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Infusing Ethics and Values in International Relations

The Seminar three on the theme of “Infusing Ethics and Values in International Relations” was held on 14 April 2023. The session began with Welcome Remarks from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, highlighting the urgent need to reform global institutions and bringing in ethics and values system particularly for the delivery of global public goods. The session was chaired by Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairperson, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi who

stressed upon the need to prioritize the value system in curricula of higher education and the need to build alliance among global universities for better dissemination of knowledge.

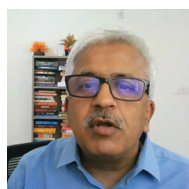
Subsequently, Professor Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Political Science, Yale University, USA highlighted the shortcomings and high handedness of the present international order.

Second speaker Professor Sarah Mosoetsa, Chief Executive Officer, Human

Sciences Research Council, South Africa stressed that ethics and values are important areas which should be grounded in the principles of rights and responsibilities and the concept of global citizen. Special remarks were delivered by Professor V. R. Panchmukhi, Former Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), and Former Director General, RIS, where he brought in the historical struggle between defining ethical and non-ethical boundaries.



Professor Sarah Mosoetsa



Dr Balasubramanian



Professor Francesco Profumo



Mr Nicolas Buchoud

Mainstreaming Community Partnership and Traditional Approaches for LiFE

Seminar four of T20 Task Force 3 series was themed on “Mainstreaming community partnership and traditional approaches for LiFE” held on 21 April 2023. The session was initiated by welcome remarks from Professor T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS, and President NIPO. This was followed by Chair's remark by Professor K. Seeta Prabhu, Visiting Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Subsequently, Dr

Balasubramanian, Member (HR), Capacity Building Commission, New Delhi and Visiting Professor, Cornell University, USA and IIT-Delhi; Dr Shailly Kedia, Associate Director, Sustainable Development and Outreach Division, TERI, New Delhi; Professor Shashiprabha Kumar, Distinguished fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, India and Chairperson, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla;

and Professor Amrita Narlikar, President, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and Professor of International Relations, Hamburg University delivered their insightful talks on how to strengthen community partnerships and bringing voices from the ground to the forefront. Speakers also had elaborative discussions on how to mainstream traditional approaches and philosophies for better and sustainable lifestyles.



Urban-Rural Linkages for a New Development Model

Seminar fifth on “Urban-Rural Linkages for a New Development Model” of the T20 Task Force 3 seminar was scheduled on 28 April 2023. It focused on one of most critical aspect for the Indian G20 Presidency, discussing on how to bring in balance in Rural-Urban development and Future Rurality. The seminar started with welcome remarks from Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS. This was followed by Chair’s remarks by Professor Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy

and Professor of Political Science, Yale University, USA. Subsequently, Professor Francesco Profumo, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy and Former Chancellor, Polytechnic University of Turin, Professor Li Xiaoyun, Lead Chair Professor, China Agricultural University-CAU), and Honorary Dean of College of International Development and Global Agriculture (CIDGA), CAU, Professor Debolina Kundu, Professor, National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and

Doctoral Fellow, ICSSR, and Dr Dilanthi Koralagama, Senior Lecturer, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka deliberated throughly on the issues around infrastructure, transportation, role of agriculture, and future rural areas. Dr Alok Chaturvedi, Professor, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University was invited as guest speaker. He discussed the ideas of hybrid development model for sustainable livelihood in rural areas.

Financing Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive Infrastructure

The last seminar of the T20 Task Force 3 seminar series, on “Financing Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive Infrastructure” was scheduled on 5 May 2023. The session was initiated by welcome remarks from Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS, highlighting the urgent need to focus on the issue of infrastructure financing particularly in Global South. This was followed by Chair remarks by Mr Nicolas Buchoud, Co-founder and President, Grand Paris Alliance

for Metropolitan Development, France. Subsequently, Professor Danang Parikesit, Professor, Centre of Transportation and Logistic Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia, Professor Gladys Lechini, Professor of International Relations, National University of Rosario, Argentina, Dr Joisa Dutra, Director, Infrastructure Regulation Center (FGV CERI), Brazil, and Ms Anita Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor, International Economic Cooperation, Office of President

of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, Indonesia, delivered their insightful talk on innovative means of financing for infrastructure, like green bonds, and previous G20 initiatives on sustainable infrastructure financing particularly in Japan and Saudi Arabia.

The seminar series was concluded as a success in laying out the broad contours of LiFE as a new development paradigm.



Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE): Towards a Green Transition



DWG Session on 'Towards a Green Transition' in progress.

RIS, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, UN India, and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), organized a Development Working Group (DWG) programme on "Towards a Green Transition: Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) and Just Green Transitions" on 6 April 2023 at Kumarakom, Kerala.

The session began with Welcome Remarks by DWG Co-chair Ms Eenam Gambhir, followed by Keynote address by Prof. Avinash Persaud, Emeritus Professor, Gresham College, London. Professor Persaud stressed upon the need to enhance the grants availability for climate loss & damage fund and to increase tools for concessional finance for adaptation and reducing cost of capital for mitigation. He also talked about the idea of "Just Green Transition Financing Investment Trust", as a mechanism toward transition to LiFE economy.

The Panel Discussion on LiFE –

Engine for Growth was moderated by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. He set the context for session by highlighting three components of systemic transitions under LiFE; How LiFE gets manifested in our economic thinking and its manifestations in economic activities; interdependence of economies and connect with SDG 10 and SDG 13; the conceptual framework of wellbeing measurement.

Panelist Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Bangladesh; Mr Heerad Sabeti co-founder and CEO of The Fourth Sector Group (4SG); Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member-HR in the Capacity Building Commission of the Government of India; and Ms. Celeste Cristina Badaro, First Secretary, Brazil G20 Sherpa Team discussed various facets of LiFE in promoting growth and just green transitions, values and

well-being. The speakers positioned LiFE as an engine of growth, a bridge between development and environmental agenda. They shared ways to achieve LiFE through global actions for sustainable production, green ecosystems & infra to empower individuals & build circularity. Discussions also focused on the ways to minimise trade-offs and maximise synergies in efforts to achieve development, environment, and climate agenda for developing countries. Sessions also deliberated on the various means of implementation & focus areas (viz., including financing, technology, capacity building, policy coherence, etc.) for international community and G20. The DWG side event provided a valuable platform for experts and policymakers to discuss the challenges and opportunities of promoting sustainable development and green transitions.



Economic and Systemic Transformations for LiFE and Wellbeing

A side event on Economic and Systemic Transformations for LiFE and Wellbeing was organized at the Global Solutions Summit in Berlin on 15 May 2023 as part of Task Force 3 of T20, in partnership with Task Force 2 of T7, Global Solutions Initiative and GIZ-Economic Transformation for Development (ET4D) group. The session focused on the theoretical and empirical contours of LiFE as a new development paradigm.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, India, initiated the session where he highlighted the connecting thread in terms of sustainable infrastructure financing, imperatives of going beyond GDP, role of ethics and values in financial institutions and global governance. Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS, India, moderated the session.

Mr Nicolas J.A. Buchoud, Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development, France, Professor

Dennis Snower, Global Solutions Initiative, Germany, Professor Thomas Pogge, Yale University, USA, Dr Tabea Lissner, The New Institute, Germany, Mr Kehrer Daniel, GIZ, Germany and Professor Danang Parikesit, Universitas Gadjadara, Indonesia (virtual), presented their insightful views on defining the broad areas of systemic and economic transformation. They also emphasized on setting norms and principles for long-term socio-economic transformations for LiFE with evidence base and what reforms in IFIs and MDBs are required for resilient infrastructure creation with a focus on LiFE, and building integrity and ethics in global finance.

The second session on progress of wellbeing metrics was chaired by Professor Tetsusi Sonobe, Dean and CEO Asian Development Bank Institute, Japan. Mr. G. A. Tadas, RIS, India, Mr Stuart Worsley, Green Economy Coalition, Professor

Seeta Prabhu, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India, Mr Heerad Sabeti, Fourth Sector Group, USA, Professor Li Xiaoyun, China Agricultural University, China (virtual), Professor Ramiro Albrieu, CIPPEC, Argentina (virtual) and Dr Kuhle Holger, GIZ, Germany deliberated on wellbeing metrics to measure and track holistic and sustainable development outcomes beyond the priorities of income generation.

The speakers also stressed that the questions around economic transformations for LiFE and measurement of wellbeing cannot be postponed any further need to be addressed comprehensively. The sessions were attended by scholars, academicians, and policy practitioners. The side event at Global Solution Summit provided a firm grounding to enrich our understanding, and synchronizing collective efforts towards LiFE, ethics and wellbeing measurement.





Scaling up SDG and Climate Finance through the Life Economy: Insights for G20 Action

The Side Event was jointly organized by RIS with the OECD and the Fourth Sector Group on 22 June 2023 at Paris. The context of session was set by the Moderator Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS. He impressed upon the need to have new economic models for financing sustainable development, Prime Minister's vision of LiFE and India's leadership in forwarding LiFE as a G20 priority.

The lead speaker for the session was Ms Enam Gambhir, Joint Secretary, G20 Secretariat, India and Co-Chair, Development Working Group. She presented the High-Level Principles (HLPs) on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development adopted by G20 Development Ministers in June 2023. In this context she elaborated on the urgency of discarding unsustainable economic models in favour of a new development paradigm and called for international support in enabling this transition. LiFE offers an important modality by recognizing agency at the level of individuals towards new approaches. She recognized collective support from the G20 on the HLPs which leaves a very strong legacy of futuristic outcomes under India's G20 Presidency.

This was followed by an extremely rich panel discussion with global experts including Mr Heerad Sabeti, CEO, The Fourth Sector Group; Ms Aline Damasceno Ferreira Schleicher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services, Brazil; Haje Schütte, Deputy Director, OECD Development Co-operation



The Side Event by RIS, OECD and Fourth Sector Group in progress.

Directorate (DCD); and Mr Thomas Tayler, Head of Climate Finance, Aviva Investors, UK.

The panelists applauded India's leadership on LiFE. The Key Outcomes had the following components: The "Lifestyle for Environment" or LiFE, is a new development paradigm aimed at sustainable development and a way forward for reinvigorating and channeling more resources towards the SDGs. The LiFE economy ensures that growth and development are fundamentally about fairly benefiting all people and the planet, not exploiting them. The adoption of G20 High Level Principles on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development by the G20 development ministers is a landmark recognition of the need for a new development path that is based on sustainable consumption

and production. It calls to further implement concrete reforms of the international financial architecture and to help remove bottlenecks and barriers faced by developing countries. The convergence of agendas across G7/G20, including the African Union, and called upon by the T20/T7, is critical to maximize the global benefits of policy reforms towards social inclusion and green deals across the G20 and beyond. The side event welcomed the UN Resolution on social/solidarity economy towards supporting the Life economy, the efforts of OECD in support of G20 DWG, in addressing bottlenecks to SDG financing by developing countries and supported the creation of a global Community of Practice on Economic Systems Transformation to further engage with the G20 presidency of Brazil and beyond. The LiFE Economy is

Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity

Synopsis of the Round Table Discussion

A round table discussion was held on 20 April 2023 to elicit diverse points of view on 'Galathea Bay' project and 'India Bangladesh Connectivity'. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Govt. of India through Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) proposes to develop a Greenfield International Container Transshipment Port in Galathea Bay at Great Nicobar of Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. SMPK is the nodal agency for undertaking development of proposed port project and managing the port in landlord mode.

The discussion was started with Mr Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Head of CMEC and Senior Adjunct Fellow of RIS, delivering a welcome address along with introducing the theme of the event to the guests. Eminent Professor Dr Amitendu Palit along with Mr Kartik Kishore started the discussion. Mr Kishore made a slide presentation on Galathea Bay.

The participants emphasised that Galathea Bay's importance lies because of connectivity. Since the east coast of the country is doing the transshipment job (to and from Singapore and Malaysia) more than western part, this project has a bright future. Regarding the logistic point of view, the west coast is more operational than the eastern side, so to ease the pressure on this side, it will be judicious to develop the eastern side specially Andaman and Nicobar. Though there are some issues with Bangladesh and Myanmar, but hopefully it will be solved after discussion. Besides, it was also pointed out that the Sri Lanka's situation is volatile, so the eastern coast's ports infrastructure should be developed more. But at the same time preservation of the flora and fauna of Andaman and Nicobar islands should be considered.

Whatever the infrastructure will be developed, it should not

compromise with the environment. For this purpose, we can consider using modern technology like AI, which may help to implement this project properly. The present ports at the east coast cannot compete with ports like that of Singapore and Colombo, so Galathea Bay has lots of potential. Bunkering of port is another important issue. There should be a free trade zone so that foreign ships will not face any problem. The insurance factor is an important issue too. Singapore has excellent geographical features. The port does not face many natural calamities so insurance companies have no problem with that port.

The participants also were of the view that efficiency of SMPK should be increased. There is a freight congestion problem at this port but smooth operation is very vital now-a-days. As the loading and unloading time cannot be maintained at SMPK so it loses many opportunities. For example, Kanpur

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Roundtable on CMEC in progress.

Initiative by RIS and Himalayan University on Sustainability and G20



Several Hon'ble Vice Chancellors with other Dignitaries during the launch of the Policy Brief at RIS.

As is well known, RIS has been deployed in effective implementation of the Agenda 2030, commonly known as achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As part of this, a policy brief on “*India's G20 Presidency and Sustainable Development in the Himalaya: Opportunities and Strategies*” was released at RIS on 28 June 2023. The programme was graciously attended by Professor Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice Chancellor, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU); Professor Avinash Khare, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University; Professor Prabhakar Shukla, Vice Chancellor, NEHU; Dr Shesadri Chari, Member Governing Council, RIS, New Delhi; Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi; Professor Chintamani Mahapatra, Honorary Director, Kaling Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS), New Delhi; and Professor R.C. Sundriyal, Head Department of Forestry, HNBGU. Apart from this, Professor R.M. Pant, Vice Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar; Professor Jagadish Kumar

Patnaik, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Nagaland; and Professor Sunil Nautiyal, Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE), Uttarakhand have virtually joined the event. The event began with welcome remarks by Professor Annpurna Nautiyal followed by address remarks by subsequent panelists and the event ends with a vote of thanks by Professor Chintamani Mahapatra.

The policy brief is an outcome document of the day-long roundtable discussion on sustainable development in the Himalayas held at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Uttarakhand on 17 April 2023. The document is prepared by HNBGU in collaboration with NIHE, RIS, KIIPS, and Indian Himalayan Central Universities Consortium (IHCUC).

The Himalayan Mountains play an important role in India's environment, economy, culture, and heritage. The country is in the early years of its Amrit Kaal and is contributing towards making

the world a better place to live, which will truly make India a Vishwa Guru. While addressing the global and national challenges in its Amrit Kaal, India also needs to work rigorously for sustainable development of the mighty Himalaya which is the main source of water, food, energy, aesthetics, and spiritualism to millions of people across the world. The key recommendations of this document are ‘one Himalaya and one policy’ including other recommendations such as; establishing the Ecosystem Integrity Index (EII), identifying Ecologically Sensitive Zones (ESZ), enabling biodiversity-motivated subsidies and payments for ecosystem services, banning multilayer plastic and promote eco-friendly, biodegradable packaging materials, and promote Ecological Carrying Capacity based tourism, and empowering indigenous community institutions for adapting climate change mitigation initiatives through indigenous knowledge systems by them.

Bottlenecks to Access SDG Finance for Developing Countries



Panel Discussion on Report in Progress.

On the request of India, OECD recently produced a report on “*Bottlenecks to Access SDG Finance for Developing Countries*” to support the work of the Development Working Group during India’s presidency of G20 as an input for the G20 Action Plan on SDGs. RIS provided substantial inputs in this report. This report was presented by Mr Andreas Schaal, OECD G20 Sherpa at the G20 Development Minister’s meeting in Varanasi on 12 June 2023 and was much appreciated.

Following the meeting of G20 Development Ministers, RIS organized a special panel discussion on this report at RIS on 13 June 2023 for wider dissemination. The report was presented by Mr Andreas Schaal, OECD G20 Sherpa, who engaged in candid interaction on various facets of the report with highly distinguished experts invited to the meeting. Special guests at the meeting included Dr Seshadri Chari, Chairman, China Study Centre & Member, Planning & Monitoring Board, Manipal Academy of Higher Education; Dr Lekha Chakraborty, Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India; Mr Chandra Bhushan,

President and CEO, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability and Technology (iFOREST); Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS; Ambassador Manjeev Puri, Distinguished Fellow, TERI; Dr Ruchita Beri, Consultant, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses; Professor Shahid Ahmed, Jamia Millia Islamia and Dr Nitya Nanda, Director, Council for Social Development. Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS moderated.

The report highlights the growing gap in financing specific SDGs and regions, and the need to focus on cross-cutting areas. In developing countries, the annual SDG financing gap increased by 56 percent, to USD 3.9 trillion in 2020 (OECD estimate) and a decline has also been noted in foreign direct investment in these countries. Projections by the UNCTAD and the IMF suggest that the SDG financing gap could even reach USD 4.3 trillion per year from 2020 to 2025. The presentation recalls 3 core elements of the FSD agenda (Mobilizing, Aligning, and Achieving Impact) and proposes to use these pillars to strategically leverage existing

public financing in conjunction with private financing to achieve the SDGs, also emphasizing the need for international cooperation in this regard. Furthermore, the presentation underscored the need for financing and instruments to be tailored to country contexts, referring to a ‘Spaghetti bowl’ graph, used to map sourcing for developing countries not only from ODAs but also from private finance, use of philanthropic foundations, and domestic resources. The report specifies four bottlenecks to ensure equitable access to finance in developing countries - non-financial regulations and credit ratings; capacity gaps for data and disclosure of non-financial information; low financial market depth and debt sustainability constraints; and a proliferation of financial instruments, and heterogeneous SDG investment opportunities. The report concludes with ideas for G20 efforts to accelerate the progress on Agenda 2030 wherein G20 DWG could promote financial tools that help leverage public and private finance in developing countries for more equitable access to finance and could also help to promote policies aimed at strengthening

the efficiency of SDG sectors in developing countries.

The panel discussion highlighted the utility of fiscal and monetary policies in generating impact at scale

for SDGs, inadequacy of ODA and the need for private sector partnerships, cost of borrowing, capacity gaps on compliance and associated costs, financing as a necessary tool and

not always sufficient condition for sustainable development, multiplier effects of technology, problems with rating methodologies and treatment of debt among others.

Prospects of Clean Energy Transformation and Border Energy Trade in South Asia

The South Asia Group on Energy (SAGE) at RIS along with South Asia Regional Energy partnership (SAREP) Programme of USAID organised a workshop on “Prospects of Clean Energy Transformation and Role of Coordinated Generation and Transmission Planning for Optimal and Sustainable Cross Border Energy Trade in South Asia” on 18-19 June 2023 at New Delhi.

The workshop was organized in physical mode with high level participation of Power Secretaries of South Asian countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India. On 18 June 2023, the workshop was inaugurated in the presence of Power Secretaries of South Asian countries. The workshop consisted of four technical sessions by the participating speakers on 18 and 19 June 2023. The technical session was followed by the valedictory session where Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator (G20) presented the valedictory address.

The workshop was inaugurated by Power Secretaries of South Asian countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India.

The following speakers addressed the session: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Mr R. V. Shahi Chairman, South Asia Group on Energy (SAGE-RIS) & Distinguished Fellow, RIS;



Ms Karen Klimowski, Mission Director (A), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), India; Mr Karma Tshering, Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan (Virtual); Shri Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India; Shri Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Secretary (Energy), Ministry of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation (MOEWRI), Government of Nepal; and Mr Sugath Darmakeerthi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of Sri Lanka. Mr John Smith-Sreen, Director, Indo-Pacific Office, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), India extended the vote of thanks.

The workshop had the following session: “Electricity Generation Planning in South Asian Countries

and perspectives for clean energy transition and advancing Cross Border Energy Trade in South Asia”; “Electricity Transmission Planning in South Asian Countries and perspectives for clean energy transition and advancing Cross Border Energy Trade in South Asia.”; “Need for regional planning approach to meet the clean energy transitions plans through Coordinated, Complementary, Regional Electricity Generation and Transmission Planning”; Recommendations and way forward for accelerating the Clean Energy Transformation through Coordinated, Complementary Generation and Transmission Planning for Optimal and Sustainable Cross Border Energy Trade in South Asia; and Valedictory session.

Free Trade Agreements: India and the World



Panel Discussion on the Book by Amb. V. S. Seshadri in Progress.

RIS hosted a panel discussion on the book '*Free Trade Agreements-India and the World*' by Amb. V. S. Seshadri on 29 May 2023 at RIS. The discussion was presided by the Director General, RIS, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi with other panellists including, Amb. Seshadri, Shri Dammu Ravi, Professor S.K. Mohanty, Mr. Nitya Nanda, Mr. Pranav Kumar with the participation of various other subject experts and RIS faculty members.

Professor Chaturvedi commenced the discussions with welcome remarks and a comprehensive introduction to the book and invited Amb. Seshadri to encapsulate the book's central theme.

Dr Seshadri elaborated on the book's seven chapters by elucidating the core ideas covered in each of them. Among a plethora of issues covered, the book provides a compelling narrative of the evolution of FTAs in the world with a special focus on India. It trifurcates this evolution under three waves that spread across the decades led by the EU in the 1960s, followed by the United States in the 1980s and then led to a spurt in FTAs globally and mega-regional agreements in the 2000s.

The book systematically compares and contrasts India's FTAs with different countries like Japan, Singapore and South Korea, with a thorough impact assessment of India's performance and negotiation stances over time. Using South Korea as a case study, the book studies how countries in the rest of the world have negotiated and bargained on issues like market access and rules of origin, etc. In addition to this, the analysis captures mega-regional trade agreements like RCEP and CPTPP, and their efficacy, breadth and scope in today's global trade architecture. Lastly, the book highlights the emerging issues in FTAs like digital trade, labour and environmental standards that will continue to challenge negotiations in the future. It suggests a way forward with respect to the upcoming trade negotiations along with an effective implementation and monitoring mechanism for the FTAs already concluded.

After a brief introduction to the book, the discussion was opened to the panel to invite comments and questions. The panellists highlighted some crucial issues and developments in India's FTA dynamics. They appreciated

the rise of 'FTA 2.0' in India characterised by greater timeliness, enlarged scope of negotiations and expanding participation of industrial stakeholders. The panellists also noted the importance and difficulty of achieving a balance between bilateral FTAs and mega-regional trade agreements in the contemporary era. In light of the Russia-Ukraine war, issues related to trade settlement, for e.g., de-dollarisation, rise of digital and regional currencies, etc. were commented on. The impact of FTAs on India's trade balance was also discussed.

Despite these positive developments, issues like trade deflection and the 'China factor' continue to negatively impact India's successful trade story. At the same time, novel areas of cooperation and competition have emerged. These areas include many WTO-plus and WTO-extra issues ranging from climate change, environmental standards, labour standards and cross-border data flows, etc.

The panellists emphasized the importance of accounting for deep integration effects like employment, skilling, infrastructure development, technology upgradation, etc., while assessing the impact of FTAs. In India's context, the role of MSMEs, being the largest employment generator, and their stake in India's FTA narration was also discussed. There were also discussions on the rising importance of Mode 1 in the services sector with the increasing use of technology. Lastly, Amb. Seshadri responded to the questions asked and the panel discussion was concluded with closing remarks from Director General, RIS.

Critical and Emerging Technology and Potential Areas of Cooperation

A delegation from US Embassy in New Delhi, led by Mr. Drew Schufletowski, Minister Counselor, Economic, Environment, Science, and Technology (EEST) Affairs and comprising of Mr. John Speaks, EEST Deputy Minister Counselor, Mr. William Harford, EEST Science and Technology Officer and Ms Noopur Singh, EEST Science and Technology Specialist, visited RIS on 25 May 2023 to discuss India-US Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) and potential areas of cooperation. iCET was announced by President Biden and Prime Minister Modi last year in May 2022 to elevate and expand strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation between the governments, businesses, and academic institutions of our two countries. The first meeting under its aegis was held this year in January 2023. RIS delegation was led by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi,



Director General, RIS and comprised of Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Dr. Pankaj Vasishth, Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr Chaitanya Giri and Dr. Sneha Sinha. The discussion covered several topics of mutual interest such as space (esp in the space economy), critical minerals, biotechnology (esp biosimilars), new and emerging technologies and their convergence, and STI for SDGs. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi stated about the imperative to have resilient and secure supply

chains, the need for more India-US Triangular cooperation, need for devising an alternative innovation incentive mechanism going beyond IPRs, so that balance between innovation incentive and public welfare policy objective is achieved. Professor Chaturvedi also alluded to the role and significance of Global Public Goods (GPGs) and scope of QUAD partnership (where both India and US are members along with Japan and Australia) in addressing many of these issues.

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industrial zone depends totally on western coast for transshipment.

The second topic of discussion was 'India Bangladesh Connectivity'. It was pointed out that beginning from last year, India's neighbours are not in a stable situation. Bangladesh's has a large readymade garments industry. But from 2026, Bangladesh will lose some facilities, so it is keen on signing a Free Trade Agreement with India. The participants viewed that when there are more choices, it creates a few problems. With Bangladesh, there are lots of Connectivity facilities with India. There are many land

ports beside the water port. From SMPK fly ash is sent to Bangladesh regularly, but other materials are also sent. Exporters face lots of problems for customs clearance, surety bonds and insurance. Bangladeshi importers are reluctant to take Indian currency, which also needs to be sorted out. The ships face scarcity of berths at SMPK so more infrastructure facilities should be developed.

The infrastructure, especially waterways need to be more modernized. The navigability problem was also discussed. Now there are two types of transportation

between India and Bangladesh. One is freight transportation from India to Bangladesh. Another type is freight transportation from India to India via Bangladesh. Beside that the panelists and participants discussed on India- Bangladesh Protocol Route and Ganga Vilash cruise.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Jane Namchu, ADG, PIB Kolkata. She thanked all participants for their active participation and hoped that their insights will be most significant to take forward the studies.

Geopolitical Opportunities and Challenges Faced by Uzbekistan

Davlatov Kamronbek Sanjarbek O'gli from the Republic of Uzbekistan, the SCO Resident Researcher visited RIS on 27 Jun 2023 for an interaction meeting with RIS faculty. Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS moderated the meeting. Dr Dash briefed the SCO researcher about the work programme, studies and publications, forums and networks of RIS.

Mr Davlatov presented his research work on the geopolitical opportunities and challenges faced by Uzbekistan in the Central Asian region. He also shared Uzbekistan's participation in SCO and expectations from bilateral and regional partners. Among major developmental challenges, water scarcity, connectivity,



Mr Davlatov Kamronbek Sanjarbek O'gli

unemployment, etc were highlighted. Like other Central Asian countries, the importance of energy surfaced prominently in the discussion.

The SCO researcher underlined the multi-country energy project, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India (TAPI) pipeline as a new energy silk route in the Central Asian region. Along with the economic reforms introduced

after independence in 1991, Uzbekistan has recently embarked upon improving the investment environment with an aim to attract FDI to support industrialisation and overall socio-economic development.

Besides commenting on Mr Davlatov's presentation, RIS faculty shared their ideas and perspectives on India-Uzbekistan bilateral relations in the field of trade & investment, finance, connectivity, energy, development cooperation, among others. The priority areas of India's SCP Chairship were emphasized during the meeting. It emerged clearly during the discussion that Indian investment could be promoted in certain sectors including health, education, financial services, energy, etc.

Economic, Political and Diplomatic Environment in Central Asia

Mr. Faridun Rahimov, Fellow Researcher from National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, Tajikistan who was visiting India as a SCO Resident Researcher in India for the month of May 2023 visited RIS on May 25 for an interaction meeting with RIS faculty. Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS moderated the meeting. Mr. Rahimov made a presentation on the economic, political and diplomatic environment in Central Asia with specific reference to Tajikistan. While presenting the development experience and lessons of Tajikistan in recent decades especially post-independence, he referred to growing Chinese investment in the



Mr Faridun Rahimov

country relative to India. Some of the potential areas of investment that he touched upon are precious mineral reserves e.g. gold; energy (hydropower), e-commerce, start-ups & innovation, cyber security, education (specifically e-learning), health, digital infrastructure, fintech,

tourism, among others. In particular, services sector offer immense potential for trade, investment and growth in Tajikistan. Subsequently, senior faculty members of RIS including Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Mr. Krishna Kumar, Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Sushil Kumar and Dr. Anshuman Gupta shared their perspectives on Mr. Rahimov's presentation and their own ideas on the subject. The major areas of intervention include harnessing hydropower potential of Tajikistan, climate change concerns, possible areas of bilateral investment between India and Tajikistan such as health, services, fitnech, and other related sectors.

Institutional Framework for the Promotion and Protection of Indigenous Knowledge Systems



Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Chairing the Session during the presentation by Dr Rajendran Govender, IBSA Fellow at RIS.

Global South is concerned about protection of traditional knowledge and highlighting its relevance in economic development strategies. India has played an important role in leveraging multilateral cooperation in this area through existing institutions and has also worked closely with IBSA countries, the three democracies of the South in upholding common positions. IBSA countries are enriched by biodiversity and have guided key processes under WTO, WIPO, and other platforms.

RIS has been deeply engaged in the area of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Medicines and works in collaboration with Ministry of AYUSH as part of RIS FITM vertical. In this regard as part of the ongoing IBSA Fellowship, IBSA Fellow from South Africa Dr Rajendran Govender presented his paper on “Institutional Framework for the Promotion and Protection of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Traditional Knowledge

(TK) with the focus on Traditional Medicine (TM): Lessons from IBSA” on 27 June 2023 at a seminar held in G. Parthasarathi Hall at RIS. The session was initiated by Welcome Remarks from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, highlighting the role of Indigenous knowledge system and IBSA importance in co-creation, co-synthesis, and co-production of knowledges. Professor Chaturvedi also mentioned the pivotal role IBSA countries can play in universalisation of traditional practices and knowledge systems. Shri Ninad S. Deshpande, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi, as Chair of the session discussed the role of traditional medicines during Covid-19 pandemic. He also mentioned the initiatives of Ministry of AYUSH and establishment of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Gujarat. H. E. Mr Joel Sibusiso Ndebele, High Commissioner, South African High Commission,

New Delhi delivered the Special Remarks, underscoring the commitment to democracy and social cohesion as fundamental elements of IBSA cooperation. He also welcomed India’s strong push towards including African Union as a permanent member in G20 and the need for scaling up of efforts in the context of upcoming IBSA troika for G20.

Dr Rajendran Govender among other key issues presented the research findings from his field visit in Tamil Nadu. He also highlighted the institutional framework for the promotion and protection of indigenous knowledge system, traditional knowledge, and traditional medicines in IBSA countries that is crucial for preserving cultural heritage, biodiversity, and traditional medicine. He further elaborated initiatives and institutions in IBSA Countries (Biological Diversity Act of India, Traditional Health Practitioners

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Investment Facilitation for Development

Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) is a plurilateral agreement initiated by 110 WTO Members including 70 developing countries and 20 Least Developed Countries. It is being viewed as a developing country-led initiative to facilitate greater access to foreign direct investment. IFD negotiations are expected to be concluded in July 2023. Since Singapore issues that include investment is not part of the WTO trade negotiations mandate, there are apprehensions regarding the very nature of this Agreement, its scope and larger implications for trade policy especially for the developing countries. As per the existing format of WTO negotiations investment forms a part of the trade agreement. On the other hand, investment treaties like BITs, IIAs, etc have led to several

litigations between the states and the investors; hence questioning their efficacy.

As the Agreement is taking final shape, RIS organized a virtual panel discussion on “Investment Facilitation for Development: What is there for Developing Countries” on 26 June 2023. The event was chaired by Ambassador Jayant Dasgupta, Former Ambassador of India to WTO & Member, Governing Board and Governing Council, RIS. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS shared his perspectives on various facets of this Agreement in his welcome remarks. Three panelists including Dr Carlos Maria Correa, Executive Director, South Centre, Geneva; Dr Prabhas Ranjan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi;

Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS touched upon the legal, economic and trade policy concerns relating to the scope and chapters of the Agreement.

While the panel presented cautious optimism about the benefits of the IFD Agreement, the agreement apparently has gathered support from developing countries on the ground that it does not cover market access, investment protection and investor-state dispute settlement which have been the most contentious issues. In general, it emerged quite clear that the commitments by countries in the Agreement need to be seen carefully before India joins the agreement, and the fear of multilateralisation of plurilaterals like IFD remains a genuine concern.

UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia visited RIS

The newly appointed UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia, Mr Sanjay Wijesekera and Ms Cynthia McCaffrey, UNICEF India Representative, and other UNICEF team members visited RIS on 29 June 2023. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, and some faculty members welcomed them and discussed in

detail about various facets of RIS valued partnership between RIS and UNICEF. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, also gave a brief of RIS work programme. Overall discussions centered around India's children and youth-focused social protection models, apart from LiFE economy, which calls for transformations at

various levels from individuals to institutions. Mr Sanjay mentioned that UNICEF is privileged to be the strong partner of India on the various issues of global children, and commended India's development experience which can be replicated in other developing countries. He highly praised India's role in managing the

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Act of South Africa, and laws to safeguard traditional knowledge, particularly related to biodiversity and traditional medicine in Brazil); global trends and collaborative efforts in traditional medicine; and lastly traditional medicinal practices in India, Brazil, and South Africa

from a comparative perspective. The session was greatly enriched by the insights from the panellists. Dr Viswajanani J. Sattigeri, Head, CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, Dr Indrani Barpujari, Principal Advisor, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis (AIGGPA), Bhopal, M. P., and Dr

Namrata Pathak, Consultant, RIS provided comments on the issues around preserving Traditional Knowledge Systems, IPR regimes and ethical documentation of evidences, particularly related to Traditional Medicines. The session ended with the Vote of Thanks from Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS.

STIP Forum Lecture

Role and Significance of National Quantum Mission in India's Development

The 49th STIP Forum Lecture was delivered by Professor Urbasi Sinha, Head, Quantum Information and Computing Lab, Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru, on 1 June 2023 via online platform. The topic of this public lecture was "*Role and Significance of National Quantum Mission in India's Development*". Professor Ashutosh Sharma, President, Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, chaired the event. Welcome remarks were delivered by Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS. This public lecture was organised in light of the recent approval of the National Quantum Mission by the Union Cabinet with a total outlay of INR 6,003 Cr from 2023-24 to 2030-31, with the aim to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant and innovative ecosystem in quantum technology.

In her insightful and illuminative talk, Professor Urbasi Sinha covered a whole gamut of issues related to quantum technologies. She began her lecture by tracing the developments in the field of quantum technology since early 1990s. She explained the three main



Professor Urbasi Sinha

verticals of quantum technology viz. Quantum computation, quantum cryptography and quantum sensing, and their potential applications in the domains of communication, energy, finance, health and drug design. She elaborated on the key objectives and deliverables of the National Quantum Mission. Professor Sinha also alluded to the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA)'s Open Quantum Institute (OPI), which has been created to jointly develop quantum technologies-based use cases geared towards accelerating the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Raman Research Institute is a spearheading partner for the OQI.

Professor Sinha went on to argue that we must explore and leverage

quantum cryptography as the current information communication through classical cryptography can be compromised with the quantum computers. She listed some QKD-based experimental projects that are currently being undertaken in India in the field of quantum communications. One such project, QuEST (Quantum Experiments using Satellite Technology), is being undertaken by Raman Research Institute in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

In her concluding remarks, Professor Sinha stated some key factors that will make India's National Quantum Mission a success. The four thematic hubs that will be created in leading R&D and academic institutions under this Mission, will be a consortium of different institutes whose combined expertise can aim to tackle the ambitious set of Mission's objectives.

In order to make India quantum-ready at the end of the Mission, there is a need to ensure that scientists are empowered. The Mission Governing Board should ensure that major resources are allocated to labs with demonstrated excellence and proven competencies in each of the four verticals.

Development in Myanmar and Way Forward

RIS organized a Panel Discussion on Development in Myanmar and Way Forward on 8 May 2023. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General, RIS, initiated the session with

Welcome Remarks. Dr Shankari Sundararaman, Professor, Centre for Indo Pacific Studies, JNU chaired the event. Panelist comprises Mr Harm Yawngthwe, Executive Director,

Euro-Burma Office; Mr Victor Biak Lian, Operations Director, Euro-Burma Office, Ottawa; Ms Thuzar Thant, Deputy Executive Director, Euro-Burma Office.

G20 University Connect Lectures Seminar Series

S.No	Date	University	Distinguished Speaker
April			
1	10 April	Central University of Kashmir	Ambassador J.S. Mukul
2	19 April	Tripura University	Ambassador Lalduhthlana Ralte
3	20 April	Amity University	Dr. V.K. Saraswat
4	20 April	St. Joseph University	Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya
5	20 April	Ravenshaw University	Ambassador Debraj Pradhan
6	24 April	Jiwaji University	Mr. Rajeev Kher
7	24 April	NIFT	Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan
8	25 April	Sharda University	Ambassador D.P. Srivastava
9	28 April	Guru Nanak Dev University	Ambassador Navdeep Suri
May			
1	03 May	Lalit Mohan Sharma Government PG College	Ambassador Preeti Saran
2	04 May	Doon University	Ambassador Preeti Saran
3	06 May	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University	Ambassador J. S. Mukul
4	15 May	University of Mysore	Dr. Seshadri Chari
5	24 May	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University	Professor Arvind Kumar
6	29 May	IIFT	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi
7	30 May	University of Ladakh	Professor Arvind Kumar
8	31 May	Central University of Jammu	Professor Arvind Kumar
June			
1	2 June	North-East Hill University	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi
2	6 June	NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute	Dr Seshadri Chari
3	22 June	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)	Ambassador J. S. Mukul
4	28 June	Central University of Andhra Pradesh	Professor A. Subramanyam Raju

Y20 Events

S. No	Date	Topic	Place
April 2023			
1	28 April	Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance	Patna
May 2023			
2	8 May	Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance	Allahabad
3	17 May	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 st Century Skills	Lucknow
3	20 May	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 st Century Skills	Visakhapatnam
4	23 May	Industry 4.0, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Opportunities for Youth and Challenges	Bhubaneswar
5	24 May	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 st Century Skills	Jaipur
6	26 May	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction:	Kolkata
7	31 May	Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance / Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction	Guwahati
June 2023			
8	02 Jun	Health, Wellbeing and Sports: Agenda for Youth	Mumbai
9	08 Jun	Health, Wellbeing and Sports: Agenda for Youth / future of work	Hyderabad
10	10 Jun	Health, Wellbeing and Sports: Agenda for Youth / future of work	Pune
11	22 Jun	Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution	Navi Mumbai
12	28 Jun	Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21 st Century Skills	Coimbatore

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi
Director General

- Addressed on the theme of “Examining the role of the G20 in global food crisis response coordination” at the launch Global Food Policy Report: Rethinking Food Crisis Responses organized by IFPRI held on 13 April 2023.
- Addressed on the theme of “Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF): Analysis and Policy at Discussion Meeting on Major Agendas by Participating Countries organized by KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDIS) held on 18-19 April 2023 at Danang, Vietnam.
- Panelist in the Panel Discussion on Wellbeing and the Agenda at T7 Japan Summit 2030 organized by Asian Development Bank Institute held on 27-28 April 2023 at Tokyo, Japan.
- Panelist at the 8th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs jointly organized by UN-DESA and UNCTAD held on 3-4 May 2023 at New York, USA.
- Participated in the Special Session of the BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tanks (S-BNPTT) held on 08-09 May 2023 in Thailand (Online)
- Participated in the International Advisory Board and the Think20 India Core Group organized by T20 Secretariat held on 11 May 2023 at Mumbai.
- Addressed on the theme of "G20-T20 Vision on Lifestyle and Environment" in the webinar on One Health one Planet Climate Mitigation and Digital Health organized by APAAACI held on 12 May 2023
- Participated in the BRICS Academic Forum 2023: BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism organized by The Nelson Mandela School of Public

Governance held on 14-17 May 2023 at Cape Town, South Africa.

- Panelist in the Components and particularities of India's Think20 Engagement Group jointly organized by IDSA, G20 India and Dr B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru held on 26 May 2023.
- Addressed the Concluding Session of 40 Years of Celebration of Cuts International held on 28 May 2023, New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on Connectivity and Beyond at EU-India Global Gateway Conference on Connectivity investments in India's North-eastern States and the Immediate Sub Himalayan Neighbourhood jointly organized by Ministry of External Affairs, European Union and Asian Confluence held on 2 June 2023 at Shillong.
- Addressed on the theme of “Value based wellbeing index” at the Civil 20 Lifestyle for Environment, C 20 – LiFE Conference organized by YOJAK Center for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development held on 4 June 2023 at Mumbai.
- Panelist in the Inaugural Session on Setting the tone for Safe, Secure and Trusted Cyberspace at the B20 Conference on Cyber Security: Advent of Global Cooperation, combining forces to Secure Cyberspace jointly organized by G20 India, B20 India and CII held on 5 June 2023 at New Delhi.
- Moderated a session on “LiFE, Resilience and Values” in a World of Geopolitics
- At GIGA Talk – T20 Side Event India's Presidency of the G20 organized by German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) held on 7 June 2023. (Online)
- Panelist in the Bringing Ethics into Policy-Making at the webinar on the G21 proposal

organized by UNESCO held on 7 June 2023. (Online)

- Panelist in the South and South-West Asia Policy Dialogue: Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2023 “Rethinking Public Debt for the Sustainable Development Goals” organized by UN-ESCAP held on 8 June 2023
- Addressed on the theme of India and the World: Geopolitics and the Emerging Trade and Investment Regimes organized by University of Pennsylvania Institute for Advanced Study of India (UPIASI) held on 9 June 2023. (Online)
- Participated in the Electronic Taskforce Meeting organized by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis held on 10 June 2023 at New Delhi.
- Participated in the “Connecting Science to Society & Culture” – a Science 20 organized by Indian National Science Academy held on 16 – 17 June 2023 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Made a presentation on “Industrial Policy for SDG Acceleration” at the Regional Workshop organized by UNIDO held on 26 June 2023. (online)

Professor S. K. Mohanty

- Participated online as a discussant in the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI) outreach event and Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy Research Capacity and Influence (PRCI), Global Gathering, organised by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and The Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at Accra, Ghana on 26 April 2023.
- Participated as an External Expert in the Selection

Committee meeting for the requirement of Associate Professor in the Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) on the invitation of Vice-Chancellor of JNU, New Delhi on 3 May 2023.

- Participated in the discussion meeting with the Ministry of External Affairs and made a presentation on 'Towards Creating a Regional Agricultural Value Chains in BIMSTEC', New Delhi on 12 May 2023.
- Participated in the 11th Advanced Leadership Programme for Corporate Executives: Leadership Excellence for Atma Nirbhar (LEAN) Bharat (May 22 to June 19, 2023) organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and addressed the Corporate Executives from India and made a presentation on 'Regionalism and India: Broad Trade Dynamics, MRTAs, New FTA Approach' on 31 May 2023, New Delhi.
- Participated as the principal investigator (PI) to lead the evaluation team to make a presentation of two draft reports to the Director General, DMEO, and the team at NITI Aayog, regarding ongoing project on 'Evaluating 5 Central Sector Schemes Implemented by DST and DBT', New Delhi on 14 June 2023.
- Participated in the 'High-Level Strategic Dialogue on IORA's 25-Years – Reflection, Review & Renewal', organised by Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and made a presentation on 'regional connect between IORA and IPEF' in Mauritius from 19-21 June 2023.
- Participated and presented on 'the growing importance

of blue economy in the IORA region: possible partnership with the dialogue partner' in the 'IORA Indo-Pacific Outlook' conference in Mauritius from 22-23 June 2023.

Dr Sabyasachi Saha

Associate Professor

- Roundtable discussion on Book Proposal on LiFE - LiFE, Values and Wellbeing: towards a new development paradigm for sustainability Kumarakom, Kerala, 07 April 2023
- T20 Task Force 3 | Seminar 3: Infusing Ethics and Values in International Relations, Event Date: Friday, 14 April, 2023
- University Connect Lecture at Nalanda University on 15 April 2023
- Participated in the Hindu- ORF Conclave: Plenary 2 | Voices for LiFE and Attaining SDGs, 20 April 2023
- Participated in the T20 Mid Year Conference, Mumbai, 10-12 May 2023
- Participated in the Special Session Title "Economic and Systemic Transformations for LiFE and Well-being" at Global Solutions Summit, Berlin, 15 May 2023
- Participated in the Wilton Park conference WP3132 'Advancing Global Public Investment (GPI)', 6 June 2023 (Virtual)
- Participated in the Panel Discussion on Bottlenecks to access SDG Finance for Developing Countries, Event Date: Tuesday, 13 June, 2023 at RIS
- Participated in the Title: Scaling up SDG and Climate Finance through the Life Economy: Insights for G20 Action (Official Side Event of the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact, Paris 22 June 2023)

Dr Pankaj Vashisht

Associate Professor

- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Share Future: youth in Democracy and Governance", Jointly Organised with A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, Bihar, April 28th, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Share Future: youth in Democracy and Governance" Jointly Organised with G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh May 08th, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills" Jointly Organised with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh May 17th, 2023
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- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills" Jointly organised with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Bhubaneswar, Orissa 23th May, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills" Jointly Organised with Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, Rajasthan 24th May, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction" Jointly Organised with South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development, Kolkata, West Bengal, 26th May, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on "Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 1st Century Skills," jointly organised Entrepreneurship Development

Institute of India, Guwahati, Assam 31 May, 2023

- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on “Health, Wellbeing, and Sports: Agenda for Youth, jointly organised with Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai, June 02, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on “Health, Wellbeing, and Sports: Agenda for Youth, jointly Organised with Telangana State Innovation Cell, Hyderabad, June 08, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on “Health, Wellbeing, and Sports: Agenda for Youth, jointly organised with Strategic Research and Growth Foundation in Pune, June 10, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution, jointly organised with Raisina House, Navi Mumbai, June 22, 2023
- Y20 Brainstorming Workshop on “Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills”, jointly organised with PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, June 28, 2023

Dr P K Anand Visiting Fellow

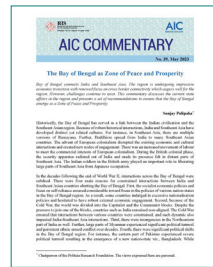
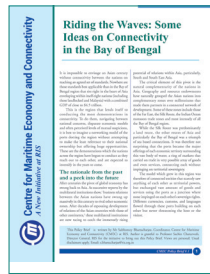
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- Participated in the ‘Think7 Japan Summit’ held on 27th -28th April 2023 (virtual)
- Participated in the ‘High-level Committee meeting on South-South Cooperation’ on 1st May 2023 organized by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC); (virtual)
- Participated in the webinar on ‘Science Technology, Innovation, and Engineering Solutions for the SDGs: Theory, Practice, and Applications (STI Forum 2023 Special Event) held on 3rd May 2023 organized by UNDESA
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- Participated in the webinar on ‘A better quality of life for all in an urbanising world: promoting health and wellbeing’ held on 6th June 2023, organized by the UN-Habitat
- Participated in the webinar discussion of ‘IFPRI’s 2023 Global Food Policy Report: Rethinking Food Crisis Responses’ held on 21st June, 2023 organized by IFPRI.

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