, regional cooperation strategies and a regional master plan was emphasized upon to create resilience for future outbreaks and assist countries to build back better. • In the open discussion, it was emphasized that South Asian region can make a strong case for debt relief at the regional level, with India positioned to take the lead (given its role as subregional and bilateral lender) in shaping the discourse at the

international level in having debt relief and debt waiver measures to assist developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs).

• While the diversion of resources to meet COVID19 can impact the achievement of the SDGs, national stimulus packages to meet the crisis can be aligned with the SDGs and other international commitments such as the Paris Agreement for cleaner, greener recovery and sustainable development. • To come up with a strategy for overcoming gender gaps exacerbated by the crisis, focus should be on education,

re-skilling of women and creating opportunities for self-employment and entrepreneurship through access to digital technologies and platforms. • While the degree of vulnerability of countries might be different, but South Asia as a region is extremely vulnerable to ecological disasters and future pandemics. Universal provision of health care, social protection and other basic services can provide important safety cushions and enhance the overall preparedness of the region to deal with current crisis and future outbreaks. • More

equitable and broad-based growth trajectory, unleashing the potential of all people including the middle class and the poor, to be active participants in the growth process has to be at the heart of recovery efforts. • In the current context, international organizations and regional development partners, such as UNESCAP can foster greater regional cooperation among South Asian countries on sectoral basis, through thematic cooperation on sectors and issues.

Science Diplomacy

6 February, 2020

India's Strategic Identity

RIS organised a special talk by Dr Anil Kakodkar, on his book on "Fire and Fury: Transforming India's Strategic Identity" on 6 February 2020 at New Delhi. Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS Chaired the session. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General, RIS

gave welcome remarks. Dr S K Malhotra, Former Raja Ramanna Fellow, DAE & Secretary, Atomic Energy Education Society made the Opening Remarks. After the talk by Dr Anil Kakodkar, there was a panel discussion in which the distinguished discussants were: Dr Suresh Gangotra, Senior Technical

Advisor to Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission & Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, DAE; Professor R. Rajaraman, Emeritus Professor of Theoretical Physics, JNU; and Mr Pallava Bagla, Science Editor and Columnist, NDTV.

Others

7 September, 2020

Meeting of the Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST)

Knowledge generated endogenously among the Southern partners can help in consolidation of stronger common issues at different global policy fora. It is with this intent Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) was launched. The purpose of the NeST is to provide a global platform for Southern Think-Tanks for collaboratively generating, systematizing, consolidating and sharing knowledge on SSC approaches for international development.

In the meeting of the NeST held on 7th September 2020, it was decided to organise four building up events for the Sixth Conference under the Delhi Process, which is to develop the contours of South-South Cooperation. They would focus on four broad themes: 1) South-South Financial Cooperation; 2) South-South Cooperation for Reforms of Multilateral Institutions; 3) South-South Trade and Investment Cooperation: Pushing for Manufacturing and Jobs and

4) South-South Technology and Innovation Cooperation: Exploring Connects for Start-ups and Technology Governance.

As the role of technology was crucial in meeting the challenges of COVID-19, NeST would focus on think of the post-pandemic mega challenge that South was facing. Focus would be also placed on reform of UN ECOSOC and how current architecture of UN was dealing with issues like sustainable development.

20-21 August, 2020

ASEAN-India: Strengthening Partnership in the Post COVID Era

A Video-Conference of 6th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) was held on 20-21 August 2020. Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India delivered the opening remarks and underlined that AINTT was established to provide policy inputs to our government on future directions for our cooperation. We have seen some success in this regard but he urged think tanks today especially ours to push the envelop even more in the present world situation. Even in the normal times, there is need and space for new ideas because obviously not everything cannot be generated within government alone and we have seen fresh thinking in the past coming from scholars, media, business and civil societies.

The world faces an unprecedented challenge. None of us have seen a crisis of this proportion before or indeed uncertainty of this level. The contraction of the world economy being predicted would surely be the largest since the great depression. The contemporary relationship between India and ASEAN was founded very much on our shared interests in globalization. Globalization may be reflected as trade, travel and financial flows but in reality it is something very much larger. In fact, what the pandemic has brought up is the indivisible aspect of human existence that underpins globalization. Whether it is climate change, terrorism or indeed pandemics, these are not challenges where those affected have a choice. The limitations of purely national responses or sometimes living in denial have become evident. Therefore the need for the international community is to work together much more sincerely in search of collective solutions.



The big issue that confronts the thinking world is not simply the state of the economy, the damage to societies or the challenges to governance. It is actually a debate on the future directions of the global affairs and what kind of world order or disorder we are going to live in. As a result, the commodity that is perhaps the most valued in international relations today is that of trust.

The actions of nations during times of crisis determines how the world really perceives them and they did bring out many of the risks inherent in the current global economy. Consequently, concerns about supply change are today sort to be mitigated at the very least through greater emphasis on diversification and resilience. For exactly these reasons it is incumbent on all of us to think through these challenges and come up with a more positive and practical model of cooperation. It is not as though the world lacks good examples even during the times of crisis, after all there were many who also shared what they could at this time whether it was in terms of medicines, supplies or resources. In fact, through their actions what they demonstrated was the need

for a broader rebalancing as well as of a more generous and equitable worldview. For India today this means, among other things, the urgent requirement to strengthen its national capacities. It also underlines the importance of be risking critical aspects of societal existence especially health and at the same time complementing the domestic priority of building an employment generating economy and not just a profit generating one, we call it Atma Nirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India).

ASEAN is one of the crossroads to the global economy. India is the 5th largest economy in the world. We are not only proximate to each other but together helped shape Asia and the world. It is important that at this junction we put our heads together. There are conceptual issues to debate including the Indo-Pacific. The Indo-Pacific ocean initiatives that we have tabled needs elaboration as global relationships alter we too need to take stock. As we come out of this pandemic let us be clear on one fact the world would never be the same again that mean new thinking, fresh ideas, more imagination and greater openness. We need to go beyond orthodoxies whether of trade, security or politics.

Capacity Building Programme



Participants of the RIS-ITEC Capacity Building Programme on Science Diplomacy.

ITEC Capacity Building Programme on Science Diplomacy

The Capacity Building Programme on ‘Science Diplomacy’ under the auspices of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was organised from 6 to 17 January 2020 at RIS and has 32 participants from 25 countries.

The programme is designed to

benefit the participants coming from different countries by familiarizing them to the theory and practice of Science Diplomacy and how developing nations can take advantage of the Science Diplomacy. The programme covered the following modules: Introduction to Science Diplomacy: Concepts and Contours; Sharing Experience

in Science Diplomacy; Emerging Technologies such as Gene-Editing and AI; Cyber Security; ICT and Law Enforcement; Digital Economy; Technology Transfer and Trade; and SDGs and South-South Cooperation. In addition to the lectures and group discussions, the participants visited to the International Solar Alliance and ICGEB.



Participants at the Valedictory session of the Science Diplomacy Programme.

Capacity Building Programme

ITEC Capacity Building Programme on “International Economic Issues and Development Policy”

RIS has been conducting an annual flagship Capacity Building Programme on “International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)” under the ITEC Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government

of India since 2001. This year’s programme took place from 10 February 2020 to 6 March 2020 at RIS. More than 28 participants including middle level government officials/diplomats, policy practitioners and scholars from 23 countries has

participated in the programme. The report 'Global Governance and Economic Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Countries' was also brought out at the end of the programme.



Participants of the RIS-ITEC Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy with the RIS Faculty.

RIS-GDC-PHFI – GDC Fellowship Programme in Public Health Management

The programme involves exposure to India's extensive initiatives in the field of Public Health Management including flagship programmes of the Government of India such as the National Health Mission, the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, and the institutionalisation of traditional medicine systems through the Ministry of Ayush. The programme also focuses on the component of digital technologies being deployed to ensure the robustness of the systems managing public health in India. The programme



participants are drawn from six countries of Asia and Africa namely Bhutan, Myanmar, Kenya, Nepal, Maldives, and Sri Lanka and

they are all involved in the public health management process in their countries at the level of the central or provincial authority.

RIS-GDC-SEWA Fellowship Programme on Women's Economic Empowerment being conducted at Ahmedabad and Delhi

The Fellowship Programme on Women's Economic Empowerment was conducted at Ahmedabad and Delhi from February 24 to March 7, 2020 in partnership with the Lok Swasthya SEWA Trust (LSST). The programme involved participants drawn from four countries of Asia and Africa namely Bhutan, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia and exposure to various facets of grassroots-led empowerment of women which has happened in India with the formation of large numbers of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), leading to an upsurge in the participation and engagement of women in Indian society. It also covered programmes of the Government of India such as the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) which have empowered women in rural areas to become community leaders as well as given support to local handicrafts and artisans. The systems used for these transitions such as digital technologies that were deployed and organisational structures that were created also showcased for a holistic understanding of the model.

RIS Online Internship and presentations by Interns

RIS has been offering internship to students of various Indian universities and institutes pursuing Masters in Economics or in related disciplines. Over the years, the demand for the internship programme has grown significantly which resulted in radical restructuring of the content, supervision and learning components of the programme. In 2020, in view of the prolonged lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic, RIS has come up with the Online Internship programme with innovative modes of interactions with faculty and peers, and facilitating interns' participation in different RIS webinars and web-based conferences.

About 22 students joined and completed their internship. Upon completion these interns made the presentation under the University Think-Tank Initiative - Young Scholars Forum Webinar Series.

The first Webinar was held on 15 September 2020. Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS made an overview about RIS Summer 2020 Internship. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS spoke about the 'Research Priorities and RIS University-Think Tank Initiative'. After that remarks were made by Prof. Jyoti Chandiramani, Director, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International University, Pune and Dr Bibek Ray Chaudhuri, Associate Professor, IIFT Kolkata. The following presentations were made by the interns. 'India-China Trade Relations: India's Dependence on China' by Mr Arunabh Saha; 'Regulatory and

Policy Issues in Use of Digital Currencies' by Ms Pragati Sharma; 'FinTech: Threats and Opportunities' by Ms Firdosh Khan; 'Review of Game Theory Applications in Trade' by Mr Chaitanya Khurana; and 'Skill Development in the Mining Sector: Empirical Analysis of South Africa' by Ms Barnalika Pradhan.

The second Webinar held on 19 September 2020 was Chaired by Professor S.K. Mohanty, Professor, RIS. Remarks was given by Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dash, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis International University Pune. A Brief on Internship Papers was given by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Assistant Professor, RIS. The following interns made their presentations: Financial Inclusion in

North-Eastern Aspirational Districts: Ms. Ms. Purnima Choudhury; Financial Inclusion in Kerala and Tamil Nadu: A Comparative Study: Ms. Shilsha Mary Augustine; Impact of COVID-19 on Development in North Eastern States: Ms. Sakshi Nigam & Ms. Lavanya Sayal; India's Competitiveness in Pharmaceutical Industry within Sub-Saharan African Region: Ms. Swati Verma; Production and Import Linkage of Natural Rubber in India: Ms. Amala V.L; Complementarity of Indian Agriculture exports in South Asia: Ms. Anuja Mathur; A Study of India's Tea Exports & A Brief Study on the Horticulture Sector in North East India: Mr. Soumyadip Pal; and Healthcare Cooperation among BIMSTEC: New Avenues: Ms. Aditi Sengupta.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Made a presentation virtually on 'Future of globalization: Outlook for South Asian countries' at the Webinar on COVID-19 and South Asia organised by SAWTEE, Nepal on 25 September 2020.
- Made a presentation virtually on 'India's Healthcare Diplomacy' at the Panel on Institutional and territorial scales interlocking in health diplomacy for InsSciDE Webinars: Science diplomacy and the cross-sectoral impacts of Covid-19 organised by UNESCO on 25 September 2020.
- Co-chaired and made presentation virtually on Role of STI for Rural and Agriculture at the Panel on 'Big Ideas to achieve Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Rural Development', organized during BRICS Civil Forum on Advancing BRICS People2people Cooperation For Sustainable Future on 24 September 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on India's development cooperation at the Discussion Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation organized by UN India on 23 September 2020.
- Delivered virtually the Inaugural Baudhik Lecture on 4-Ds of Trade Policy - India's Way Forward organized by Council for International Economic Understanding (CIEU) on 19 September 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on Unlikely conversations after COVID-19 "What you want to know, but haven't been able to ask" at the Expanding South-South Cooperation in an interdependent world SSC Day 2020 - Dialogue on effectiveness and measurement organised by APC-Colombia and UNOSSC on 11 September 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on Economic Impact of COVID-19 and Regional Cooperation in South Asia at the Virtual Policy Dialogue on South Asian Cooperation for Accelerating Recovery from COVID-19 and Building Back Better organized by UNESCAP on 9 September 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Indian Economy at the Global Event on Clean, green and improved: Policy priorities in a post-COVID-19 world organized by Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and TAF on 9 September 2020.
- Delivered First Lecture of the Indialectics series on 'STI Innovation System and Endogeneity of Technology: Role of AEI and Governance in Atmanirbhar Bharat' organized by GIFT on 1 September 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on New Agricultural Technologies and Rural Prosperity and Sustainability at the Online Round Table of Sustainable cities and rural development working group on Smart Details in Complex Systems: best practices in urban and rural development in the post-COVID era organized by Civil BRICS Russia on 18 August 2020.
- Addressed the virtual International Round Table on 'Economic Diplomacy of Uzbekistan: New Momentum' organised by Embassy of Uzbekistan to India on 12 August 2020.
- Moderated the Webinar on 'India-Myanmar Convergence' organised by Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) and MEA on 7 August 2020.
- Panelist at a Virtual Round-table on "Recent Chinese Actions and India's Response" organized by India Foundation on 22 July 2020.
- Participated in the virtual discussion meeting on New Triangular Cooperation India Germany Third Country Initiative organized by GIZ on 17 July 2020.
- Addressed virtually the new DEV Talks series "Reshaping development" Rewriting international cooperation: work in progress organized by OECD on 16 July 2020.
- Addressed virtually the thematic panel on "Mega Science and International S&T Engagement" organized by Science Policy Forum, in partnership with the STIP Secretariat and Gubbi Labs and Center for Policy Research on 9 July 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on STI Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps: Indian Perspectives at the Virtual High-level HLPF side event on STI Roadmaps for SDGs - paving the pathways for sustainable recovery and future "resilience" co-organized by the Government of Serbia/METD, EC - JRC, UN IATT the Government of Japan/JST on 7 July 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on Towards A Blue Economy Strategy for India Emerging Opportunities and Challenges organized by Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) Induction Training Programme for Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer Trainees on 25 June 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation at the Expert Group Meeting on "STI for SDGs Roadmaps - paving the pathways for sustainable recovery and future resilience" organised by UN Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs; the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) on 22 June 2020.
- Made a virtual presentation on G20 Leadership and Relevance of Global Pilot Programme on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs Roadmaps at the Task Force 7: G20 Support for SDGs and Development Cooperation T20 Web Conference on Policy Recommendations for a Post-COVID-19 World on June 15-17, 2020.
- Made a presentation on New Financial Institutions and Prospects for Financial and Infrastructure Growth at the Virtual 60th NDC Course on Global Issues, Science and Technology on 29 May 2020.
- Panelist at the session on "Will the Covid-19 pandemic reshape the future international development cooperation?", at the CIDGA/CIDRN Global Development Cooperation Webinar Series on Strengthening Development Cooperation Against COVID-19: Opportunities and Challenges on 15 May 2020.
- Made a presentation at Webinar on 'Post COVID Crisis and Multilateralism' organized by JNU on 8 May 2020.
- Special invitee at the Webinar on 'Indian Solutions with Global Vision to Resolve Current Economic Crisis' on the occasion of Shri Dattopant Thengadi Ji Birth Centenary Memorial Lecture Series organized by BVSS Economic Think Tank's on May 8, 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'Role of STI in Post COVID-19 World' at the Live Talk organised by Vigyan Bharti on 30 April 2020.
- Made a presentation on COVID Pandemic and Implications for India-Africa Relations at a webinar on 'COVID Pandemic and Implications for India-Africa Relations' organized by Centre at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and

Analyses (MP-IDSa) on April 29, 2020.

- Made a presentation on 'India's Policy Response to COVID-19 Pandemic' at the organized by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia, 28 April 2020.
- Participated in the panel discussion of the Global Table "What can the G20 do to foster sustainable infrastructure?" at the Digital Global Solutions Summit on 18 April 2020.
- Made a presentation on Effect of Covid 19 preparing for AFCFTA and its impact on doing business with Africa at the Meeting on 'AFCFTA and its impact on doing business with Africa' organised by CII on 15 April 2020.
- Panelist at the Webinar on "Development Cooperation post COVID-19: Possible Implications of the Current Crisis" organised by UNDP, Seoul on 16 April 2020.
- Speaker in the webinar on Chinese Corona: Genesis, Spread and Implications organised by Vichar Vinimay Kendra, New Delhi on 7 April 2020.
- Participated as a Lead Speaker in the Roundtable on 'Role of Regulators in Building a \$5 Trillion Economy', organised jointly by Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and SJM on 4 March 2020 at New Delhi.
- Delivered Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture on 'Social and Economic Inequalities: Would Technology be the New Equaliser?' at the 20th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (ISEC), Bangalore 27 February 2020.
- Made a presentation on "Economic Development Partnership including digital economy" at the Roundtable Discussion on 'Uzbekistan-India: New horizons of strategic partnership' organised by Embassy of Uzbekistan on 10 February 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of GM Crops and Biosafety' to address the participants of Biotechnology/Biosafety Regulatory Study Tour of AUDA-NEPAD/ABNE high level African Delegation on "RIS-India Africa Initiatives" organized by TERI on 10 February 2020.
- Made a presentation on Trade and Investment in India-Africa Relations: Trends and Prospects at

the Seminar on "Stepping Up India's Engagements in Africa" organised by EXIM Bank on 31 January 2020.

- Made a presentation on India's Development Cooperation with Neighbouring Countries at the 12th South Asia Conference on India's "Neighbourhood First" Policy: Regional Perceptions organized by Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSa) on 28 January 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'Role of RIS in development of South-South Cooperation' at the Human Resource Improvement Programme on 'Plant Variety Protection, Seed Testing and Certification' for the officials of Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service organised by ICAR on 28 January 2020.
- Made a presentation on G20 Leadership and Relevance of Global Pilot Programme on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs Roadmaps at the T20 Inception Meeting organized by T20 Saudi Arabia on 19-20 January 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'International instruments affecting tribal livelihood and institutional approaches to reduce migration' at the Conference on 'Migrating from tribal areas - Problems, solutions and Way Forward for MPs from Tribal Areas organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini and YOJAK Center for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development on 16 January 2020, Thane.
- Addressed the dinner conversation on 'A New Eastern Trade Route: Integrating the Bay of Bengal' organised during Raisina Dialogue 2020 by ORF on 15 January 2020.
- Made a presentation on South-South Cooperation at the IFS Officer Trainees of 2019 Batch organized by Ministry of External Affairs on 7 January 2020.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Participated as an expert on the Selection Committee for appointment of Assistant Professor in Centre for Indo Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University nominated by Vice-Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi, 3 February 2020.
- Participated in the 2nd Meeting of CII National Council on International Trade Policy 2019-20, and made a presentation on "India's RCEP

Pull-out: What Next?" organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi on 10 February 2020.

- Participated in the discussion meeting on 'India's Economic Engagement with LAC: Strategy for Trade and Investment', organised and chaired by Joint Secretary (LAC), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi on 14 February 2020.
- Participated as a Guest of Honour in the National Conference on 'Coastal Ocean-Atmosphere Science & Technology (COAST 2020)', organised by Department of Marine Sciences, Berhampur University and made a presentation at Berhampur, Odisha on 28th February 2020.
- Participated as a speaker in the 'Regional Planning Workshop for the Northern/Central Indian Ocean countries as well as ROPME sea area towards the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-30)' and made a presentation on "A Transparent and Accessible Ocean", and also Chair the WG VI: A Transparent & Accessible Ocean organised by IOCINDIO, NIOT and NCCR at Chennai on 8 January 2020.
- Submitted report on 'Regional Economic Cooperation among IORA Countries: A Conceptual Note', to the Commerce & Industry Minister (CIM), Ministry of Commerce and Industries, New Delhi on 16 January 2020.
- Participated as a Panelist in the Seminar on "Stepping Up India's Engagements in Africa", organised by EXIM Bank and made a presentation on "India and Africa: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities", New Delhi on 31 January 2020

Mr Rajeev Kher

Distinguished Fellow

- Participated as an Independent Director in the Board Meeting of Kirloskar Brothers Limited held on 5 June and 25 September 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Independent Directors' Dialogue Series in virtual mode - Series 1 organized by Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) in collaboration with IOD held on 10 September 2020 at New Delhi.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Participated in the Webinar on “Cross Border Subsidies and the WTO: An Analysis of the EU’s Toolkit” organised by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade held on 9 Sept 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Audit Committee meeting and Board Meeting of GIL held at 22 May, 12 June, 11 August and 4 September 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the webinar series on “Strengthening the Multilateral Trading System to Promote Development and Inclusivity” organised by Centre for Research on International Trade held on 2-3 September 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Imperative of Resurrecting Multilateralism” organized by CUTS international held on 3 September 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Annual General Meeting of Good year held on 13 August 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Board Meeting and Audit Committee meeting of Kirloskar Brothers Limited held on 12 August 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Future of India-China Economic Relations: Towards De-Coupling, Reduced Dependency, or a New Equilibrium?” organised by Institute of Chinese Studies held on 12 August 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the 17th Risk Management Committee organized by Airtel Payments Bank Limited held on 7 and 10 August 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the 6th Session of the QCI PPIID Steering Committee Meeting held on 5 August 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the First Meeting of Trade Policy Council 2020-21 organised by Confederation of Indian Industry held on 27 July 2020 at New Delhi
- Participated in the inception meeting for PO Policy Advocacy held on 9 July 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the meeting of Board of Directors organised by Airtel Payments Bank Limited held on 26 June 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Is Globalisation Really Dead?” organised by Indian Council of World Affairs held on 25 June 2020 at New Delhi
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Session on “India’s Geopolitical Security Concerns by Amb. Rajiv Dogra” organised by True North Managers LLP held on 22 June 2020 at Mumbai.
- Participated in the Webinar on “What would happen to a World without the WTO?” organized by CUTS international held on 10 June 2020 at New Delhi
- Chaired the Session on “Enhancing Exports through Integration into the Global Value Chain: Opportunities in Asia Pacific, North America and European Union” organised by Confederation of Indian Industry held on 28 May, 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Meeting organised by Good year held on 22 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as an Independent Director in the session with BCG- Implications of COVID-19 on the Economy and Business organised by Kirloskar Brothers Limited held on 21 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Webinar on “A Manufacturing Strategy for India” organized by ICRIER held on 21 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the webinar on “New World Order: A perspective for Indian Industry” organised by FICCI held on 20 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the webinar on “India-China Relations@70 Recaping the Milestone: Imganing the Future” organized by Indian Council of World Affairs held at 5 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Disciplinary Committee – Bench-II Meeting organized by Institute of Accountants of India held on 1 and 6 May, 11 and 22 May, 11 July and 26 and 28 August 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on 'Economic fallout of Covid-19 in India' organised by ICRIER held on 1 May 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the New Director Induction Meeting organized by Airtel Payments Bank Limited held on 28 and 30 April at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Re-imaging the Global Health Agenda: What Role can India Play?” organized by Indian Council of World Affairs held on 29 April 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Interactive Session to Discuss AYUSH Ministry project and the Commerce Ministry project on Pharma held on 23 April 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Sixth Meeting of the CII Core Group on China held on 14 April, 19 June and 10 July 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Rising India 2020 Summit organized by Network18 group held on 18-19 March 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as in the meeting on “True North Pathfinders Business Leaders’ Conclave” held on 5-7 March 2020 at Gurugram.
- Participated in the meeting of Indian Advisory Board of Coca Cola Pvt. Ltd. held on 28 February 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated as a member of the Steering Committee for the Project Planning & Implementation Division (PPID) of Quality Council of India (QCI) held on 19 February 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Audit and Finance Committee meeting organized by Kirloskar Brother Limited held on 14 February 2020 at Indore.
- Participated in the 2nd meeting of CII National Council on “International Trade Policy 2019-20” held on 10 February 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the 5-Insitute Budget Seminar 2020-21 on Reforms and Development perspectives organized by CPR, ICRIER, IDF, NCAER and NIPFP held on 8 February 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated CRIT evaluation-Meetings with DoC officials held on 5-6 February 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in a Brainstorming session on WTO’s Appellate Body Crisis organized by Centre for WTO Studies held on 30 January 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in an Evaluation Meeting organized by Centre for Research on International Trade (CRIT) held on 23-28 January 2020 at New Delhi.
- Participated in EXIM bank meeting held on 21 January 2020 at Mumbai.
- Chaired the session on Leveraging Trade Agreements to Address the Rising Incidence of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) held on 15 January 2020 at New Delhi.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Participated as an Independent Director in the Kirloskar Brothers Limited celebration the completion of its 100 years of incorporation as a public limited company held on 6 January 2020 at New Delhi.

Professor T. C. James

Visiting Fellow

- Delivered a lecture on "Geographical Indications & Traditional Knowledge" during a web-based workshop organised by TIFAC, New Delhi and Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology, Dehradun on 11th September, 2020.
- Made a presentation on the virtual Round Table on Utility Model Protection under Indian Scenario organised by Maharashtra National Law University on 29th August, 2020.
- Chaired the session on 'Protection of Geographical Indications: Key Challenges' at the Round Table organised by National Law School of India University, Bangalore on 20 August, 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'Copyright issues in academic Institutions' in a Webinar organised by B.I.T. Mesra, Ranchi on 17 August, 2020.
- Attended the meeting on amendments to Biological Diversity Act organised by Ministry of AYUSH on 15th July, 2020.
- Spoke at the Webinar on developing a project for "Documentation of Bio-cultural Heritage of Tribes of Kerala part of Western Ghats" organised by Kerala State Biodiversity Board in association with Kerala State Film Development Corporation on 3rd July, 2020.
- Made a web-presentation on "How to get a Copyright - A Step by Step Process" at Prestige Institute of Management and Research Indore on 29th June, 2020
- Gave a talk on 'IP and Its Importance in Skilling Ecosystem' in a webinar organised by Sagacious IP and National Skill Development Corporation on 19th June, 2020.
- Made keynote address on Innovation for green future at the IPR Awareness and Innovation Promotion Forum (IAIPF) Webinar 26 April, 2020.
- Made a presentation on 'Covid-19 pandemic and green innovation: Exploring Social Aspects of IPR' in a Webinar organised by Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi on 26 April, 2020
- Delivered a talk on 'Access and

Benefit Sharing under Biological Diversity Act, 2002' at Indian Academy of International Studies on 12 February, 2020.

Dr P. K. Anand

Visiting Fellow

- Participated as a speaker in the WFP's virtual event on 'Towards effective South-South knowledge brokerage in view of COVID-19 and the trend of digitalization' held on 24th September 2020.
- Participated in all the eleven Task Forces meeting organized by T20 Saudi Arabia started from 17th September 2020.
- Made presentation on the main points emerged during Day 1 (23rd June 2020) of the workshop with Japan relating to Developing STI Partnerships for Sustainable Development on 29th June 2020.
- Participated in a virtual meeting on "Report of Nepal Voluntary Peoples Review of SDGs 2020", organized by SDGs National Network Nepal on 9 June.
- Participated in a virtual meeting on "Sustainable Resources in a Post COVID-19 World" organized by the T20 Task Force 10 Saudi Arabia on 3 June.

Mr K. Krishna Kumar

Visiting Fellow

- Participated as a speaker in the WFP's virtual event on 'Towards effective South-South knowledge brokerage in view of COVID-19 and the trend of digitalization' held on 24th September 2020.
- Participated in all the eleven Task Forces meeting organized by T20 Saudi Arabia started from 17th September 2020.
- Participated in a virtual meeting on "Report of Nepal Voluntary Peoples Review of SDGs 2020", organized by SDGs National Network Nepal on 9 June.
- Participated in a virtual meeting on "Sustainable Resources in a Post COVID-19 World" organized by the T20 Task Force 10 Saudi Arabia on 3 June.

Dr K. Ravi Srinivas

Visiting Fellow

- Panelist in the Session on 'Reflections from related global, regional and sectoral initiatives' in the Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs, on 3 February, Vienna.

- Delivered a talk on 'Responsible Innovation and Artificial Intelligence' in RIISE 2020 on 31st January 2020 at in IIIT-Delhi.

Dr Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Inaugural Session of Webinar Series on "Localisation of SDGs in the North East" organised by RIS and NETRA Foundation, 4 July 2020.
- Nominated as Member, Thematic Group on Sustainable Technologies towards Science, Technology, Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020, Government of India
- Participated in the Workshop on Human Development Report 2020 on 3 February 2020 at Seoul, South Korea. Made presentation on "Development and Sustainability: SDG inspired Policy Tools and Partnerships", organised by UNDP Seoul Policy Centre.

Dr Priyadarshi Dash

Assistant Professor

- Made presentation on "Tackling Economic Fallout of COVID-19 pandemic: Policy Choices and Experiences from BRICS and G20" at the 2020 RIN Online Workshop Series on COVID-19 on September 25, 2020 organised by IDE-JETRO Bangkok Research Centre.
- Joined as a panelist in the Webinar on "Opportunity in Crisis: Green Energy as The New Normal" organised by the Asia Foundation on June 4, 2020.
- Participated in T20 Saudi Arabia Inception Conference as authors of policy briefs in Task Force 3 & 8 held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on January 19-20, 2020.

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