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'Sustainable Development, a part of our rich tradition' — EAM

Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj launched the RIS publication entitled '*India and Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward*' on 7 October 2016 in New Delhi. The Volume has 19 comprehensive papers covering the full spectrum of SDGs along with two cross-cutting themes, namely finance and technology.

In her message to volume, the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister has stated that India attaches high priority to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which the United Nations adopted unanimously in September 2015, and which will have great significance for the well-being and progress of humankind. I would like to underline India's strong commitment to the holistic implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which mirror substantially our own flagship programme and priorities. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; and Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs also addressed the gathering. Authors who contributed in the volume were also present during the launch.

She has also underlined that the volume would serve as a valuable resource for those engaged with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and as an aid in evolving effective policy cohesion at the Centre and State levels. As desired by the Hon'ble Minister, the copies of this RIS publication have been made



Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Smt Sushma Swaraj launching the RIS volume titled 'India and Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward'. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Shri S.T. Devare, Chairman, Research Advisory Council, RIS.

available to all Hon'ble Members of Parliament of India both in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

India has already set for itself more ambitious targets for implementation of SDGs in several areas of economic progress, inclusion and sustainability, said Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS on the occasion. "The

role of State governments is central to implementation of these programmes as well as in designing convergence with the SDGs in order to effectively influence all social and economic parameters to achieve the SDGs. Keeping this perspective in view, NITI Aayog has been in the forefront on articulation of India's approach to implement SDGs. In this context,



Contributors to the RIS volume titled 'India and Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward' with Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Smt Sushma Swaraj.

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'BRICS to broaden Agenda to focus on Inclusive Development' – Shashi Tharoor

FIDC, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and RIS organised the BRICS Civil Forum on 3-4 October 2016 in New Delhi. This was important track II before to the 8th BRICS Summit hosted by India during its Chairmanship in October 2016 in Goa. Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General, RIS and Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Chairperson, FIDC made the welcome remarks.

Representatives from BRICS countries, civil society organisations, policymakers, academicians and senior officials of the government participated in the two-day long deliberations which aimed to ensure a constructive dialogue between civil society and decision makers in the main social spheres of healthcare, food security, human security, poverty, etc as well as sustainable development, urbanisation, and financial issues.

"BRICS is an alternative forum standing up to the dominant communities shaping the world policies. BRICS countries with 3 trillion population represents about 40 per cent of world's population and contributes 20 per cent to the world GDP and are emerging as dominant forces. Today ignoring BRICS is ignoring turn of the history", said Dr. Shashi Tharoor while inaugurating the forum. He also highlighted the importance of the BRICS civil forum in shaping the global agenda and new world order. The existing system should make room for us or collapse, Dr. Tharoor added. Speaking about the role of civil society in BRICS, he said that civil society has an important role of influencing the



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs delivering inaugural address at BRICS Civil Forum.

agenda of the summit by having a cohesive idea among them and conveying them to government. BRICS countries have already created the New Development Bank and there is further need to create knowledge hub among them as there is need of globalized connected networked world.

Mr. Amar Sinha, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in his special remarks said that the deliberations would enrich the knowledge of the government. He also reiterated the point that BRICS is a forum of new ideas, shaping the global narratives. He also stated that India has invited BIMSTEC countries and want to know what they expect from BRICS countries in regard to new global agenda.

Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS while chairing the inaugural session said that BRICS countries are not super powers but they are shaping the world order. These countries will decide what will be the shape of new institutional order and this new order can't be decided until the action of the government are supported by the network amongst the people from different spheres of society. Government can do better if it reaches out to people through civil society.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS in his remarks emphasized that from among the almost 100 pre-BRICS events the Civil Forum had the largest presence from BRICS member countries and this had been possible due to the civil societies engagement. He said that civil society has unique ability to get all actors together. He also informed that in India, FIDC is the important instrument which has evolved in development cooperation framework. It is a tripartite initiative of the Development Partnership Administration (DPA) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, academia and civil society organisations.

Prof. Anuradha Chenoy of JNU and Chairperson, FIDC in her remarks said BRICS multilateral model has capacity to change global governance. BRICS is open to civil society and civil society extends its active support to BRICS to dismantle supremacy of global powers, in humanitarian assistance, mutual benefit, multi-polar system, meeting of sustainable development goals, inclusive growth, pluralism and multiculturalism.

Further details are available on RIS website: www.ris.org.in.

BRICS Economic Forum

RIS, in association with the Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Reserve Bank of India, successfully organised the first ever BRICS Economic Forum in Goa on 13 and 14 October 2016. The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the BRICS countries attended the meeting, besides, senior policymakers, academicians and senior bankers.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Shri Sameer Khare, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India set the context of the meeting. Dr. Subir Gokarn, Executive Director (India), International Monetary Fund (IMF) delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Urjit R Patel, Governor, Reserve Bank of India also addressed the participants

The inaugural session was followed by four technical sessions on BRICS and Multilateral



Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India speaking at the BRICS Economic Forum.

Institutions, BRICS and Financing for Development, BRICS and Innovation Economy and BRICS and Financial Markets. A panel discussion with BRICS Central Bank Governors on Global Norm Setting, Policy Coordination and Crisis Management and a Roundtable with BRICS Finance Ministers on Cooperation for Sustainable Development were also organised.

A special conversation session with Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble

Finance Minister, Government of India was also organised in which Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India was also present on this occasion.

The participants called for greater co-ordination among the BRICS Members to play vital role in ensuring that the global economy is rejuvenated.

IORA Blue Economy Dialogue

RIS, in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organised the IORA Blue Economy Dialogue on "Economic Potential and Commercialisation Aspects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean" on 4-5 November 2016 in New Delhi.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. Amb. Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Professor, RIS chaired the introductory session.

Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India delivered the inaugural address.

The Blue Economy Dialogue fostered informed debate on the economic potential of blue



Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India releasing the IORA Policy Brief "Fisheries Sector in IORA: Driving Force in Region's Blue Economy." Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. S. K. Mohanty, RIS; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Amb. Sudhir Devare, Chairman, Research Advisory Council, RIS; and Ms. Renu Pall, Joint Secretary (IOR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

economy in the IORA region in the following five crucial sectors, viz. renewable ocean energy; fisheries; deep sea and off-shore mining;

coastal tourism & urbanization; and maritime & strategic dimensions.

Further details are available on RIS website: www.ris.org.in.

'Need To Address Barriers to Exports for Greater India-Japan Economic Cooperation'- Nirmala Sitharaman

AIC at RIS organised the Seminar on Promotion of India's Exports to Japan under India-Japan CEPA on 6 October 2016 in New Delhi. RIS-AIC report entitled 'India-Japan CEPA: An Appraisal' was also launched on this occasion by Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge), Government of India.

Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. Dr. V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made a brief presentation about the report, that provides a comprehensive investigation of issues related to trade in goods, services and investment. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, Government of India and H.E.



Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge), Government of India releasing the RIS-AIC report on India-Japan CEPA.

Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan also delivered special addresses. The seminar deliberated on issues including Bringing Value and Volume to Indian textile and apparel exports to Japan; Promotion of Indian Sea Food

Exports; The business opportunity arising from Japan's decision towards greater use of generics by 2020 - How can Indian companies respond?; and Promoting greater trade and cooperation in IT and IT enabled services in an increasingly digital era.

Launch of BIMSTEC and IBSA Reports

RIS brought out two major publications covering issues related to BIMSTEC and IBSA. The two reports namely, 'BIMSTEC - The Road Ahead' and 'IBSA - Trinity for Development, Democracy and Sustainability' were launched by Gen (Dr.) V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India on 9 December 2016 in New Delhi. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. Dr. V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made opening remarks. Shri Alok A. Dimri, Joint Secretary (MER), MEA extended the vote of thanks.

The IBSA report highlights that IBSA stands as an important milestone in the history of South-South Cooperation (SSC). IBSA countries defend multilateralism



Gen (Dr.) V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India launching the RIS Reports 'BIMSTEC - The Road Ahead' and 'IBSA - Trinity for Development, Democracy and Sustainability'.

and peace, promote respect for sovereignty, encourage development of people and support trade and economic initiatives between the South and developed countries. Similarly, the BIMSTEC report underlines that capabilities of each

country in many areas could be a source of sharing and learning among members of the BIMSTEC group. BIMSTEC constitutes a significant building block for eventual establishment of a Bay of Bengal Economic Community.

Moulding of Technology and Science Policy in India

RIS organised the launch of the volume 'A Lifetime of Moulding Technology and Science Policy in India' by Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Hamid Ansari in New Delhi on 15 November 2016. The programme began with welcome remarks by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. The Hon'ble Vice President launched the volume and presented it to Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi. In his address, the Vice-President underlined that one crucial area that has remained neglected when formulating our science and technological policies, has been the development of our universities, particularly science and technology research in the universities. He hoped that subsequent S&T policy formulations would keep in view the central role the universities can play



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Hamid Ansari addressing the participants.

as the seats of innovation and idea factories for the nation. Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Emeritus Chairman, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai; Prof. Roddam Narasimha, Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University Centre for Advanced Scientific

Research, Bangalore; Dr. Malti Goel, Executive Director, Climate Change Research Institute, New Delhi. Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi addressed the participants. Volume is edited by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS with contributions from eminent personalities.

Maritime Security and Cooperation

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in partnership with AIC at RIS, the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) and Naval War College (NWC) organized the second International EAS Conference on "Maritime Security and Cooperation" for the East Asia Summit (EAS) participating countries on 4-5 November, 2016 in Goa. All the EAS countries nominated their officials to the Conference, and overall 100 participants including senior officials attended.

Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered

the Keynote Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS, made the Opening Remarks. Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, National Maritime Foundation, gave Special Address. Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi gave Inaugural Address. Dr. Prabir De, Professor/Coordinator, AIC at RIS gave the Welcome Remarks. Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, NM, Commandant NWC, Goa made the special remarks.

The Conference was divided into five sessions aimed at facilitating an in depth debate on Maritime Security and Cooperation and Maritime Multilateralism: (1)

Maritime Security Issues in the Asia-Pacific, (2) Maritime Safety Issues in the Asia-Pacific, (3) Maritime Multilateralism: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects for Asia-Pacific, (4) Blue Economy and Maritime Conservation, (5) Way Forward. The Conference discussed, analysed and had put together the various components that would help strengthen cooperation among EAS participating countries in the maritime domain. The Concluding Session was addressed by Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, NMF. Cmde Ashok Rai, Deputy Commandant, NWC and Dr. Prabir De extended the vote of thanks.



Group Photo: Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS, Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, Rear Admiral Suresh Mehta with the delegates of the 2nd EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation.

EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation



Group Photo: Shri Kiren Rijju, MoS, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS with the delegates of the EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in partnership with AIC at RIS, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), East Asia Summit Earthquake Risk Reduction Centre and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) organized the EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation for EAS participating countries on 2 November 2016 in New Delhi. All the EAS countries nominated their officials to the Conference, and overall 100 participants including

senior officials attended this one-day event. Mr. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the opening remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS gave the welcome remarks. Prof. Santhosh Kumar, Executive Director, NIDM extended the Vote of Thanks.

The Conference was divided into two sessions aimed at facilitating an in depth debate on Disaster Risk Reduction and Regional Cooperation: (i) Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals and Regional Cooperation and (2) Regional Cooperation to Strengthen Disaster Risk Management Capacity. The Conference discussed, analyzed and had put together the various components that would help strengthen cooperation among EAS participating countries in the Disaster Risk Reduction issues. Dr. Prabir De, Professor/Coordinator, AIC at RIS extended the Vote of Thanks.

Session on Agenda 2030: Implementation in Europe and India

An interactive session on 'Agenda 2030: Implementation in Europe and India' with a high level EU delegation from European Commission Headquarters, Brussels was organised by RIS on 9 December 2016. The members of the delegation included Mr. Gustavo Martin Prada, Director, Development Policy and International Cooperation; Mr. Pedro Henriques, International Relations Officer, Policy and Coherence (Development); Mr. Michael John Ellis, Directorate General, Policy Officer, Policy and Coherence (Development); Dr. Johann Hesse,



The members of EU delegation at the interactive session at RIS.

Counsellor, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to India; and Ms. Renuka Srinivasan, Sr. Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to India. From RIS, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi,

Director General; Prof. S.K. Mohanty; Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow; Dr. T.P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor participated in the interactive session.

Job Creation in Manufacturing Sector as a Strategy for Sustainable Economic Growth in South Asia

RIS jointly with South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) organised the Workshop on Job Creation in Manufacturing Sector as a Strategy for Sustainable Economic Growth in South Asia on 5 December 2016, New Delhi. The workshop discussed impending issues related to Emerging Trends in Macroeconomic Performance; Economic Growth and Industrialisation; and External Linkages and Sustainable Economic Growth in the context of South Asia. It served as a platform for facilitating stimulating academic discourse on the issues by senior experts and policy researchers from South Asia to come up with a possible policy roadmap.

The agenda included discussion on Emerging Trends in Macroeconomic Performance; Economic Growth and Industrialisation; and External Linkages and Sustainable Economic Growth. The participants from South Asia were: Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh; Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka; Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy



(From left to right) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi; Dr. Saman Kelegama; Prof. Deepak Nayyar; Dr. Posh Raj Pandey; Dr. Mustafizur Rahman; and Dr. Sagar Parsai.

Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan (via skype call); Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal; Dr. Khondakar Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh; Dr. Frederico Gil Sander, Senior Country Economist, World Bank, Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal, Founder Chairman, Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRAD), Former Member of Parliament, Government of Nepal; Dr. Nomaan Majid, ILO Senior specialist on Employment Policy, India; Dr. Sher Singh Verick, Deputy Director, ILO DWT for South Asia and Country Office for India; Mr. Vishvanathan Subramanian, Institute of Policy

Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka. From RIS, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. S. K. Mohanty and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha participated.

The workshop successfully concluded with key lessons on the manufacturing sector in South Asia and challenges of employment generation. The workshop witnessed rich display of analytical evidence from noted experts highlighting specific constraints with regard to the growth of the manufacturing sector and associated employment generation in South Asia. To arrive at future directions several key issues were taken up primarily covering roadmap for industrialisation by overcoming existing constraints and through leveraging opportunities in export led growth, global value chains and regional cooperation in trade and investment.

Towards Shaping the US-India Trade Agenda

RIS, jointly with Johns Hopkins University organised a capacity building programme on "Towards Shaping the US-India Trade Agenda" from 15-17 November 2016 in New Delhi. Students from Johns Hopkins University participated in the programme and interacted with Indian experts on specific issues relating to 'India-US trade relationship'. Further details are available on RIS website: www.ris.org.in.



Participants at the capacity building programme.

Seminar on Heart of Asia and Connectivity

RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and FICCI organised the “Seminar on Heart of Asia and Connectivity” on 3 December 2016 in Amritsar, under the Trade, Commerce & Investment - Confidence Building Measures (TCI- CBM) under the Heart of Asia Process of Rebuilding Afghanistan.

The Heart of Asia has emerged as an important initiative for connecting Afghanistan with rest of the South Asian & CIS countries. The strategic location of Afghanistan, as gateway to connect Asia, Iran, and CIS region, provides immense potential for diversifying Indian industries engagement with Afghanistan & Central Asia.

The programme began with welcome addresses by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Mr. Goutam Ghosh, Director, FICCI. Ambassador Manpreet Vohra, Ambassador of India in Kabul delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Professor, RIS extended the vote of thanks at the inaugural session.

Some of the key policy recommendations of the seminar on connectivity are: The Sea-Road/Rail multi-modal linkage between West-East Indian ports and Chabahar



Ambassador Manpreet Vohra delivering the inaugural address at the seminar on Heart of Asia and Connectivity.

is business-feasible since it is an agglomeration of India’s outbound cargo to South Europe (Rail), Central Asia, Russia and North Europe (Rail-Road). To make this successful a ‘Proof of Concept’ needs to be done that may include the three steps: (i) Run a regular shipping service (once or twice a week) with some subsidy; (ii) Undertake a ‘micro-level’ operation study to understand the problems of using this port as a multi-modal point; and (iii) Focus on TIR Convention and other forms of Customs facilitation in the North-South Corridor. To connect South and Central Asia there is a need

to find and develop cheapest and shortest routes possible which are essentially land routes. These have the potential to convert land-locked countries into land-linked countries. For this to be viable, the work by the UNESCAP in terms of Trans-Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway Network needs to be focused at the operational levels. These could be situated in the multimodal context of rail-road-sea connectivity. Further, infrastructure need not necessarily be a bottleneck in the region impeding trade and investment flows. Therefore for development of trade and investment facilitating infrastructure is to be put in place.

Visit of Delegation from International Fund for Agricultural Development

A delegation from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) visited RIS on 18 November 2016 for an interactive session with RIS faculty members. The members of the delegation included: Mr. Kristofer Hamel, Senior Technical Officer, Global Engagement, Knowledge and

Strategy Division, IFAD, Rome; Mr. Maurizio Navarra, Knowledge Management and Outreach Officer, Global Engagement, Knowledge and Strategy Division, IFAD, Rome; Ms. Francesca Rappocciolo, Global Engagement Officer, Global Engagement, Knowledge and Strategy Division, IFAD, Rome;

and Ms. Meera Mishra, Country Coordinator, IFAD, India.

From RIS Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General; Dr. T.P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow; Dr. Beena Pandey, Research Associate; and Dr. Amit Kumar, Research Associate interacted with the delegation.

Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms in Asia: in Search of a Comprehensive Approach

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS in collaboration with Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo and IMI Kolkata organized a two-day international workshop on Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms in Asia: In Search of a Comprehensive Approach at Kolkata on 26 – 27 October 2016. The workshop was an opportunity to exchange views on the current state of services trade in Asia, including issues related to barriers to trade in services, domestic regulations, regulatory frameworks, services

trade reforms and their impact on global value chains. Workshop participants included senior policymakers, international experts, and representatives from academia and the private sector involved in services trade. Twenty officials from Southeast and South Asian countries attended the workshop. Prof. Arindam Banik, Director, IMI-Kolkata gave welcome remarks; Dr. Bokwan Yu, Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) gave opening remarks, Dr. Prabir De, Professor/Coordinator, AIC at RIS gave a remarks and Dr.

Aladdin D. Rillo, Head, Training and Capacity Building, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) introduced the workshop. Eminent scholars and practitioners from ADBI, IDE-JETRO, APEC Secretariat, NASSCOM, IMI Kolkata, ICRIER, etc. delivered special lectures. Prof. Prabir De made a presentation on “Addressing barriers to services trade and their impact on trade flows” and chaired a session Critical issues in services trade (2): digital services and e-commerce. Vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Arindam Banik and Dr. Prabir De.



Participants of the International Workshop on Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms in Asia: In Search of a Comprehensive Approach.

Blue Economy as Emerging Development Paradigm

The concept of the Blue Economy has become important for both national and regional development. RIS in association with the IORA and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has been actively engaged in the work programme of promoting the concept of Blue Economy. The institute has also brought out a number of publications and organized conferences on different themes of Blue Economy in the recent past.

In continuation of this endeavour, RIS organized a seminar on “Blue Economy as Emerging Development Paradigm” on 29 December 2016. Prof. V.N. Attri, Chair, Indian Ocean Studies, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), University of Mauritius made the



Participants at the Seminar on Blue Economy.

thematic presentation. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the opening remarks and Dr. S.K. Mohanty, Professor, RIS made special remarks. Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, IDSA was the discussant. A large number of participants took part in the open discussion that followed. The Blue Economy is emerging as a major area of global attention

because of its inherent power to create a wide range of productive and sustainable development opportunities that oceanic resources offered. There is tremendous potential and opportunities for development in the areas of fisheries and aquaculture, renewable ocean energy, seaports and shipping and offshore hydrocarbons and seabed minerals.

Launch of IBSA Visiting Fellowships at RIS

In association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, RIS will offer IBSA Visiting Fellowships to two research scholars from each of the two other partner countries of India under the IBSA Dialogue Forum - Brazil and South Africa. The programme focusses on development of an effective multilateral institutional framework to coordinate, support and enable sustainable development in coherent and integral manner. It is opened for research scholars and academicians from South Africa and Brazil having profound interest in carrying out deeper research towards the realisation of the aims and objectives of the IBSA Dialogue process in the partner countries.

RIS organised the launch of the IBSA fellowships on 28 November 2016. The programme began with welcome remarks by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.



Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA delivering the inaugural address during the launching of RIS-IBSA Visiting Fellowship Programme.

Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry, while launching the programme, said that IBSA has been acknowledged as a successful example of South-South cooperation. She said that there were several issues on which the three countries could work better. Remarks were also made

by Mr. Alok Dimri, Joint Secretary (MER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Mr. Ben Joubert, The Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of the Republic of South Africa, New Delhi; and Ms. Claudia Vieira Santos, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Brazil, New Delhi. The programme was chaired by Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS.

SDGs and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development

RIS organised a special session on 'SDGs and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development' on occasion of the 99th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati from 27th to 29th December, 2016. The session took place on 28 December 2016. The session deliberated on new and emerging dimensions of sustainable development in the backdrop of the recently adopted global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and thereby explore challenges and opportunities of the Indian model development and addressed the following issues: (a) New Development Model - Paradigm Shift in the Growth Narrative, (b) An Integrated View of Development -



Participants of the RIS special session on SDGs.

Health and other SDGs, (c) Measuring Sustainable Development, and (d) Sustainable Economic Growth through Industrialisation and Job Creation. Professor Pulin Nayak, Former Director, Delhi School of Economics, Prof. T. C. James, Visiting

Fellow, RIS; Prof. T Lakshmanasamy, Head, Department of Econometrics, University of Madras and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS made presentations on the topics. The presentations were followed by an interactive session with the other participants

Visit of Indonesian Delegation

An Indonesian delegation visited RIS on 14 November 2016 for an interactive session with the RIS faculty members. Mr. Priyanto Rohmatullah, Director of SSTC, Directorate of Foreign Politics and International Development Co-operation, the Ministry of National Development Planning lead the delegation. Other members of the delegation included: Mr. Diding Hardedi, Senior Planner, Agency for Agricultural Human Resources Development, Ministry of Agriculture; Mrs. Hapsari Sri Susanti, Cooperation Materials Composer, Center of Foreign Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture; Mrs. Wulandari, Young Planner, Directorate of Development Allocation Funding, Ministry of National Development Planning;



Members of Indonesian delegation at the interactive session.

Mr. Imam Rusdiyantoro, Directorate of Loans and Grants, Ministry of Finance; Siti Aminah Syahidah, Communication and Monitoring Associate, Sustainable Economic Development through SSTC; and Ms. Rasha Omar, IFAD, India Country Representative.

From RIS Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General; Prof. S.K. Mohanty; Prof. Ram Upendra Das; Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow; Dr. T.P. Rajendran; Visiting Fellow; Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow; Dr. Beena Pandey, Research Associate; and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor participated in the discussions.

Indian Economy and Demonetisation

RIS organised Consultation Meeting on Indian Economy and Demonetisation on 15 December 2016 in New Delhi. Dr. Rathin Roy, Director, NIPFP and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Founder Director, Pahle India Foundation & Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi were Co-Chairs. The discussion began with the welcome remarks by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Mr. Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Consultant, RIS made the thematic presentation. It was

followed by open discussion in which eminent expert participated. The meeting emphasized that delegatisation in the current form as India has attempted is the largest ever macroeconomic programme ever attempted consciously. It has been a huge leap of faith for the policy-makers in India led by the Prime Minister. This also has great relevance for other developing countries which may also require similar tough measures.



Participants at consultation meeting on Indian economy and demonetisation.

Visit of ERIA Delegation

In order to strengthen its research and dissemination programme, RIS holds a regular dialogue with its partner research institutions across the globe. This includes issues relating to global and regional economic integration, SDGs, South-South Cooperation, Development Cooperation, among others. RIS has always had a mutually beneficial research partnership with ERIA, Jakarta, especially on India's Look East Policy.

As part of this process, RIS invited team-members from ERIA, Jakarta for a Consultation Meeting on 21 November 2016 in New Delhi. The members of the delegation included Mr. Izuru Kobayashi, COO and Director General; Ms. Anita Prakash, Director General; Mr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, Senior Energy Economist; and Mr. Yasishi Ueki, Economist. RIS team led by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General; Prof. S.K. Mohanty, and Prof. Ram Upendra Das took part in the consultation.

ITEC/SCAAP Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation

RIS under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)/Special Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme (SCAAP) of the Ministry of External Affairs organised a two-week Capacity Building Programme on Learning South-South Cooperation during 15-25 November 2016 in New Delhi.

The programme intended to familiarise the participants with a broader concept of South-South Cooperation (SSC), particularly on Development Cooperation in the context of ongoing resurgence of the economies of the South in the wake of major changes being witnessed in the global aid architecture.

It, among other things, focused on the rationale, concepts and contours of SSC by building on individual accomplishments of the respective countries, thus explaining the benefits from and barriers to their collective engagements. It also covered the key principles, policies, modalities (that include national sovereignty, national ownership, independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference and mutual benefit) and practices that were evident across SSC and looked at how the policy orientations or the strengths of SSC could be practically applied.

The programme also discussed how SSC was a different paradigm from the North-South Cooperation (NSC) and how SSC should be

viewed as a voluntary partnership which had now developed into a more matured platform transcending the initial foundations of political solidarity and not as a replacement for the NSC in any significant measure.

Twenty-eight participants from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/Finance/Commerce or other Ministries dealing with SSC/NSC and civil society representatives engaged in related issues from the participating countries attended the programme. Apart from intellectual sessions, a study tour was also organised. The participants were also encouraged to share their learning outcomes through group discussions and presentations.



Participants of the ITEC programme with RIS faculty.

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RIS, jointly with NITI Aayog, UN Office in New Delhi; and State Governments has been organising a series of Consultation Meetings to evolve a cohesive policy framework for effective implementation of the SDG agenda", he added.

RIS has been playing a pioneering role in substantially contributing to the domestic and international discourse on the effective implementation of the agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals and has organised a number of national and international consultations, said Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS.

Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, also commended RIS and NITI Aayog for proactively pursuing the realisation of SDGs in India. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs reiterated India's commitment towards SDGs.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Participated in the launch of South Asian Policy Leadership for Nutrition and Growth (SAPLING) programme organised jointly by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) along with the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition on 6 October 2016 at New Delhi.
- Chaired the session on 'Towards an Inclusive, Just and Peaceful Society in South Asia: Who are the Change Agents?' in the Ninth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES-IX), Reimagining South Asia in 2030 organised jointly by Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) on 15-16 October 2016, Dhaka.
- Participated in the Half-Yearly Executive Council Meeting of Seva Mandir held on 22 October 2016 at Udaipur.
- Panellist in the session on 'SSC and its uniqueness from other countries' at the International Workshop on South-South Cooperation Providers and SDG 17: Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals Achievements, organised jointly by United Nations Development Programme, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) on 7 November 2016 at Beijing.
- Made a presentation on 'SSC effectiveness, M&E, and comparison with other models' at the International Workshop on South-South Cooperation Providers and SDG 17: Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals Achievements organised jointly by United Nations Development

Programme, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) on 8 November 2016 at Beijing.

- Delivered a special address on 'India, Geo-Politics and Global Scenario' at the First annual Lokmanthan 2016, jointly organised by Prajna Pravah and Bharat Bhavan on 13 November 2016 at Bhopal.
- Made a presentation on 'Development Cooperation and Corporate Social Responsibility: Emerging Role of Private Sector in Economic Diplomacy' at the thematic symposium and Multidisciplinary Academic Dialogue organised jointly by the Centre for Responsible Business, The University of Manchester on 14 November 2016 at Noida.
- Made a presentation on 'Sustainable Development Goals' at the Orientation Programmes organised by Assam Legislative Assembly on 22 November 2016 at Guwahati.
- Panellist at the session on 'Linking Trade with Domestic Policy Reforms: Building Consensus for Coherent Move towards Economic Growth' at the Asia Pacific Forum 2016 jointly organised by Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) on 24 November 2016 at Hanoi.
- Made a presentation on 'Converging or Distinctive Features? Key Learnings from South-South Cooperation Case Studies and Conceptual Trends' at the Workshop on "Efforts and Accountability for Development Cooperation under the 2030 Agenda: Moving towards Convergence?" held on the sideline of the HLM2 of the GPEDC, organised jointly by NeST, SAIIA, RIS and the Xiamen University on 30 November 2016 at Nairobi.
- Panellist at the side event on 'Accountability for Effective

Development Cooperation for the 2030 Agenda: How to move forward?' organised jointly by German Development Institute, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) South Africa on 30 November 2016 at Nairobi.

- Panellist at the side event on 'South-South Partnerships for Africa's Development - Improving Accountability' organised by NeST Africa in collaboration with Government of Kenya, Government of Malawi, AU-NEPAD, Reality of Aid Network on 30 November 2016 at Nairobi.
- Participated in the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism: 1st Meeting of the Working Group for Exploring the Feasibility of Establishing Alternative Rating Agencies for Emerging Economies organised by the Exim Bank of India on 7 December 2016 at Mumbai.
- Made a presentation on 'Anchoring Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and Indian Context' at the Consultation organized by Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA) and Wada Na Todo (WNTA) on 12 December 2016 at New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on 'Cooperation in Traditional Medicine-BRICS Perspective' at the BRICS High Level Meeting on Traditional Medical Knowledge, organised by Ministry of AYUSH on 16 December 2016 at New Delhi.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Led the Indian Delegation at the 22nd Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group, held at Jakarta, 10-14 October 2016.
- Made a presentation on "Economic Dimensions of Fisheries in IORA at the 22nd Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group, held at Jakarta 12 October 2016.

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- Participated as a Panellist in the Round-Table Discussion on The Commonwealth: Trade and Economic Opportunities, organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) on 9 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Expansion of India MERCOSUR PTA, held in the Department of Commerce, Government of India on 24 November 2016 in New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Bilateral Trade Linkages of India with Iran, Bangladesh, Maldives and Afghanistan, held in the Department of Commerce, Government of India on 30 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Seminar on Inter-linkages between Exports and Employment in India, organised by the Export-Import Bank of India on 5 December 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Developments in the Blue Economy, organised by the FICCI Taskforce Committee on the Blue Economy on 6 December 2016 at New Delhi.
- Nominated as a Jury Member for the Exim Bank International Economic Research Annual (IERA) Award Committee by the Export-Import Bank of India on 8 December 2016.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Bilateral Trade Linkages of India with Iran, Bangladesh, Maldives and Afghanistan, held in the Department of Commerce on 9 December 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Iran Custom Tariffs, held in the Department of Commerce on 13 December 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on India-Mauritius

Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) Negotiations and India-Israel FTA Negotiations, held in the Department of Commerce on 15 December 2016 at New Delhi.

- Made a presentation on “A Framework for Blue Economy: Approach Towards Sustainable Marine Cooperation” at the 4th International Relations Conference on India and the Indian Ocean: Sustainability, Security and Development, organised by the Symbiosis School of International Studies, Symbiosis International University on 19 December 2016 at Pune.

Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Participated as a Panellist in a workshop on “Strengthening EU-India Digital Agenda 2020: Trade, Technology and Innovation” organized by Delegation of the European Union to India with the collaboration of KPMG and C-DEP, New Delhi on 1 October, 2016.
- Addressed the 10th Special Course for ASEAN Diplomats on “WTO, PTAs & Developing Countries” organized by The Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi on 3 October, 2016.
- Participated in the 22nd Meeting of the Export Committee on “Development of Business Service Price Index” organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi on 5 October, 2016.
- Participated as a Panellist in a workshop on “Agricultural Transformation and Market Integration in the ASEAN Region: Responding to Food Security and Inclusiveness Concerns” organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Southeast Asian Regional Center for

Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines on 7-8 October, 2016.

- Participated in a meeting on “BRICS Economic Forum” organized by Research and Information System for Developing Countries along with Ministry of Finance and Reserve Bank of India, Goa on 13-14 October, 2016.
- Addressed a delegate in a seminar on “Growth Prospects of the Indian Economy” organized by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi on 17 October, 2016.
- Participated as a Panellist in the Mid Career Training Programme for Deputy Secretary level Indian Foreign Service Officers of 2004-2008 batch on “Nairobi Declaration: Could India protect the interests of its Agriculture Sector?” organized by Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi on 25 October, 2016.
- Participated in a Resource Dialogue On “Resource security: contextualizing domestic interests in the global trade and investment framework” and presented the Papers on leveraging on historical and strategic ties-Role of bilateral, regional and BRICS, organized



Prof. Ram Upendra Das speaking at High-Level Kickoff Conference on “Think 20 (T20)” organized by Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik and German Development Institute, Berlin, Germany on 30 November-2 December, 2016

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- by TERI along with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Gurgaon, Haryana on 25 October, 2016.
- Addressed the Advanced Leadership Programme on “Trade Issues and Globalization: WTO and Regional Trading Blocks” organized by The Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi on 12 November, 2016.
 - Addressed the ITEC Participants on “Trade and Sustainable Development: South-South and Regional Cooperation” organized by the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Gurgaon, Haryana on 22 November, 2016.
 - Participated as a Panellist in 14th National Conference on “India’s Vision 2030-What Engineers and Technologists can do?” organized by Engineering Council of India, New Delhi on 28 November, 2016.
 - Participated as a Panellist in a High-Level Kickoff Conference on “Think 20 (T20)” organized by Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik and German Development Institute, Berlin, Germany on 30 November-2 December, 2016
 - Participated as a speaker in a Buyer Seller Meet on “Trade between South Asian Countries –Opportunities & Challenges” organized by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi on 7 December, 2016.
 - Member of the Departmental Researcher Committee (DRC) of Amity School of Economics, Amity University, Noida, UP on 9 December, 2016.

Prof. T. C. James

Visiting Fellow

- Delivered a lecture on Relevance of Geographical Indications for MSMEs in the Training Programme for Sensitization on IPRs for MSMEs organized by Indian Society of International Law on 4 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated as Member in the IGNOU Expert Committee meetings to revise the curriculum for PG Certificate Course in Patent Law on 7 and 8 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Addressed the Conference on Intellectual Property Rights organised by the Consortium of Women Entrepreneurs on the topic, ‘Geographical Indications as a tool for protection of traditional brands’ on 21 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Delivered a talk on ‘Exclusive Economic Rights in Copyright’ in the one week National Workshop on Understanding Copyright and Related Rights in the Indian Law Institute on 21 November 2016 at New Delhi.
- Participated as a Panellist in the National Conference on ‘Commitment and Action on Achieving Health and Nutrition Targets of SDGs and WHA organised by the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, India (CFNS), along with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Observer Research Foundation (ORF), National Foundation for India (NFI), Alive and Thrive (A&T) & Micronutrient Initiative (MI) in New Delhi, India on November 24, 2016 at New Delhi. The Conference finalised a Joint Civil Society Declaration which calls for a “Sustainable Nutrition Revolution” towards transforming India with women at the forefront.
- Made a presentation on ‘Patenting Traditional Knowledge: Defensive and Offensive Protection against Misappropriation’ at the National Seminar on India’s Traditional Knowledge Protection Regime organised by the Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad and Centre for Innovation, IP and Competition Law at NLU, Delhi

for grassroots lawyers and NGOs on 11 December, 2016.

- Chaired the session on TRIPS and Emerging Scenario: A Decade of TRIPS and Issues during the National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights organised by IPR Chair, Delhi University and PHD Chamber of Commerce in New Delhi on 16 December 2016.

Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas

Visiting Fellow

- Made a presentation on ‘Germplasm and the Commons: From Global to the Field’ at the International Conference on Commons and Development, organized by AFD at Paris on 1-2 December 2016.
- Participated in the Discussion Meetings held at OECD/STI Policy Division and UNESCO Science and Technology Policy Division, Paris on 29-30 November 2016.

Dr. Priyadarshi Dash

Research Associate

- Made a presentation on “Financing Development in South Asia: Beyond Orthodox Approaches” in the 9th South Asia Economic Summit organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) held at Dhaka, Bangladesh on October 15-16, 2016.
- Participated in the Roundtable Discussion on ‘Gold Policy-Vision 2020’ organized by FICCI at New Delhi on 27 October 2016.

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Participated as the Lead Panellist in the Workshop on Reforms in International Taxation and Financial Transparency: Towards a Regional Agenda for Asia, organised by the Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and Financial Transparency Coalition on 21 November 2016 at New Delhi.

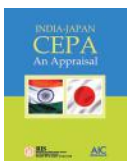
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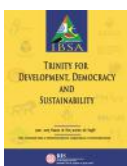
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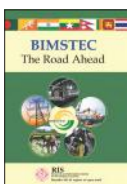
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