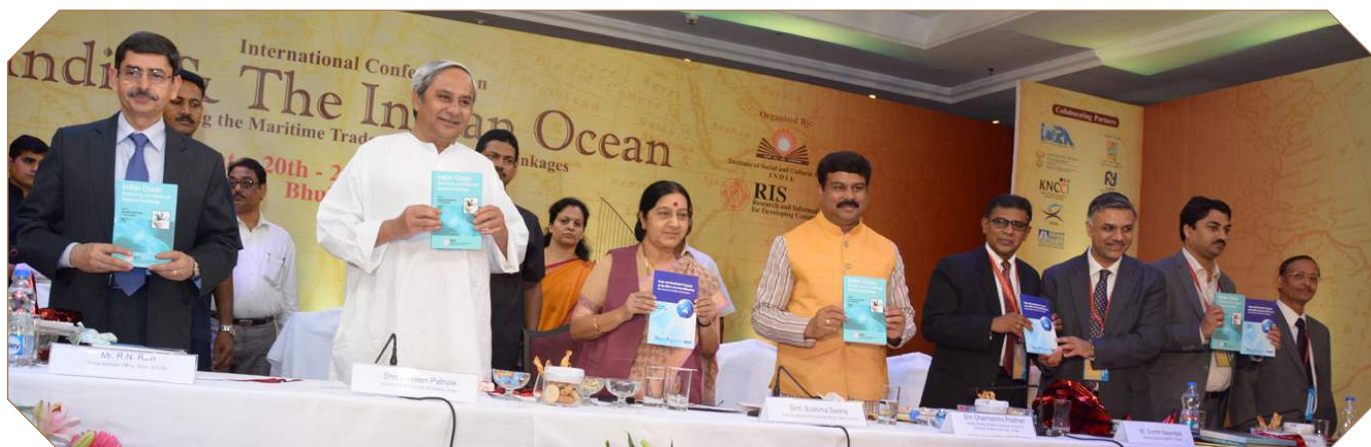




# RIS Diary

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## International Conference on India and the Indian Ocean: Renewing the Maritime Trade and Civilisational Linkages



Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India releasing the RIS books entitled 'Trade and Investment Prospects of the IORA in the New Millennium: New Frontiers of the Economic Region' and 'Indian Ocean: Biodiversity and Traditional Medicinal Knowledge' with Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Petroleum, Government of India. Also seen in the picture (from left to right) are Shri R. N. Ravi, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India; Shri Sumith Nakandala, Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Dhaka; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Secretary, ISCS, Kolkata and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.

RIS, jointly with the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), Kolkata, organised the International Conference on 'India and the Indian Ocean: Renewing the Maritime

Trade and Civilisational Linkages' at Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 20-22 March 2015. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India inaugurated the conference.

Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The guests of honour at the inaugural session included

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## Dedication of RIS Conference Hall as G Parthasarathi Hall by Dr. Manmohan Singh

RIS organised the dedication ceremony of RIS Conference Hall as G. Parthasarathi Conference Hall on 20 February 2015. Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister of India and former Chairman of RIS unveiled the Plaque in the presence of very distinguished guests. In his address, Dr. Manmohan Singh recalled G. Parthasarathi's role in building centres of excellence. He also recalled the wide ranging contributions that the former diplomat G. Parthasarathi (founder chairman of RIS) made in various



Dr. Manmohan Singh unveiling the Plaque. Also seen in the picture (from left to right) are Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Amb. M. Rasgotra; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.

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Shri Manohar Parrikar, Minister of Defence, Government of India; Dr. S.C. Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Petroleum at the Valedictory Session with (from left to right) Prof. Kishore Basa, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar; Dr. H. P. Das, Chairman, Reception Committee; Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum, Government of India and Shri Sumith Nakandala, Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Smt. Sushma Swaraj also released the logo of the Indian Ocean Resource Centre. An exhibition on “Indian Ocean: The Seafaring Legacy” was inaugurated by Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister for Tourism and Culture, Government of Odisha. The Government of India also chose the event to release a postal stamp on “Indian Ocean and Rajendra Chola I”. Smt. Sushma Swaraj released the stamp. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS chaired the inaugural session.



The Valedictory Address at the end of the three day conference was delivered by Shri Manohar Parrikar, Minister of Defence, Government of India. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce and Industry,

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## “The Time Has Come!”

*Highlights from Smt. Sushma Swaraj’s Inaugural Speech at the conference*

The Indian Ocean has been our common maritime home since time immemorial. This is evident from our cultural footprints which stretch across Asia and Africa. India’s trade, including spices, cotton and cotton-made fabrics, was reaching countries in far areas of Africa and South East Asia as well as Europe. We need to reconnect and re-explore these linkages. In his famous poem “The Time Has Come”, Lewis Carrol has a message for us. Today, the Indian Ocean carries one half of world’s container shipments, one-third of the bulk cargo traffic and two-thirds of the oil shipments, though three-fourths of this traffic goes to other regions of the world. We see growing global stakes and presence in the region. At the same time the region is witnessing non-traditional threats such as natural disasters, piracy, terrorism, illegal fishing, oil spills and effects of climate change. We have been working with like-minded countries of the region to preserve the integrity, inviolability and security of maritime domain which is a global commons. Full potential of intra-regional trade remains untapped because of poor communication and transport links, lack of information about the supply capabilities, among other barriers. We are seeking a more cooperative and integrated future for the region through overall development of the ocean or blue economy.

## “Common Grid”

*Highlights from Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar’s Valedictory Address at the conference*

We are in a common grid and are tied to each other. If India strengthens, being the focal point and located strategically, it can facilitate others. He further added that the region should be prepared for meeting any natural disaster and develop strong relationships and communication channels among neighbouring countries. He highlighted the importance of securing maritime routes in the Indian Ocean.

### Delhi Dialogue VII: 'ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda'



Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India with other dignitaries at Delhi Dialogue-VII.

The two-day Delhi Dialogue VII on the theme 'ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda' was inaugurated by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India in New Delhi on 11 March 2015. The Dialogue was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the ASEAN-India Centre at RIS (AIC), New Delhi; the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA); the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI); Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA); the Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore (ISAS); the SAEA Group Research, Singapore; the Institute of Strategic and International studies, Malaysia

(ISIS); the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta; the Institute of Security and International Studies, Thailand and supported by host of organisations including Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Delhi Dialogue is an annual Track 1.5 dialogue process for brainstorming on all aspects of the ASEAN-India relationship and aimed at further strengthening of the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. Political leaders, policymakers, senior officials, diplomats, business leaders, think tanks and academics from India and ASEAN countries came together for the two-day event.

The notable panel discussions held during the event were on 'Building

Knowledge Societies and Economies: Education and Skill Development including Mutual Recognition of Degrees', 'Strengthening Cultural Linkages and People-to-People Contacts', 'Building Infrastructure and Connectivity among India and ASEAN', 'Integrating Regional Production Networks and Value Chains' and 'Future Directions for ASEAN-India Relations'. The dialogue also featured a dedicated Business Session where the ASEAN Economic Community was discussed. The Indian government's 'Make in India' campaign was also presented.

ASEAN-India Centre at RIS organised the session on 'Economic Issues' that deliberated on issues like Infrastructure and Connectivity, Energy, and Integrating Regional Production Networks and Value Chains. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the session. Dr. Sankaran Nambiar, Senior Fellow, Malaysia Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur; and Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS were the lead speakers. Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, and Director, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; and Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific's South and South-West Asia Office were the panellists.



Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chairing the Session on Economic Issues. Also seen in the picture from (left to right) Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific's South and South-West Asia Office; Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, and Director, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; Dr. Sankaran Nambiar, Senior Fellow, Malaysia Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur; and Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS.

### Malaysian Trade Minister Dato Sri Mustapa Bin Mohamed at RIS

RIS organised a Seminar on 'India-Malaysia Trade and Economic Cooperation in the Context of Indian Economic Dynamism and India's Act East Policy' in New Delhi on 15 January 2015. Dato Sri Mustapa Bin Mohamed, Hon'ble Minister for International Trade and Industry, Malaysia delivered the Special Address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Remarks were also made by Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS. The panellists were Mr. Ravi Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Professor, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. H.E. Datuk Naimun Ashakli Mohammad, High Commissioner of



*Dato Sri Mustapa Bin Mohamed, Minister for International Trade and Industry, Malaysia making Special Address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Ainul Aizat Ahmad Ishak, Minister's Office, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia; H.E. Datuk Naimun Ashakli Mohammad, High Commissioner of Malaysia in India; Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS and Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.*

Malaysia in India also took part in diplomatic missions and the industry representatives from were also present.

### Conference on India-Africa Partnership in New Technologies in Agriculture

RIS organised a conference on 'India-Africa Partnership in New Technologies in Agriculture' in New Delhi on 12 February 2015. Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS made Welcome Remarks. Amb. Shanshank, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. The conference had participants from academia, government, the industry and representatives from African countries. The discussion broadly focussed on two themes, viz. India-Africa cooperation in seed sector; and Opportunities in farm machinery, irrigation and food sector in Africa. The two sessions of the conference provided a broad perspective on the potential of India-Africa engagement in agriculture. More importantly, they set the ground for further discussions on advancing the partnership in agriculture sector in order to address the pressing challenges of food, nutrition and income security in Africa. Several key recommendations emerged from the conference in order to deepen the partnership between India and Africa in agriculture. The importance of institutions and



*Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS making Welcome Remarks. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary, International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India; Amb. Shanshank, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Edgar Wavomba, The African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF); and Dr. Partha Dasgupta, Consultant, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture.*

appropriate policies was highlighted by the delegates. The need for context-based interventions and provision of relevant capacity building measures for African farmers to enable them use the new agricultural technologies in a better way was also emphasised. Given India's strength in providing affordable and adaptive agricultural technologies to the African countries, it was suggested that more and more good Indian companies should venture

into African countries in order to meet the local demands of improved seeds, better farm machineries and irrigation technologies. Various noble ideas such as venturing into fodder and forage crops; food processing; renting out farm machineries at a reasonable rate to small farmers; sharing of germplasm; genotyping as well as undertaking joint technology assessment and biosafety exercise, etc., emerged from the deliberations.

## India-ASEAN Conference on Cyber Security

ASEAN-India Centre at RIS (AIC) organised an international Conference on Cyber Security in New Delhi on 19 January 2015. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Welcome Address. H.E. Mr. Rizali Wilmar Indrakesuma, Indonesian Ambassador in India delivered the Special Address. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta made Special Remarks. Mr. R. Chandrashekhkar, President, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), New Delhi also delivered the Special Address. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS (AIC) extended the Vote of Thanks.

Cyber security covers internet governance issues, critical information infrastructure, cyber warfare and cyber weapons, cyber espionage, cyber crime and terrorism. India formulated and published its Cyber Security Policy in 2013 and was one of the very few countries to do so.

One of the objectives of this conference was to identify a strategy to strengthen and promote activities on cyber security between ASEAN and India.

The first session, which presented the overview of cyber security, was chaired by Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS. Amb. Arvind Gupta, Dy. National Security Adviser (NSA), Government of India, New Delhi delivered the Special Address.

The second session on 'Current Challenges in Cyber Security' was moderated by Dr. Anupam Khanna, Former Director-General, NASSCOM and had Special Address by Dr. Gulshan Rai, Director General, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team



*Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivering the Inaugural Address. Also seen in the picture (from left to right) are Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; H.E. Mr. Rizali Wilmar Indrakesuma, Indonesian Ambassador in India; Mr. R. Chandrashekhkar, President, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM); and Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat.*

(CERT-in), Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Government of India.

The concluding session discussing the way forward was moderated by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Ms. Vijaya Latha Reddy, Formerly Dy. National Security Adviser and Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Special Address. Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS presented concluding remarks. Prof. Prabir De extended the Vote of Thanks.

This conference was followed by a Roundtable Discussion with ASEAN Delegation on Cyber Security which was held in RIS on 20 January 2015. At the Roundtable Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS presented the Welcome Address. Dr. Kamlesh Bajaj, CEO, Data Security Council of India (DSCI), New Delhi made the Opening Remarks; Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta made Special Remarks. Presentations on Cyber Security



*Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS at the Roundtable Discussion with ASEAN Delegation on Cyber Security.*

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### Interactive Session with ASEAN Delegates on ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership

RIS organised an Interactive Session with ASEAN Delegates on 'ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership' in New Delhi on 13 March 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS and Amb. Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to the ASEAN made Special Remarks. Thereafter, discussions on various aspects of ASEAN-India economic relations with particular reference to cultural connectivity, soft infrastructure, trade and investment, production networks, etc., were held. Mr V. P. Hirubalan, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN also attended the meeting. Prof. Prabir



*Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS addressing the ASEAN Delegates. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS; Amb. V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS and Amb. Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN.*

De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS and Amb. V S Seshadri

made presentations. Prof. Prabir De extended the Vote of Thanks.

### Consultation Meeting on the Draft of the IP Policy

To generate debate on the first draft of the IPR Policy and receive comments on it, RIS organised Consultation Meeting on 16 January 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Prof. Dinesh Kumar Abrol, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), chaired the meeting. Mr. T.C. James, Consultant, RIS made remarks. Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway and Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant, RIS were the discussants. Amb. V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS; Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS; Mr. Milindo Chakrabari, RIS; Mr. K.M. Gopakumar, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher, Third World Network (TWN); Prof. P. N. Desai,



*Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS in discussion on the First the Draft of the IP Policy.*

Chairperson, Centre for Study in Science Policy (CSSP), School of Social Sciences, JNU; Dr. V.V. Krishna, CSSP, JNU; Dr. K. Satyanarayana, Deputy Director General at the

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); Mr. Nitya Nanda, TERI; and Ms. Sunita K. Sreedharan, SKS Law Associates participated in the discussions.

### FIDC seminar on Science and Diplomacy: An Indian Perspective

In January 2015, the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) completed two successful years of its launch. FIDC is meant to explore various facets of Indian development cooperation. The forum brings together academics, civil society, and policymakers. The idea is to encourage detailed analysis of broad trends in South-South Cooperation and contextualise Indian policies by facilitating discussions across subjects and stakeholders.

To mark the second anniversary of the FIDC, RIS organised the 15th FIDC Seminar on 'Science Diplomacy: An Indian Perspective' on 13 January 2015 in which Dr. T Ramasami, former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India was the main speaker and the seminar was presided over by Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M&ER), Government of India.

The seminar was followed by an open discussion which invited



*Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS making Welcome Remarks. Also seen in picture (from right to left) are Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M&ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Prof. T. Ramasami, former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India; and Dr. R. B. Grover, Director, Homi Bhabha National Institute.*

valuable observations from the august participants, who included Mr. Charanjeet Singh, Joint Secretary (MER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Amb. Sheel Kant Sharma, Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS); Prof. P. N. Desai, JNU; Prof. Madhubala Rentala, JNU; and Dr. Sadhana Relia, Scientist 'G', Department of Science and

Technology (DST), Government of India. The key panellists included: Dr. R. B. Grover, Director, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai; Amb. Saurabh Kumar and Dr. Ashok Jain, Fellow National Science Academy, India and Vice President (Research & Academic Development), EMPI, New Delhi.

#### Highlights from Dr. T. Ramasami's Lecture

Dr. T Ramasami initiated his talk by emphasising how Economic Diplomacy, Defence Diplomacy and Public Diplomacy play an important role in strengthening international ties. The special focus of the seminar was science diplomacy and the speaker then went on to explain as to how soft power of science can act as a tool in diplomacy for building international relations and also how power of diplomacy can be leveraged in optimising the benefits for science. According to him, the current model for shaping Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) landscape is directed towards gaining lead in competitive excellence in the form of scholarly publications and creation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). India is currently a fringe player in global R&D space with full time equivalent R&D professionals in India estimated to be 1,54,000 and with share of private sector into R&D being about 34 per cent of GERD as against the global benchmarks of 65-80 per cent. However, in the global context, Asian countries are investing significantly into development of their science and technology base and Asia is re-emerging as a major player along with Americas and Europe.

Science and Technology is global and is beyond geo-political boundaries. It has been acknowledged that science, as an advanced form of knowledge, offers an enormous soft power advantage in the emerging global knowledge economy. However, at the same time technology is not context and scale neutral. It is driven by market forces and is often used as a hard power tool through 'technology denial' tactics. Competition driven innovations form hard power for purposes of foreign policy perspectives. In contemporary times access to innovation has become a zone of conflict between developed and emerging economies. Current models for research and development are used in such a manner which inhibits the possibility for sharing benefits of such intellectual properties with poorer nations.

Science, Technology and Innovation is equally important for both developed and developing nations. In order to stay ahead in the market space, the developed world needs STI and for the developing world, STI is needed to include the excluded. There is large scope of triangular cooperation among developed-emerging-developing countries under STI. Various policy lessons discussed for countries in development phase were accelerated and

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### FIDC Regional Consultations at Pune and Kolkata

The Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) works towards raising awareness about various dimensions of development cooperation policies through seminars, discussion meetings and publications including policy briefs. However, as most of the FIDC seminars and conferences were being organised in New Delhi, there were suggestions that FIDC as a platform should be expanded and the outreach of FIDC as a forum should be spread out to other cities as well. Taking this idea forward, Regional Consultations on Development Cooperation were organised in the city of Pune and Kolkata during 10-11 February 2015 in Pune and during 23-24 March 2015 in Kolkata. Partner institutions for the regional consultations were Symbiosis International University and University of Calcutta for Pune and Kolkata, respectively. The consultations brought together multiple stakeholders including academics, civil society organisations, industry representatives, private sector and policymakers and enabled discussions on their engagement in South-South Cooperation (SSC).

The first Regional Consultation on Development Cooperation was held in Pune at the Symbiosis International University. The programme began with Welcome Addresses by Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, Pune and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Joint Secretary (DPA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Mr. Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis, Pune extended the Vote of Thanks.

The consultation covered a wide ambit of issues including a special session on role of higher education and capacity building as a means



(From left to right) Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis, Pune; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Mr. Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd.; Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, Pune; Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Joint Secretary (DPA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; and Dr. Jyoti Chandiramani, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International University, Pune at the FIDC Regional Consultation in Pune.

to foster development cooperation. Since the focus of the consultation was to demystify the engagement of civil societies in development cooperation, parallel sessions on development cooperation were undertaken with a view to capture varied ideas, experiences and success stories of civil society organisations operating in multiple sectors within and outside India.

The second round of consultations were organised in collaboration with the University of Calcutta's Institute of Foreign Policy Studies. The programme began with Welcome Remarks by Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta. Shri Partha Chatterjee, Minister-In Charge, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata delivered the Inaugural Address. Mr. Alok K. Sinha, Joint Secretary (DPA I), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India made Special Remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks.

While the parallel sessions in the Pune consultation had overarching discussions on civil societies and development cooperation, the sessions in Kolkata were more specific and focussed on three major aspects including Capacity Building and Training Programmes, Field Based Developmental Interventions and Project Designing and Monitoring

evaluation. The special session concentrated on the dynamics of 'Education and South-South Cooperation' and emphasised on the role of primary education in SSC.

The regional consultations have succeeded in spreading the idea of South-South Cooperation amongst multiple stakeholders in different regions of India. It was identified that the template of the CSO directory 'Profile of Indian Voluntary Organisations' needs to be revisited in order to make it concise yet informative. Most importantly, the regional consultations have resulted in enabling a network of CSOs from different regions of the country.

The key recommendations of the regional consultations are as follows:

- A series of FIDC policy briefs covering successful case studies of CSO interventions in other developing countries would be launched.
- The CSO directory shall be refurbished incorporating the suggestions of the CSO members.
- A FIDC sub-committee would be set up to address multiple aspects arising out of the regional consultations.
- A national seminar can be later planned where CSOs from all the regions could come forward and discuss individual experiences.

### Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)

RIS conducted the capacity building programme on 'International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)' in conjunction with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)/SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in New Delhi during 16 February-13 March 2015.

The Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP) has participants from developing countries. The Programme is designed to expose

the participants to the growing complexities of global economic issues and negotiations and to build their analytical skills to deal with them. The Programme includes capacity building in areas such as global trading system and the WTO, international monetary and financial systems, South-South cooperation, regional economic cooperation, foreign direct investment and multinational enterprises, technology transfer and new technology in development, development policy reforms,

among others. The participants were engaged in discussion on various crucial subjects of national, regional and global significance specifically from the perspective of developing countries. This was achieved through a series of lectures delivered by RIS faculty as well as by noted economists and policymakers from outside. The participants were also exposed to India's economic dynamism through various field visits in and outside Delhi. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS was the Programme Director.



*Participants of the Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP) with RIS Faculty Members.*

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*Dr. Manmohan Singh with eminent guests and RIS faculty members.*

spheres. He further added that GP (as G Parthasarathi was popularly known) had the vision that RIS should work as a leading and effective global think tank for developing countries to promote greater South-South economic development and cooperation which must always remain the guiding principle for the work of RIS.

Besides Dr. Singh, Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and retired Commodore C. Uday Bhaskar also paid tributes to GP. His son Ashok Parthasarathi, a former Secretary to the Government of India, also recalled his father's contribution in building institutions of excellence.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks and recalled the contributions of G. Parthasarathi in building RIS and the inspiration that he had provided to researchers who have stayed on in RIS despite temptations to work elsewhere. He underlined that RIS is indeed indebted to Shri G. Parthasarathi for the bright vision he laid out for the institute; that included promoting collective self reliance, unity of purpose and better understanding among developing countries through exchange of information and collaborative research in important areas like fundamental structural

changes in the world economy and international economic relations and their implications for developing countries. Amb. Shyam Saran highlighted the contributions made by RIS that have impacted policy-making process not only in India but in the developing world at large.

The eminent guests present included Amb. M. Rasgotra, Dr. V.R. Panchamukhi, Amb. Arjun Asrani, Amb. Arundhati Ghose, Amb. Jayant Prasad, Mr. Charanjeet Singh, Prof. S.R. Hashim, Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Prof. Sunanda Sen, Dr. S.R. Rao, Dr. V.L. Rao, Dr. Santosh Mehrotra and Amb. C. Gururaj Rao.

### RIS Breakfast Seminar Series

RIS, under its Breakfast Seminar Series, organised seminars on:

- Trade Analysis with Tradesift by Ms. Sreya Pan, Research Associate, RIS on 29 January 2015. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS chaired this seminar
- Methodological Issues in the Evaluation of South-South Cooperation by Prof. Milindo

Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS on 17 February 2015. Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired this seminar.

- Productivity-Trade Relationship: Perspectives from the Manufacturing Sector in India by Mr. Jay Dev Dubey, Consultant, RIS on 3 March 2015. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS chaired the seminar.

This seminar series is a process meant to provide a platform to younger faculty members and early career researchers to disseminate their research findings, discuss ongoing work and receive comments/feedback from experts and peers. Eminent scholars are also invited to this series to speak on subjects of academic and policy relevance.

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Government of India also addressed the valedictory session. Dr. S.C. Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum, Government of India also graced the Valedictory Session. Dr. H.P. Das, Chairman, Reception Committee extended the Vote of Thanks. Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS presented the Bhubaneswar Declaration.

The day two of the conference had began with the first plenary session on Historical Linkages and Cultural Networks in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), Government of India chaired this session.

The second plenary session on Regional Maritime and Energy Security in Indian Ocean was co-chaired by Amb. A. N. Ram, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Shri Upendra Pratap Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.

The day two also had parallel sessions on 'Trade Linkages: Routes, Commodities and Merchants' chaired by Prof. Rila Mukherjee, Institute de Chandernagor, University of Hyderabad, India; 'Religion and Literature: Buddhism, Brahmanism, Epics and Secular Literature in Sanskrit' chaired by Prof. Ranabir Chakraborty, JNU, New Delhi, India; 'Migration and Diaspora in the Indian Ocean Realm' chaired by Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh; 'Maritime and Humanitarian Issues' chaired by Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Director General, ICWA, New Delhi; 'Non-Traditional Security Issues' chaired by Major Gen. (Prof.) Nilendra Kumar, Director, Amity Law School, Amity University, Noida; and

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The conference reaffirmed that historically the Indian Ocean has played a pre-eminent role in the global maritime architecture. The resurgence of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is critical, given the region's economic dynamism, huge markets and rich natural resources. India's ancient Cotton Route needs due attention. In the pre-industrial revolution phase India clothed the world. Cotton reaches out across social and economic hierarchies. The Cotton Route concept should be leveraged to rekindle the historical maritime trade linkages around the Indian Ocean Rim. The understanding and interpretation should be shared across the member states for possible convergence on a way forward. For nations in the region to facilitate maritime commerce and economic activities at sea, ensuring security and protection of maritime domains come in as an essential pre-requisite, which calls for effective coordination between regional and extra-regional players at the sub-regional, regional and trans-regional levels. Creating awareness and understanding of the vibrant and multi-dimensional historical links among the peoples of the Indian Ocean region assume greater importance in the contemporary world. It can help in deepening regional cooperation and integration.

'Resources, Climate Change and Sustainable Development' chaired by Mr. Sandeep Chakraborty, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi chaired the third plenary session on 'Regional Economic Cooperation in Trade and Investment in IORA' on the third day. The third day also had parallel sessions on 'Sectoral Cooperation' chaired by Amb. A. N. Ram, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India; 'Blue Economy' chaired by Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh; and 'B2B' chaired by Dr. Elizabeth

Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg, South Africa.

Besides various knowledge sessions two cultural programmes were organised: Odissi fusion at Khandagiri and performance by a dance troupe from Myanmar during the evenings.

From RIS, Mr. T.C. James, Consultant; Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Research Associate; Mr. Mahesh C. Arora, Director (Finance and Administration); Ms. Aastha Gupta, Research Assistant also participated in the conference.

### India-ASEAN Conference on Cyber Security....

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were made by Col. Arun Kumar Anand, Sr. VP & Global Practice Head, CISO, NIIT Technologies; Mr. Baljinder Singh, Global CIO, EXL Services and Mr. Vivek Gupta, VP2, Leader of Information Security, EXL Services; Mr. Dhruv Khanna, CEO, Data Resolve; Mr. KS Ponia, AVP and Function Head, Tech Mahindra; Mr. Manoj Sarangi, CISO, HCL Technologies; Mr. Sunil Varkey, CISO & Head - IRMC, Wipro; Mr.

Tanmoy Chakrabarty, VP, TCS; and Mr. Prasenjit Das, Lead- eSecurity, TCS. This was followed by open discussion. Prof. Prabir De extended Vote of Thanks. This conference brought together experts from ASEAN and India to exchange views on the current state of technical knowledge available in cyber security and the measures required to build further capacity in this domain. The detailed programme and presentations made are available on the RIS website.

## Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

### Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

#### Director General

- Made a presentation on 'Making the 'Look East' Policy more Comprehensive and Extensive: Emerging Trends and Policy Options' at the "Kolkata Dialogue" on "Look East" to

"Act East": New Frontiers in Trade, Investment and Business Cooperation, organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on 9 January 2015.

- Participated in the second Research Institute Network Meeting (RINM) for Economic Research Institute for ASEAN

and East Asia (ERIA) at Jakarta, Indonesia on 24 January 2015.

- Participated in the RIN-METI-ERIA Dialogue at Jakarta, Indonesia on 25 January 2015.
- Chaired a Session on 'Visa Regime: The Critical Link' at the Seminar on 'Enhancing India-Pakistan Trade', organised by ICRIER in New Delhi on 2-3 February 2015.
- Panellist in the Panel Discussion at the release of an analysis on 'India and the MDGs: Towards a Sustainable Future for All', organised by UN ESCAP in New Delhi on 4 February 2015.
- Felicitated at the Inaugural Session at the Second National Biodiversity Conference, 2015 on Biodiversity - Access and Benefit Sharing at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 26 February 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Unlocking the potential of Biological Resources for Development' and chaired the Session on 'Access and Benefit Sharing for Development' at the Second National Biodiversity Conference, 2015 on 'Biodiversity - Access And Benefit Sharing' at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 26 February 2015.



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS at the second Research Institute Network Meeting (RINM) for Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) at Jakarta, Indonesia on 24 January 2015



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inclusive development paradigms, density of full time equivalent R&D professionals, addressing talent supply chain challenge of STI sector, available, accessible and affordable innovation, and resource optimisation and input minimised approaches and new partnerships and alliances in R&D sector. India's global ranking is ninth with respect to gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) in PPP terms; however, India's relative rank is worse than 20th in a group of 38 nations with respect to full time R&D professional equivalent per million population. India is strong in space, atomic energy, IT, vaccines and pharma (bulk drugs) with high return on dollar invested. A major problem that India faces at this stage is that not many factors are measurable. Balancing the innovation priorities in terms of competitiveness and inclusiveness is another problem that plagues the field of Science, Technology and Innovation in India.

In the end the speaker summed up his presentation by reiterating the fact that India is one of the few countries among the developed and emerging economies to have invested in grass-root and Open Source innovation systems. India has till date focussed on the affordability, availability and accessibility of innovation model. Soft power advantage of India's innovation system is large which is supported mostly by public fund. According to the speaker the emerging lessons for Indian science diplomacy lies in the area of Technology diplomacy, technology synergy and technology acquisition. India offering an alternative paradigm for resource optimised model for STI for affordable innovations is unique in nature.



*Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS speaking at the Second National Biodiversity Conference, 2015 on Biodiversity – Access And Benefit Sharing in Kerala on 26 February 2015.*

- Made a presentation on 'Evolution and Genesis of South-South Cooperation: Issues before India-Africa Partnership' at the Third India Africa Strategic Dialogue, organised by Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) in New Delhi on 3-4 March 2015. (In absentia)
- Made a presentation on 'Defining and Accounting South-South Cooperation' at the Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) Africa Technical Workshop in South Africa on 4 March 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'South Asia and Trade of Safe and Quality Foods: Role of Equivalence, MRAs and Other Policy Options' at the Workshop on 'Non-Tariff Barriers affecting Bilateral Trade Relations among SAARC Countries', organised by the Centre for Policy Research and the Asia Foundation in New Delhi on 10 March 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Developing Guidelines and Methodologies for Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs - Progress and Future Work Program' at the third meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) and the sixth meeting of the Project Management and Monitoring Committee (PMMC), organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) in New Delhi on 16 March 2015.

### Prof. S.K. Mohanty

- Made a presentation on 'India-China Economic Relationship' at Centre for Chinese Studies, SIS - JNU, New Delhi on 21 January 2015.
- Participated in the Discussion Meeting with CII regarding IOR Conference and Making India at New Delhi on 5 February 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'India-Africa Economic Dynamics: Changing Shades of Bilateral Relationship in An Era of Global Uncertainty' at the Conference on Third India-Africa Strategic Dialogue on the theme 'India-Africa: Building Synergies in Peace, Security and Development', organised by Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi on 3-4 March 2015.

- Made a presentation on COMESA in Ministry of Commerce on 11 March 2015, New Delhi
- Made a presentation in the Ninth Meeting of the (Third of the Reconstituted) Expert Committee on Normally Traded Commodities of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) at the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences in New Delhi on 16 March 2015.

### Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Participated in the 'Round-Table on South Asian Economic Integration', organised by High Commission of Canada in New Delhi on 21 January 2015.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Informal Trade: Why Does it Continue to Persist?' at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on 'Normalising India-Pakistan Trade', organised by ICRIER in New Delhi on 2-3 February 2015.
- Made a Presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Indian Metals Recycling Conference organised by Metal Recycling Association of India (MRAI) in Mumbai on 4-6 February 2015.
- Participated in the 'Think Tank Networking Inception Meeting under G20' under 'Joint Think 20 Turkey' organised by TEPAV-CIGI in Istanbul on 10-11 February 2015.



*Prof. Ram Upendra Das with Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan of Turkey at Think Tank Networking Inception Meeting in Istanbul on 10-11 February 2015.*



*Prof. Ram Upendra Das at the Budget 2015 Discussion Meeting organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 28 February 2015.*

- Participated in a Workshop on 'Protection of Copyright and Innovation' and spoke about 'Philosophical Underpinnings of Innovation and IP Policy' at IIT, Kharagpur on 22 February 2015.
  - Conducted classes on 'TRIPS and Patents; Exception and Limitations to Copyrights and Related Rights: Ongoing Debates; and Copyright and the Public Domain: Case Study' at the WIPO Summer School (India) on Intellectual Property on 3-4 March 2015.
  - Chaired the session on 'Interface between IPR and TK: Analysis of Global Regime' at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi on 13 March 2015.
  - Made a presentation on 'Interfacing Innovation and IPR for Technology Commercialisation' at the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar on 21 March 2015.
  - Made presentation on 'Patents Administration and Access to Medicines' and participated as a panellist on 'Draft National IPR Policy' at the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi on 26-27 March 2015.
  - Made a presentation on 'Intellectual Property Rights, Copyrights and Avoidance of Plagiarism' to the Faculty at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, New Delhi on 27 March 2015.
- Attended the Meeting at Ministry of Shipping on Think Tank Initiative by Indian Register of Shipping held in New Delhi on 27 February 2015.
  - Participated in a Roundtable Discussion with regional Canadian Heads of Missions from South Asian countries focusing on Regional Economic Issues in South Asia, organised by High Commission of Canada in New Delhi on 3 March 2015.
  - Made a Presentation at a Roundtable Discussion on 'India and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)' organised by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) in New Delhi on 5 March 2015.
  - Participated as a Panellist on 'Regional Groupings: Towards Continental Convergence' at the Sixth Annual Asian Relations Conference on the theme 'Non-Traditional Themes in Asian Foreign Policies' organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in New Delhi on 23-24 March 2015.
  - Participated in the discussion meeting on 'Opportunities for Poorer People in Developing Countries' organised by Centre for Development and Enterprise (CDE) and Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi on 25 March 2015.
  - Participated in the Workshop on 'Economic Reforms and Opportunities for the Poor', organised by the Centre for Development and Enterprise (CDE) in New Delhi on 26 March 2015.

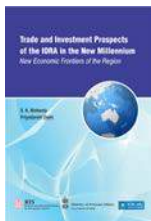
### Mr. T.C. James Consultant

- Made a presentation on 'Plant Variety and Farmers' Rights Act for Farmers' at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ambalawayal, Wayanad, Kerala on 22 January 2015.
- Participated and made a presentation on 'Market Enhancement of Geographical Indications Tagged Products - Selected Business Models' at the Kerala Agricultural University Workshop at Panamaram, Wayanad, Kerala on 23 January 2015.
- Chaired the session on 'Working of India's Biodiversity Act' and also made a presentation on 'IP Policy Options for Implementing ABS Regime in India' at the National Law University in New Delhi on 29 January 2015.
- Conducted National Webinars on 'Copyrights and Related Rights' and 'Geographical Indications, Trade Secrets, and Traditional Knowledge' at the Global Institute of Intellectual Property (GIIP), New Delhi on 14 February 2015.

### Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas Consultant

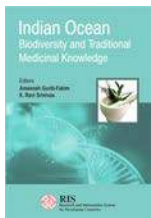
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- Participated in the MoEF Project meeting on Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs on 16 March 2015.

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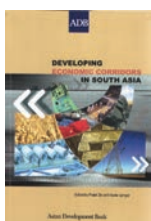
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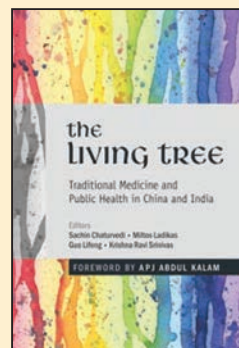
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