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## G20 University Connect Finale

The G20 University Connect Finale commenced in full swing at the Bharat Mandapam on 26 September 2023. The event marked a grand culmination of all the lectures that were delivered in multiple universities spanning across the length and breadth of the country as a part of

the G20 University Connect Lecture Series.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi graced the august occasion with his auspicious presence and addressed more than 3000 university students who were present at the venue along with their Vice-Chancellors

and faculties. There were also a large number of students who had joined the event virtually. The inaugural session was initiated with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries followed by welcome remarks by Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla; Chief Coordinator, G20 India.

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upheld the vision of the Indian leadership for India's G20 and the immaculate transmission of ideas that were needed for its perfect implementation. He emphasized the importance of the Indian G20 Presidency to be developed as a future case study for research and analysis. Dr S. Jaishankar; External Affairs Minister, Government of India addressed the gathering virtually stressing that the success of the Indian G20 Presidency would contribute to building a more prosperous nation for the future generations. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India also graced the occasion and congratulated the Presidency's efforts to forge a consensus and a forward-looking New Delhi Declaration in the backdrop of

global geopolitical and economic turbulences.

The high point of the programme was marked when Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the platform and addressed the gathering of students and teachers. He initiated the discussion by recalling India's successful Chandrayaan mission and the launch of the solar mission. He deliberated on the successful BRICS Summit and the inclusion of new members, the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration where common ground was found by all member states in challenging global circumstances, the inclusion of the African Union in G20 as a permanent member, International Biofuel Alliance led by India and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

He addressed the youth directly and asserted that optimism,

There was also a panel discussion among key dignitaries including Shri Apurva Chandra; Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Ms Meeta Lochan; Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Shri Muktesh Pardeshi; Special Secretary (G20-Operations), Shri Abhay Thakur; Additional Secretary, G20 Secretariat and Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar; Chairman, UGC. The discussion was moderated by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi; Director General, RIS, with deliberations outlining the key elements of India's G20 Presidency and the G20 Summit held in New Delhi, India.

This engaging discussion was followed by a cultural presentation in the form of a play named "Dharthe Kahe Pukar Ke" based on the theme of 'Ode to Mother Earth' with its subtle message echoing the call for collective responsibility towards our planet.

Shri Amitabh Kant; Sherpa, G20 India, addressed the gathering highlighting the success of India's G20 Presidency and the deliberated on the journey that was involved toward forming a consensus on key issues of global priority. Following this, Dr. P.K. Mishra; Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister

opportunities and openness would lead to progress in the country's youth. He appealed to them to take part in an extensive cleanliness campaign to be held across the nation on 1 October 2023, to promote and be part of digital transactions and actively support the 'Vocal for Local' movement. He applauded the G20 University Connect initiative for motivating India's youth and enhancing their participation in different pre-event activities.

The Prime Minister also released four publications on the occasion; *The Grand Success of G20 Bharat Presidency: Visionary Leadership, Inclusive Approach; India's G20 Presidency: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam; Compendium of G20 University Connect Programme; and Showcasing Indian Culture at G20.*



## Some Glimpses





## CMEC at Global Maritime India Summit 2023



Participants at the Global Maritime India Summit 2023.

The Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) at RIS was the knowledge partner at the mega Global Maritime India Summit, (GMIS) 2023 inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The programme was organized from 17-19 October 2023 at MMRDA Ground, Mumbai.

The Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde, and Hon'ble Union Minister MoPSW Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched the CMEC publication, *"Propelling India's Maritime Vision: Impact of Government Policies"*. CMEC as the knowledge partner contributed immensely in

preparation of background reports in addition to contributing in broad themes of discussion for each of the international roundtable sessions at GMIS 2023. CMEC also curated four of the round table sessions, Global Economic Corridor (GEC), Europe, Africa and Indo-Pacific.

The session on the Global Economic Corridor was held at GMIS 2023 on 17 October, right after the inauguration. The Session was chaired by Union Minister MoPSW Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, and moderated by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, DG RIS. As many as 60 representatives from various countries attended the Round Table, which included CEOs from

33 international companies and 17 Indian companies.

The discussions revolved around the concept of Corridors and their potential impact on inclusive and sustainable development. In this context, the proposed India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor (IMEC) was seen as promising sustainable solutions in terms of both raising finance and supporting the environment because of lesser voyage times. The possibilities for economic cooperation among the countries on the corridors and the challenges from new shipping routes were also highlighted. Notable initiatives like the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF),

India-Myanmar-Thailand, and the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor were also mentioned in terms of how they led to the creation of a value-based economic framework.

The speakers from around the world offered their insights, emphasizing that focus should also be laid on improving short-sea transport which would be critical to enhance connectivity with Western Europe. Hon'ble Union Minister MoPSW Shri Sarbananda Sonowal highlighted India's proactive approach to economic corridors and the significance of the IMEC. It was a general refrain that trust among the participating countries would be the basis for drawing up sound agreements to usher in collaborative efforts among the nations.

The session on Europe was held on 18 October 2023. It was chaired by Shri Suman K Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, and was moderated by Shri Amitendu Palit, Advisor to CMEC. The speakers drawn from regulators of European maritime nations among others, focused on India's maritime and shipping concerns and how these could be aligned with Europe's investment projections. Shri Sanjay Verma Secretary (West) MEA, emphasized the multi-dimensional aspects of maritime connectivity, touching on economic, diplomatic, and security implications, while also underlining the thriving India-Nordic relations and the importance of bridging the gap with the EU. Mr Andreas Nordseth, Director General of the Danish Maritime Authority, delved into the challenges and opportunities of green shipping and the transition to cleaner, decarbonized shipping practices, where he emphasized India's pivotal role in this green transition. Collaboration,



international regulations, and a skilled workforce were deemed crucial for this transformation.

Ms. Brigit Gijsbers DG, Aviation and Maritime Affairs, Netherlands highlighted the importance of green shipping, smart ports, and capacity building, emphasizing the significance of MoUs and collaboration between India and the Netherlands. Shri Rajesh Sinha, Additional Secretary, MoPSW touched upon ship recycling and related issues saying there was a need for the EU to recognise Indian interests as well. Other speakers touched on various elements such as digitization, sustainability, safety, and green ports. The key opportunities that flow from growing India-EU trade with the resultant rise in shipping capacities were also noted since those would need to be aligned with appropriate cross-country regulations and standards.

The Indo-Pacific session held at GMIS 2023 on 19 October, was chaired by Minister of State MoPSW,

Hon'ble Shri Shantanu Thakur, and moderated by Shri Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Coordinator CMEC. The Minister highlighted that the Indo-Pacific Ocean is a vital global navigation zone with potential for sustainable development and equitable growth. He said India emphasizes diversification and resilient supply chains, relying on maritime cooperation. Initiatives like IPEF and IPMDA promote clean, fair economies and security. He also added that India has pointed out the need to move away from economic concentration by encouraging diversification. These measures will de-risk the global economy to build more reliable and of resilient supply chains. So the steps that are taken in the Indo-Pacific shall be critical to achieve these goals for which maritime cooperation among the nations is essential. The session brought together esteemed guest speakers including H. E. Mr Narek Teryan Deputy Economy Minister, Armenia, H. E. Mr Jepbarov Rovshen Deputy





*Distinguished Dignitaries at GMIS.*

Head "Turkmenidenizderyayolary", Turkmenistan and Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation, Sri Lanka. The session highlighted the critical need for increased cross-border cooperation, emphasized the pivotal role of the private sector in driving regional growth, and stressed the importance of embracing international best practices to ensure the Indo-Pacific's development and stability. Shri P. Kumaran, OSD (ER&DPA), MEA focused on making the best ways to make this vast stretch of water serve the interests of the nations on both sides. They have opportunities like expanding the scope of their maritime trade but will also have to be cognizant of the new challenges like adopting sustainable technology and moving towards green shipping.

The Africa Roundtable was held on 19 October at GMIS 2023, chaired by Hon'ble Shri Shripad

Naik, Minister of State, MoPSW, moderated by Shri Subhomoy Bhattacharje Coordinator CMEC, where prominent guests like H. E. Mr Afretane Youssoufa Madjoini, Hon'ble Minister for the Ministry of Regional Planning, Urban Development, Land Affairs, and Land Transportation, Comoros, and H. E. Mr Suleiman Masoud Makame, the Minister of the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries in Zanzibar, Tanzania, shared their insights. Shri Sanjay Sethi, Chairman of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority was the convenor of the session, and highlighted ports are the key to trans-border and regional connectivity, he also discussed the importance of blue economy.

The discussion revolved around the need for balanced regional development, the creation of new growth opportunities, and the essential aspect of increased regional cooperation. In this context,

the recent series of agreements signed between Tanzania and India in the sector was flagged with appreciation.

The session also endorsed India's Indo-Pacific framework under the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) to highlight the importance of port activity, maritime transport, fishing, and tourism. In the discussions, port modernization emerged as a perceived key driver for economic growth and overall regional infrastructure improvement, promising a future of enhanced trade, investment, and prosperity in Africa. Shri P. Kumaran, OSD (ER&DPA), MEA highlighted India's investments in Africa have been on the rise, signifying a growing economic engagement and partnership with Africa which signifies a multi-dimensional, enduring dedication that promises to enhance the overall development of both nations. ■

## Center for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC)

The Center for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) has been actively engaged in various research and policy advisory initiatives, contributing significantly to India's maritime sector and its broader international maritime collaborations. One noteworthy contribution is the CMEC Policy Advisory submitted to the National Shipping Board on June 2, 2023. Titled *"A Comparative Study of the Maritime Transport Agreements of BIMSTEC Nations and the Way Forward,"* this comprehensive report sheds light on the maritime transport agreements within the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) nations.

Additionally, CMEC has published the *"Expanding Contours of India's Maritime Sector"* report, which is the result of extensive consultations with stakeholders. This report, based on a roundtable held in Kolkata on April 19, 2023, provides insights into the evolving landscape of India's maritime sector. It outlines key trends, challenges, and opportunities, serving as a valuable resource for policymakers and stakeholders involved in shaping the future of India's maritime industry. The report, which has come out after extensive stakeholders' consultation, brings forth major issues with respect to Indo-Bangladesh Connectivity and highlights the pain-points which need priority attention, to give much needed push to connectivity and bolster trade between the two nations. The section contains 'Action



Points' to address the bottlenecks with regards to Indo-Bangladesh connectivity and beyond.

Furthermore, CMEC has actively collaborated with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPS&W) by providing inputs on "Potential Areas of Maritime Cooperation between India and Australia." Along with this CMEC has played an important role in furnishing valuable insights into the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative Pillar 7: Trade, Connectivity, and Maritime Transport which was submitted to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Moreover, CMEC has released two policy briefs that offer concise, yet impactful analyses of crucial issues related to maritime connectivity and regional development. *"Riding the Waves: Some Ideas on Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal"* delves into the importance of connectivity in the Bay of Bengal and presents innovative ideas to enhance it. Meanwhile, *"Operationalization of Sittwe Port and What It Means for Regional Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal"* explores the significance of the operationalization of Sittwe Port and its implications for regional

connectivity, shedding light on the potential benefits and challenges that lie ahead.

The CMEC has been consistently releasing its newsletter, *"Maritime Briefing,"* with a total of 8 editions published so far. Additionally, CMEC provides insightful commentaries on critical subjects, including the Global India Maritime Summit, Strengthening Bilateral Ties: "USA and India Collaborate for the Development of the Maritime Sector", The Chattogram-Mongla Port Agreement, and India's focus on Chahbahar, enhancing its maritime connectivity efforts.

CMEC has also launched a very extensive and unique Outreach Programme that aims to build a seamless knowledge sharing network amongst all the stakeholders associated with maritime sector. This would ensure a streamlined information delivery and also feedback to MoPS&W on its various initiatives and programmes. In this context, CMEC has reached out to wide stakeholders that includes leading maritime nations like Denmark, UK, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia amongst other. The outreach programme also includes major industry players, trade associations, think tanks, academic institutions amongst many others. From in-depth comparative studies to insightful policy briefs, commentaries, and meeting with important stakeholders of maritime industry CMEC's contributions have been important in contributing towards the advancement of India's maritime sector. ■



## T20 Summit

### Joint Session of T7 and T20



*Participants at T20 Summit Joint Session.*

On the sidelines of Think 20 Summit in Mysuru on July 30, 2023, RIS and Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) organized a joint meeting of T7 and T20 leadership along with other academics and public policy experts to deliberate on the G7/G20 Joint Call to Action – Addressing the Poly-Crisis and Reigniting the 2030 Agenda. The meeting started with opening remarks from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and member of the T20 India core committee. Ambassador Sujan Chinoy, Director General, IDSA, and T20 India Chair, Professor T. Sonobe, Lead Chair, T7 Japan, CEO of ADBI, and Professor Dennis Snower, President, Global Solutions Initiative, delivered their brief remarks on the enhancing cooperation between T7 and T20.

This was followed by an open floor discussion where other participants provided their suggestions and recommendations on converging issues particularly related to SDGs, climate finance, and concerns of Global South. Professor Bambang Brodjonegoro, Former Minister of Research and Technology/National Research and Innovation Agency of Republic of Indonesia, Mr Nicolas Bouchod, Dr R. Balasubramainam, Member – HR, Capacity Building Commission, GOI, Dr Lukovi Seke, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, South Africa, Dr Tabea Lisner, Research Director, GSI, Amb. Caramuru de Paiva, Advisor, CEBRI, Dr Jose Pio Borgese, President, CEBRI, Dr Julia Dias Leite, CEO, CEBRI, Ms Luciana Gama Muniz, Dr Elizabeth

Sidiropoulos, Chief executive of the South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa, Dr Antonio Villafranka, Director Of Studies And Co-Head, Europe And Global Governance Centre, Professor Dr Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Dr Nicolas J.A. Buchoud, Co-Founder and President of Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development, France, Dr Fabio Soares, Researcher, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brazil, Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS, Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS, and Dr Beena Pandey, Assistant Professor, RIS participated in the meeting. ■



## Decarbonization and Global Value Chains: Scope for ASEAN India Cooperation

The planet is sitting at the cusp of existential threat. The unfettered economic development based on fossil fuels, since 1st industrial revolution, has resulted in environmental degradation and atmospheric Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) build-up leading to rapid increase in global temperature. Scientific evidence indicates the grim consequences if radical measures, at the global level, are not taken urgently to mitigate climate change.

Given the geographical location, both India and ASEAN are extremely vulnerable to the potential negative implications of climate change such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and changing rainfall patterns. Therefore, addressing climate

change and transitioning towards sustainable green energy sources is critical for both the regions. Under Paris agreement, both India and ASEAN member states have announced ambitious targets for carbon emission reduction by 2030. However, decarbonization is difficult and could have economic implications. In order to understand the economic implications of decarbonization in India and ASEAN and possible scope for cooperation.

ASEAN-India Center at RIS organised a seminar on 18 October 2023. Dr Badri Narayanan G., non-resident fellow, NITI Aayog and affiliate faculty member, School of Environment and Forestry Sciences, University of Washington Seattle was the main speaker at seminar. Dr

Narayanan started his presentation by highlighting the significant increase in carbon emission by all ASEAN region between 2010 and 2020. He argued that ASEAN countries would need to reduce emissions by 11 per cent under unconditional pledge and by 24 per cent under conditional pledge to meet the emission reduction target by 2030. He pointed out carbon reduction target though achievable will negatively impact the GDP as well as trade growth trajectory both in India and ASEAN. He suggested that India and ASEAN should consider emissions trading to minimized losses and more effective reduction of emissions. Dr Narayanan's presentation was followed by intense discussion. ■

## Strengthening University-Industry-Startup Innovation Connect post- Chandrayaan-3

A virtual session on "Strengthening University-Industry-Startup Innovation Connect post Chandrayaan-3" was conducted in 27 October 2023 as part of collaboration between MyGov and RIS. The aim of the session was to engage students and make them aware of the need for a robust university-industry-startup innovation connect. The participants comprised students from Universities/Colleges/and other autonomous bodies. The session was instrumental in celebrating the success of Chandrayaan-3 and successfully promoted MyGov's Chandrayaan Maha Quiz, while deepening collaboration between RIS and "University Connect" institutions. The session began with Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan,

Science Diplomacy Fellow at RIS, with his opening remarks where he provided an overview of the session's purpose highlighting the successes of the ISRO missions in the last year and upcoming mission including Aditya L1 and Ganganyaan.

The keynote speaker Shri Sudheer Kumar N, Director of Capacity Building and Public Outreach at ISRO HQ emphasised the importance of collaboration with universities, industries, and startups. He shared the success mantra behind Chandrayaan-3, while highlighting the role of institutional culture and team work in the success of any task.

Shri Upendra Upadhyay and Smt. Garima Tiwari from MyGov, shed light on the critical role of

data analytics and technology in fostering university-industry-startup collaboration in the post-Chandrayaan-3 era. They also spelled out the rationale behind the quiz and disseminated information to encourage attendees to participate.

Dr Chaitanya Giri of RIS moderating the entire session encapsulated the essence of the discussions and inspired us to carry the torch of innovation and collaboration forward.

Sukrit Joshi, RIS concluded the session by presenting the vote of thanks. In conclusion, the session laid the foundation for fostering stronger university-industry-startup connections in the post-Chandrayaan-3 era. ■

## **Virtual Digital Assets Industry: Evolving Policy and Regulatory Landscape from India and G20 Perspectives**

Financial sectors worldwide have witnessed rapid adoption of digital technologies resulting in significant growth in Virtual Digital Assets (VDA) industry. The size of Virtual Digital Assets industry including crypto currencies, crypto assets, non-fungible tokens, decentralized finance, etc is growing in India and other emerging markets. The Finance Track of Indian G20 Presidency has taken cognizance of the developments in the crypto assets globally with an aim to come up with a regulatory framework. In view of the importance of this sector in emerging markets, RIS in collaboration with Bharat Web3 Association (BWA) organised a Roundtable Discussion on the theme “Virtual Digital Assets Industry: Evolving Policy and Regulatory Landscape from India and G20 Perspective” on 11 July 2023 in

New Delhi. The Roundtable had two technical sessions besides the inaugural sessions. The technical sessions covered the trends, opportunities and challenges of VDA industry in India and the evolving policy and governance landscape with suitable reference to developments in G20.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Mr Dilip Chenoy, Chairman, Bharat Web3 Association shared their opening remarks highlighting the broad contours of this emerging segment of the financial sector in emerging markets. Mr Santosh George, Chief Executive Officer, ReBIT, Mumbai shared the perspective on the subject as a central banker and chaired Technical Session-I which discussed the business and investment opportunities that various technological platforms

of VDA industry such as AI, blockchain, Internet of Value, Web3, etc offers, emerging patterns, and policy and regulatory concerns. The session also touched upon the issues of growing use of decentralised finance in India with suitable examples of the initiatives taken by the Government of Maharashtra and the RBI.

Technical Session-II was chaired by Mr Dilip Chenoy which extended the debate to the policy challenges facing the developing countries with respect to crypto currencies, initiatives taken by India and G20, and industry response and expectations on various regulatory domains. A standardised regulatory framework is needed to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the VDA industry. Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS presented key takeaways of the roundtable. ■

## **National Conference on Ayurveda: Holistic Science of Well Being for the World**

A national conference on ‘Ayurveda: Holistic Science of Well Being for the World’ was held on 15-16 August 2023 at Indian Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla. This G20/T20 advocacy event was jointly organised by RIS, Indian Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), and Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF). The programme was conducted in hybrid mode with the aim to highlight the critical role that Ayurveda can play in nurturing a holistic approach to health care globally.

The inaugural address was given

by Dr Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary of the Ministry of Ayush. He invoked the concept of ‘One Health’, which calls for an integrated, interdisciplinary approach towards surveillance, treatment, monitoring, and mitigation in the health sector. As a Guest of Honour, Dr Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, highlighted the relevance of interdisciplinary approach to health and the relevance human-centric approaches to development. He also mentioned the need to have a G20 Forum for Traditional medicine. The inaugural session was followed by presentations

by 17 speakers divided into nine sessions that included discussions on ‘Ayurveda and Holistic Well-being’, Integration of Lifestyle and Diet in Ayurveda, Ayurveda and Mental Well-being’. There were number of important observations made in sessions for example the session on Preventive and Predictive Medicine explained how Ayurveda is Preventive, Predictive, Personalised, and Participatory. P4 Medicine is a new paradigm emerging in the modern healthcare system and Ayurveda is an excellent example. The session on ‘Well-being of Aged Persons’ discussed



the role of Ayurveda in healthy ageing. Other important sessions were on 'Well-being of Herbal and Animal world: Vrikshayurveda and Ashwayurveda', which emphasised on Ayurveda's relevance for animal health and plant health. Some of the speakers included Dr Manjunath

Pro-Vice Chancellor SVYASA University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Ramkumar Kutty, Founder Director, Vaidyagrama, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Dr Suhas Kumar Shetty Principal, KLE Ayurveda College, Belgaum, Karnataka, Dr Rama Jayasundar, Scientist, All India

Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Dr B.S. Prasad President Board of Ayurveda, NCISM, New Delhi and Dr Sarika Chaturvedi Senior Scientist, Dr D Y Patil, Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra. ■

## Joint Meeting of TF3 and TF6 Chairs and Co-chairs



*Group of Participants at Joint Meeting of Task Forces.*

On the sidelines of T20 Summit in Mysuru, RIS organized a joint meeting of Co-chairs of Task Force 3- LiFE, Resilience, and Values for Well-being and Task Force 6- Accelerating SDGs: Exploring New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda, on Aug 01, 2023. Co-chairs of the Task Forces discussed areas and modalities of future cooperation. Insightful remarks and recommendations were made to collaborate on issues of SDGs and LiFE. The joint meeting was attended by TF 3 and TF 6 lead Chair Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi, Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA, New Delhi, Ms Kalpana Sastry Regulagedda, Managing Director, Ag-Hub Foundation, Hyderabad, and G. A. Tadas, Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi.

The meeting saw enthusiastic participation from co-chairs and other invitees of both the Task Forces.

Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director and Chief Executive of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi, Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, Dr Shambhavi Naik, Head of Research, The Takshashila Institution India, Dr Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive of the South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa, Dr Fabio Soares, Researcher, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brazil, Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh, Dr Lukovi Seke, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, South Africa, Dr Pamla Gopaul, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, South Africa, Dr Riatu Mariatul Qibthiyyah, Director of LPEM FEB UI (Institute for Economic and Social Research. Faculty of Economics and

Business, University of Indonesia, Dr Ashish Kumar, Senior Fellow, NITI Aayog, Government of India, Mr Ashok Khosla, Chairman, Development Alternatives, New Delhi, Dr Debolina Kundu. Professor at National Institute of Urban Affairs, India, Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member (HR) at the Capacity Building Commission, Government of India, Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, Dr Shailly Kedia, Associate Director and Senior Fellow, Sustainable Development and Outreach Division at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India, Dr T. C. James, President of NIPO, India, Dr Danang Parikesit, Professor at Universitas Gadjah Mada. Indonesia, Dr Dennis Snower, Founder and President

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## **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework: Issues and Way Forward**

RIS organised a discussion meeting with the Institute of South Asia Studies (ISAS), NUS, Singapore on Indo-Pacific Economic Framework: Issues and Way Forward on 7 August 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting began with opening remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Dr Iqbal Singh Sevea, Director ISAS-NUS where both discussed the importance of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), the status of its current negotiation stage and how it is different from other Regional Trade Agreements in the region. It was followed by two detailed presentations on IPEF by both institutions and comments/remarks by Mr Sumanta Chauduri, CII, Ms R.V. Anuradha, Clarus Law Associates and Ms Nila Mohanan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension.

The discussions proceeded with a detailed presentation by Dr Amitendu Palit, ISAS, who discussed the key features of the IPEF – being the largest economic block with 1/3rd of the world's population, with economic variations among the member nations and with a considerable level of economic clout over the world economy. He highlighted that the new agreement has far-reaching consequences for several regions, including RCEP and APEC. The presentation from RIS by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi and Professor S.K. Mohanty discussed the relevance of the four IPEF pillars for the region and India's standpoint as well as preparedness in these pillars. It was highlighted that India is an important trade partner of the regional members and can offer huge market access to these

economies. However, there is a gap between the Indian domestic policy and the IPEF agreement which needs to be narrowed to optimize India's interest.

The discussants – Mr Chauduri, Ms Anuradha and Ms Mohanan underlined several issues concerning geopolitics among the members, the clean energy pillar and the fair economy pillar of the IPEF. The discussions were also enriched with comments from experts like Mr Pranav Kumar, Ambassador Goel, Mr Rajiv Kher, Dr Chari, Professor Prabir De, and other faculty members from RIS. The meeting concluded with remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS highlighting the importance of leveraging the IPEF in the presence of supply constraints after COVID-19. ■

## **Bridging Engagement Gaps and Expanding Horizons of SAGE**

The South Asian Group for Energy (SAGE) at RIS convened a significant discussion meeting on 20 July 2023 to deliberate upon its future work programme. The meeting, chaired by Shri. RV Shahi, brought together key stakeholders to generate crucial insights and action plans. Recognizing the need to bridge gaps in SAGE's engagement with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Shri. RV Shahi emphasized the importance of seeking MEA's inputs at each stage of engagement. Ambassador Preeti Saran suggested reaching out to High Commissioners and resident Ambassadors in India for future SAGE meetings. She recommended leveraging personal connections and involving high-ranking MEA officials, including

the Foreign Secretary and External Affairs Minister. Additionally, she proposed the involvement of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in future SAGE meetings.

The meeting discussed the importance of prioritising decisions collectively and identified key stakeholders for effective implementation. Ambassador Preeti Saran proposed close coordination meetings with organizations like the World Bank (WB), USAID, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to gain recognition for SAGE's country reports. She also recommended promoting SAGE's work through public seminars and stakeholder discussions. Shri. Anil Sardana proposed packaging reports into executable plans for each country,

with the option of involving external consultants, financed by USAID if necessary. Assessments for the commercial viability of future projects and the creation of tender documents for projects in respective countries were also discussed.

The meeting focused on broadening SAGE's scope by incorporating other energy verticals such as petroleum, natural gas, and green energy technologies. Shri. Ajay Shankar highlighted the importance of cooking gas for households as an effective demand-side policy, suggesting it could serve as a basis for expanding SAGE's mandate. Shri. Rakesh Nath proposed providing representation from ONGC for future meetings. ■



## G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration: Way Forward for LiFE and Infrastructure for Resilience

The webinar on the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, titled "Way Forward for LiFE and Infrastructure for Resilience," was scheduled for September 15, 2023. The session commenced with Professor Sachin Chaturvedi's opening remarks, highlighting the G20 Leaders' Declaration's keen focus on LiFE, SDGs, and infrastructure resilience, and discussing how to advance these initiatives in upcoming G20 presidencies. Dr Rofl Schwarz, Senior Advisor for Policy Reform at the Development Cooperation Directorate of OECD, underscored the development aspects emphasized in the G20 Leaders' Declaration, particularly the alignment of development

finance with LiFE Economy and SDGs.

Professor Thomas Pogge, of the Yale University, commended India for infusing the G20 Leaders' Declaration with a distinctive Southern perspective and a vision for humanity in the years to come. He acknowledged the remarkable achievement of garnering agreement from 20 governments on such a document but cautioned that delivery is crucial for its success in benefiting those it seeks to emancipate.

Mr. Nicolas Buchoud highlighted the emphasis on the Global South in infrastructure financing and the existing infrastructure deficit. Mr. Heerad Sabeti, CEO of the Fourth

Sector Group, underscored that the G20's theme of "One Earth, One Family, and One Future" is not merely a slogan but a strategic imperative in our interconnected world. He commended India's efforts to include more voices in the discussion, including the African Union.

Mr Thomas Tayler, Head of Climate Finance at Aviva Investors, stressed the need for a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach to realize the objectives of the G20 Declaration. He also raised the idea of incorporating different responsibilities and common interests.

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## ASEAN Summit Process and Associate Meetings: Issues and Way Forward

World has been going through significant geostrategic transition. The return of great power rivalry and emergence of Indo-Pacific as new geostrategic construct has raised concerns globally. These developments have been reshaping the global security as well as economic architecture. Given the fact that ASEAN sits at the centre of Indo-Pacific, evolving geostrategic and geo economics scenario have significant ramifications for ASEAN. There has been concerns regarding how ASEAN will preserve its centrality, uphold the relevance of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and deal with economic & security challenges emanating from ongoing geostrategic transition.

ASEAN member states and its dialogue partners, including India, gathered in Jakarta during first week of September to ponder on emerging issues. India share common concerns with the ASEAN member states, especially in the field of non-traditional security issues, Industry 4.0 & digital transformation and other contemporary issues.

In order to understand the issues facing ASEAN and India in rapidly changing world and expectations from 20th ASEAN-India Summit, the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS organized a panel discussion on 4 September 2023. Experts from India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and India participated in discussion to ponder on ASEAN-India relations in the

context of prevailing geostrategic/ geo economics situation and suggested way forward. Participants unanimously underline the fact that given shared values and common geopolitical concerns, ASEAN-India partnership has progressed rapidly. However, they argued that there is a need to expand ASEAN-India collaboration in science and technology, digital economy, green energy, space sector, health sector to take ASEAN-India relations to next level. Participants also advocated that ASEAN and India should focus on intensifying services trade, improving market access in agriculture & food products to make trade relation more balanced.

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## Panel Discussion on Digital Technology, Finance, Inclusion and G20 Declaration

The world has ushered into second machine age with the advent of digital technology. Digitalization pervades numerous spheres of our lives. Unlike physical movements, digital technology transcends border in real time.

Therefore it is imperative that countries make move towards increased digitalization and foster cooperation at global level in order to leverage advantages of digitalization. India has shown the way forward by introducing digital payment through Unified Payment Interface (UPI). Digitalization has also proven to be an important component of efficient and transparent governance.

Development of digital healthcare ecosystem at national level would go a long way towards betterment of healthcare infrastructure. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is an exemplary step in this direction. In fact, India's COWIN portal for digital delivery of COVID-19 vaccine

has shown that digitalization of healthcare infrastructure promotes accessibility and equity. India's policy of government e-market (GEM) enhances ease of business while ensuring transparency. Crypto currency is gaining popularity across the globe which necessitates global cooperation for effective regulation of the same. India's proposal for creating Global Digital Public Infrastructure is a right step in this direction which would enable real time accessibility to information for every country.

No matter how lofty goals or standards are set, the necessity of funds is indispensable to achieve them. Since we share one earth and aspire to common good, it is imperative that countries cooperate to provide material means to achieve the goal of sustainable development. Developing countries face double burden of eradicating poverty through economic growth and reducing carbon emission. In other

words, sustainable development is the only way forward. However, in order to achieve this, emerging economies need to be provided incremental funding. Increased funding would not only help mitigate adverse effects of climate change but also enable them to adapt to the same. Besides, it would ensure fair and inclusive transition oriented towards green future. International financial institutions like World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and various other Multi-lateral Development Banks (MDBs) need to be restructured and reoriented to meet the special needs of Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). The obsession with credit ratings functions as hurdle for LMICs to access funds for sustainable development policies. Technology can be leveraged to monitor carbon emission of infrastructure projects in developing countries. Projects that reduce carbon emission need to be

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Dr Ivan Olivera, Deputy Secretary of Sustainable Development Finance at SIAN, Ministry of Finance, Brazil, emphasized the importance of carrying forward the momentum generated during India's G20 Presidency, especially in terms of development finance, SDGs, and aligning finance with SDGs.

Mr Mikatekiso Kubayi, a researcher at the Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa, highlighted LiFE as a new development paradigm that encompasses all elements of sustainable development, financing, and reforms in multilateral

organizations. Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor at RIS, drew attention towards planetary boundary transgressions highlighted in the Potsdam Climate Impact Research Institute's report. He appreciated the G20 Declaration's incorporation of LiFE as a new paradigm and the consensus on High-Level Principles on Lifestyles of Sustainable Development. He also elaborated on the contribution of the T20 Task Force 3 in crystallizing the concept of LiFE.

Professor Amrita Narlikar, President of GIGA, Germany, emphasized the philosophical

underpinnings of the theme "One Earth, One Family, and One Future," which not only includes the human family but also all living beings as a part of our collective family. This underscores the strong focus on trans-species balance as a central theme of India's G20 Presidency.

Following these brief remarks, an interactive Q&A session ensued, with speakers and participants engaging in a lively and thought-provoking discussion. Finally, Dr. Sabyasachi Saha delivered a vote of thanks to the speakers and participants. ■



## Life Economy Strategy

RIS organized a hybrid Roundtable discussion on 9 September 2023 with the Fourth Sector Group on forthcoming LiFE Economy Strategy. The roundtable convened partners and allies of the forthcoming G20 Global Summit on LiFE Economy from Principles to Practice and the broader LiFE Economy research and innovation agenda.

The meeting began with opening remarks by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS who discussed the need for a new development paradigm incorporating Mission LiFE and introduced the LiFE Economy approach.

Discussion aimed at organizing a conference around LiFE Economy with participation from different stakeholders namely, Civil Society Organizations, Governments, Private players took place. The forthcoming summit aims at developing a conceptual framework for LiFE and institutionalize a research consortium to provide solution and ideas for LiFE Economy. Key Takeaways:

- **LiFE Economy's holistic approach:** there is need to emphasize the importance of conducting comprehensive impact studies to go beyond conceptual frameworks. LiFE Economy should prioritize transparency among corporations and focus on generating positive impacts on people's lives. This approach should integrate circular economy principles and shift towards blended finance to ensure sustainability, particularly in the Global South, with a spotlight on the role of MSMEs.
- **Alignment with SDGs:** The discussions underscored the

need for aligning the financial system, including central banks and MDBs, with the principles of LiFE Economy. Establishing consensus between environmental and economic systems was a central theme, echoing Gandhi's idea of "Production by mass, not mass production."

- **Inclusive Employment and Lifestyle Philosophy:** LiFE Economy should actively contribute to solutions for employment generation and equitable profit distribution. It should incorporate India's philosophy of controlled consumption and advocate for sustainable livelihoods. Private investors play a critical role, and their mindsets should align with LiFE Economy objectives.
- **One Health:** It was also highlighted to an integrated, holistic approach to health, encompassing mental and physical well-being, while advocating for the "one health" concept. It highlighted the importance of making the concept of LiFE a public agenda, offering vocational training for LiFE practices, and spreading advocacy to smaller communities and rural regions.
- The greening of the MSMEs is crucial for the green transition of the Indian economy, especially in light of national commitments to achieve carbon neutrality by 2070. Yet without a financial taxonomy to classify enterprise means that there is a disproportionately low flow of sustainable finance towards Local Green Enterprises (LGEs) that constrain start up and green enterprise transition.
- Due to poor access to MSME financing, small and

microenterprise are prone to adopting informality, especially those MSMEs who have adopted green practices. To unlock this vast potential for change, there needs to be a new thinking to support small green enterprises.

- Bangladesh Bank published a green taxonomy in 2017 listing 52 products in 8 sectors. India is following suit in the context of developing policies to support sustainable finance inflows. The circulars by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the mandate of the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) by Securities & Exchange Board of India (SBI) and related green financing initiatives by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) are all examples of this positive shift.
- Shifting mindset and promoting behavioral change is a critical challenge. One of the elephants in the room is the geopolitical order, dominated by very old and entrenched mindsets that have a spillover effect in the way our economies are governed.
- There is a need to actively foster a new paradigm by taking practical actions, which include, transforming the nature and dynamics of conversations; ensuring representation of underrepresented voices; establishing local ecosystems for ongoing transitions; integrating social entrepreneurs and innovators into change initiatives such as supply chains and production; building trans-local initiatives that connect different communities. These actions could collectively aim to drive meaningful change and challenge established paradigms. ■

## G20 University Connect Lectures Seminar Series

Date of Event	University Name	Speakers
<b>July 2023</b>		
8 July 2023	Himachal Pradesh University	Ambassador Preeti Saran
14 July 2023	Osmania University	Ambassador Gitesh Sarma
5 July 2023	Banaras Hindu University	Ambassador Preeti Saran
17 July 2023	Central University of Gujarat	Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya
17 July 2023	Assam Central University	Ambassador Lalduthlana Ralte
21 July 2023	XIM University	Ambassador Debraj Pradhan
28 July 2023	Vikram University	Ambassador J S Mukul
28 July 2023	Birsa Munda Tribal University	Mr Manish Chand
31 July 2023	Sri Venkateshwar University	Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi
<b>August 2023</b>		
1 August 2023	BITS Pilani (Goa Campus)	Dr Sheshadri Chari
3 August 2023	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya	Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja
8 August 2023	IILM University	Mr Pavan K Varma
		Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla
9 August 2023	Malviya National Institute of Technology	Amb. J S Mukul
10 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow	Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya
14 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Indore	Amb. L. Savithri
15 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore	Amb. J.S. Mukul
16 August 2023	IIT Roorkee	Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya
18 August 2023	Indian Maritime University	Amb. Anil Trigunayat
21 August 2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Amb. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
22 August 2023	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology	Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya
22 August 2023	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University	Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi
23 August 2023	Punjabi University	Amb. Navdeep Singh Suri
23 August 2023	Central University of South Bihar	Amb. Achal Malhotra
23 August 2023	Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences	Prof. Manish
24 August 2023	Chitkara University	Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja
25 August 2023	BITS, Pilani	Amb. Preeti Saran
26 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur	Amb. L. Savithri
27 August 2023	G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology	Amb. L. Savithri
27 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya	Amb. J.S. Mukul
28 August 2023	Indian Institute of Management, Jammu	Amb. J.K. Tripathi
28 August 2023	Kurukshetra University	Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya
28 August 2023	Sikkim University	Amb. Preeti Saran
28 August 2023	Gurugram University	Amb. Achal Malhotra
30 August 2023	Xavier Labour Relations Institute	Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya



September 2023		
1 September	Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur	Amb J. L. Tripathi
12 September	Karnataka University	Mr. G.A. Tadas
13 September	Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode	Amb J. L. Tripathi
14 September	University of Allahabad	Amb Preeti Saran
25 September	Delhi School of Economics	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi
		Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi

### Y20 Events

S. No	Date	Topic	Place
July 2023			
1	5 July	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Kozhikode
2	15 July	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	New Delhi
3	20 July	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction	Dehradun
4	20 July	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction	Siliguri
5	25 July	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Aizawl
6	26 July	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Ahmedabad
7	26 July	Future of Work: Industry 4.0: Innovation and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Indore

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incentivized which calls for funding on project basis rather than credit ratings which in any case is biased in favour of developed countries. Besides, regional partnerships have demonstrated that efficiency and effectiveness could be achieved in a sustainable fashion.

India has called for \$5.8 trillion funds needed for developing countries to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs). MDBs can provide only a fraction of this amount. Therefore what is required

is private capital and institutional investment. Innovation in financial instruments coupled with prudential regulation is needed to attract private capital.

India's Presidency of G20 is a milestone in the history of G20. Notwithstanding prevailing geopolitical tensions in the world, India was able to achieve unanimous declaration. India enabled inclusion of African Union as permanent member of G20, which not only enhances representation of the

global population but promotes fair and inclusive growth. India has always called for action and implementation instead of making hollow promises. It has proposed 59 actionable points which are evident in the declaration.

India has also shown the way to G20 members by hosting various events across the country and thus making it a participatory event. Thus, India's Presidency has not only become harbinger of hope, but also a modality of actions. ■

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of the Global Solutions Initiative, Germany, Dr Gladys Lechini, Professor, International Relations National University of Rosario, Argentina, Dr Majid Almoziani, Senior Associate, Economist, KAPSARC, Saudi Arabia, Dr Nicolas

J. A. Buchoud, Co-Founder and President of Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development, France, Dr Noura Mansouri, Research Fellow at KAPSARC, Saudi Arabia, Dr Ruby Pawankar, President of the Asia-Pacific Association of Allergy Asthma and Clinical Immunology,

Dr Holger Kuhle, Policy Advisor for knowledge partnerships, GIZ, Germany, Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS, and Dr Beena Pandey, Assistant Professor, RIS. The Co-chairs also discussed various upcoming side events, volumes, and academic notes. ■

## Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General

- Addressed the participants at the C20 Sewa Summit on Government Initiative on Sewa & Good Governance organised by Indian Social Responsibility Network on 2 July 2023 at Bhopal.
- Chaired the Plenary Session on New Technologies and Emerging Labour Market: Global Perspectives at the international conference on New Technologies and the Future of Work in the Global South organised by the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi; International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, WITS University, Johannesburg in partnership with NITI Aayog on 17 July 2023.
- Panelist in the Session on Inaugural Session – Opening Thoughts for Rural Renaissance at the Madhya Pradesh Rural Colloquy 2023 on 18 July 2023. (Online)
- Panelist in the session on Traditional Medicine in Think20 at Congregation with Engagement Groups, organised by the Ministry of Ayush on 20 July 2023.
- Chaired the Session on Technology, Policy, Jobs at the Conference on Green and Sustainable Growth Agenda for the Global Economy organised by NITI Ayog along with IDRC and GDN on 28 July 2023 at New Delhi.
- Made a presentation of the Key Priorities of the Indian G20 Presidency in the Think20 African Standing Group (T20 ASG) meeting organised by SAIIA on 31 July 2023, Mysuru.
- Delivered Opening Remarks at the Panel discussion on Role of emerging economies in accelerating SDG-3: G20 non-DAC countries contribution to

global health, COVID-19 & HIV-AIDS organised by UNAIDS on 31 July 2023.

- Panelist in the session on Resilience and the Global Financial Architecture organised by SAIIA on 2 August 2023 at Mysuru.
- Chaired the session on Behind the Scenes: Making of the Indian G20 organised by Observer Research Foundation (ORF) on 2 August 2023 at Mysuru.
- Delivered Remarks at the Conference on Towards Effective Implementation of Mission LiFE: From Consumer Duties to Consumer Rights organised by Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) and the EU Delegation to India on 10 August 2023 at New Delhi.
- Panelist in the session on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in the Developing Economies at India-Mexico Research Consortium (IMRC) organised by Embassy of India, Mexico on 10 August 2023. (Online)
- Panelist in the session on Policy, Legal and Regulatory Landscapes in the WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit: Towards Health & Well-being for All organised by the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre and co-hosted with the Government of India on 18 August 2023, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Panelist in the session on Revolving Around India's G20 presidency: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - Visions for the Future of Multilateralism at the Annual Meeting of the Munich Young Leaders Alumni jointly organised by Körber-Stiftung and Munich Security Conference on 25 August 2023 at New Delhi.
- Guest of Honour in the Seminar on India's G-20 Vision for Sustainable Development Goals Legal and Policy Leadership

organised by University of Delhi on 5 September 2023.

- Panelist in the Roundtable on India's global influence and implications for GIZ organised by GIZ on 6 September 2023, online.
- Panelist in the session on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in a Changing Global Order at the MGG Global Network Conference 2023 organised by Managing Global Governance Global Network Conference from (MGC Network) on 27 September 2023.

## Mr G. A. Tadas Consultant

- Participated in Expert Round table 'Nearly 75% of Global Deaths are Caused by Non-Communicable Diseases – How the G20 Can Help?', Organised by T20, NCD Alliance & MSD, (Virtual Event), 6 July 2023.
- Participated in 'Saving the SDGs: Seeking New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda', T20 Summit, Mysuru, 31 July- 2 August 2023.
- Participated in 'Agriculture Finance to Support Trade & Investment' at Regional Conference on Agriculture Trade in BIMSTEC: New Opportunities & Way Forward, Organised by RIS & IFPRI, New Delhi, 17 August 2023.
- Participated in Life Economy Strategy Roundtable, Organised by RIS & Fourth Sector Group (FSG), New Delhi, 9 September 2023.
- Delivered concept note on Formation of Global Alliance for Life Economies Research & Innovation (GALERI): Scope of Activities, Composition, Funding, Governance, Life Economy Strategy Roundtable, Organised by RIS, Fourth Sector Group, New Delhi, 9 September 2023.



## Dr Pankaj Vashisht

### Associate Professor

- Participated in “ASEAN Indo-Pacific Forum” organised Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, 5-6 September 2023
- Participated in a roundtable discussion on MSME digitalization in India: Challenges and Way forward, in Pune, 1 September 2023.

## Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan

### Visiting Fellow

- Delivered a lecture on “Science, Technology and Public Policy” on 29 September as part of online course by IMPRI, New Delhi.
- Participated as a Discussant in “India-Cuba relations” hosted by ICWA, with the participation of Hon. Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, 27 September 2023.

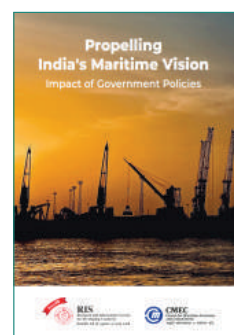
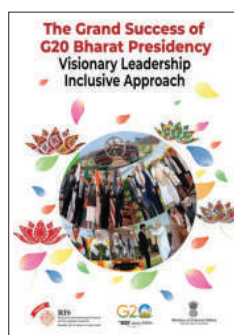
## Dr P K Anand

### Visiting Fellow

- Prepared inputs on the Presidency Note of Discussions, G20 India Presidency.
- Participated in a seminar titled “How Local Governments are using SDGs to Rethink?” organised by UNDP, 10 July 2023.
- Participated in “Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals and achieving SDG11 through the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in the SICA Region (HLPF 2023 Side Event)”, organised by UN Habitat, 12 July 2023.
- Participated in the meeting “SDG 6 and Water Action Agenda”, organised by UN Water 17 July 2023.
- Participated in “The Power of Gen Z: From Radicalism to Sustainable Consumption”, 20 July 2023, organised by Statista.
- Participated in “Irregular Migration and Food Security: A View from West Africa”, 20 July 2023, organised by IFPRI.

- Participated in “Investor Awareness and Protection Webinar”, 17th August, 2023, organised by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, IEPFA and NCAER.
- Participated in “Empowering SMEs for Urban Resilience” on 23 August 2023, organised by ERIA.
- Participated in research Seminar on “Digitalization of Indian Cities: Regional Variations”, 28 August 2023, organised by ISID.
- Participated in fourth Seminar of the IFPRI-AMIS series on Making Sense of Food and Agriculture Markets, 7 September 2023, organised by IFPRI.
- Participated in the “Food Security Trends and Resilience-Building Priorities”, 1 September 2023, organised by IFPRI.
- Participated in a meeting “Facilitating Anticipatory Action with Improved Early Warning Guidance”, 26 September 2023, organised by IFPRI.
- Participated in “Unlocking Capital for Sustainability” on 28 September 2023, organised by ADB.

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