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Hon'ble Vice-President of India Mr. M. Hamid Ansari delivering the Inaugural Address. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh and Prof. Prabir De, RIS.

RIS, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organised the 7th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES) in New Delhi on 5-7 November 2014. The SAARC Division and Public Diplomacy Division of the MEA had also collaborated with RIS. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Vice-President of India Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, who inaugurated the Summit. The theme of the Summit was "Towards South Asia Economic Union".

The co-organisers of the SAES included the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh; South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal; South Asia Centre for

Policy Studies (SACEPS), Nepal; Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), The World Bank and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) were partners in the Summit.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Mr. M. Hamid Ansari delivered the Inaugural Address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome Address; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Opening Address; Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh delivered the Special

Address and Prof. Prabir De, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks. The three-day Summit saw book releases, presentations and panel discussions by renowned academicians and policymakers from the South Asia region.

The panel for Plenary Session I on "South Asia Regional Integration: Past, Present and Future" included Hon'ble Mohammad Mustafa Mastoor, Deputy Minister for Finance, Afghanistan; Hon'ble Gowher Rizvi, Adviser for International Affairs to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh; Hon'ble Lyonpo Namgay Dorji, Finance Minister, Bhutan; Hon'ble Ram Sharan Mahat, Finance Minister, Nepal; and Hon'ble

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Colloquium on India's Growing Dependence on Imports in the area of Bulk Drugs

With the announcement of 'Make in India Campaign' by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, RIS has launched a Series on 'Make in India and External Sector: Production, Employment and Exports'. Under this series, RIS organised the first Colloquium on India's Growing Dependence on Imports in the area of Bulk Drugs in New Delhi on 23 December 2014. Hon'ble Mr. Ananth Kumar, Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, Government of India delivered the Valedictory Address.

Dr. V.K. Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals,



Mr. Ananth Kumar, Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, Government of India delivering the Valedictory Address. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Dr. Ashwani Gupta, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi and Mr. T.C. James.

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Seminar on Issues before Brisbane G-20 Summit



Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Government of India's Sherpa to the G-20 Summit delivering the Keynote Address. Also seen in the picture are Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER and DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.

RIS organised a seminar on Issues before Brisbane G-20 Summit in New Delhi on 30 October 2014. Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Government of India's Sherpa to the G-20 Summit, delivered the Keynote Address. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER and DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India chaired the seminar. Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development (CSD) chaired the first session on Global Trading and Financial System, Energy and Development Issues. The panelists in this session included Prof. Sachin

Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Consultant, RIS; and Dr. Leena Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, TERI University. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS chaired the second session on Fiscal Action for Global Growth and Infrastructure Financing. The panelists in this session included Prof. Rathin Roy, Director and Chief Executive, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP); and Dr. R. Kavita Rao, Professor, NIPFP. The sessions were followed by open discussions.

Prof. Ajit Singh at RIS



RIS organised a Seminar on Climate Change and the Premises for a New Society in New Delhi on 15 November 2014. Prof. Ajit Singh, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Cambridge University, UK was the lead speaker. Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS chaired the seminar. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome Address. Ms. Lydia Powell, Head, Centre for Resources Management, Observer Research Foundation was the discussant.

Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi's Lecture on South-South Cooperation (SSC)

RIS launched the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) in 2013 for facilitating discussion and informed debate on various facets of Indian development cooperation policy as in the recent past. Under FIDC monthly seminar series, a Seminar on South-South Cooperation: Reflections from the Past was organised in New Delhi on 17 October 2014. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Mr. Dominik Bartsch, Chief of Mission, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New Delhi chaired the seminar. Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi, former Director General, RIS delivered the lecture. Dr. Milindo Chakrabarti, Director, International Academic Facilitation and Professor, School of Law and School of Business



Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi delivering the lecture. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Mr. Dominik Bartsch, Chief of Mission, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New Delhi; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi, former S&T Advisor to PM Indira Gandhi.

Studies, Sharda University was the discussant. Mr. Pratyush, Research

Assistant, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks. (See full report on page 9.)

Release of the South Asia Development and Cooperation Report 2014

The South Asia Development and Cooperation Report 2014 was launched by RIS in collaboration with South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) in Kathmandu, Nepal on the eve of the 18th SAARC Summit.

The Report focuses on the measures towards enhanced economic activities and employment generation through economic integration. This, in turn, can be peace-creating. The approach is novel in the sense that it argues against waiting for peace to descend before regional cooperation initiatives are undertaken. Instead, the Report emphasises on 'reverse causality' from 'prosperity to peace' rather than only from 'peace to prosperity'.



Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS releasing the South Asia Development and Cooperation Report 2014 with Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, SAWTEE.

ASEAN-India Seminar on Joining Global Production Networks: India's Opportunities and ASEAN-India Cooperation



Prof. Prema-chandra Athukorala, ANU, Canberra, making presentation. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS; and Prof. Prabir De, RIS.

Under the ASEAN-India Seminar Series, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS, organised the ASEAN-India Seminar on 'Joining Global Production Networks: India's Opportunities and ASEAN-India Cooperation' in New Delhi on 11 December 2014. The programme began with

Welcome Remarks by Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre. Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS chaired the seminar. Prof. Prema-chandra Athukorala, Australian National University (ANU), Canberra made the lead presentation, which was followed by an open discussion.

Panel Discussion on ASEAN-led Integration Process, RCEP, TPP and Possibility for an FTAAP

RIS organised a Panel Discussion on ASEAN-led Integration Process, RCEP, TPP and Possibility for an FTAAP in New Delhi on 21 October 2014. The speakers were: Dr. Sanchita Basu Das, Fellow and Lead Researcher, Economic Affairs, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore and Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS chaired the panel discussion. Mr. T.C. James, Consultant, RIS was the discussant.

Workshop on India-China Relations

RIS, jointly with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras, organised a Workshop on India-China Relations in Chennai on 17 December 2014. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER & DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India inaugurated the Workshop. Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director IIT-Madras; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Prof. D. Malathy, Head, Humanities and Social Sciences Department (HSS), IIT-Madras made Welcome Remarks. Ms. Sujata Mehta also chaired the session on Trade between India-China: Issues and Prospects in which Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS was the lead speaker. Mr. Samuel Josphe, Chief General Manager, EXIM Bank and Dr. S. Subash, Assistant Professor, HSS, IIT-Madras were the



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS making Welcome Remarks. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER & DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director IIT-Madras; Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati; and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.

discussants. The second session deliberated on Public Health, Trade, Traditional Medicine in India and China. The third session was on Urban Development and Housing in China and Lessons for India. The key speakers included Prof.

Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. V.R. Muraleedharan, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), IIT-Madras; Mr. T. C. James, Consultant, RIS; and Dr. Solomon J. Benjamin, Associate Professor, HSS, IIT-Madras.

Panel Discussion on India-US Relations

RIS organised a Panel Discussion on India-US Relations in New Delhi on 12 December 2014. The programme began with Introductory Remarks by Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS. The eminent panelists included Mr. Richard M. Rossow, Senior Fellow and Wadhvani Chair in US-India Policy Studies Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, D.C.; Dr. C. Rajamohan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi; and Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi. Ms. Emily White, Director, the American Centre, New Delhi extended the Vote of Thanks.



Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS making Opening Remarks. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Ms. Emily White, Director, the American Centre; Dr. C. Rajamohan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF); Mr. Richard M. Rossow, Senior Fellow, CSIS and Wadhvani Chair in US-India Policy Studies; Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Director, Institute of Social Sciences; Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS; and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.

Special Lecture on G. Parthasarathi and RIS

RIS organised a Special Lecture on 'G. Parthasarathi and RIS' in his birth centenary year in New Delhi on 16 October 2014. Mr. G. Parthasarathi had made wide ranging and outstanding contributions in various fields, though foreign policy remained his forte. He was deeply committed to promoting development cooperation among developing countries. The establishment of RIS in mid-1980s, of which he was the founder Chairman, was his major contribution to strengthen the cause of South-South cooperation.

Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi, founder Director General of RIS and former Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) delivered the special lecture. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made



Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi, founder Director General of RIS and former Chairman, ICSSR delivering the memorial lecture. Also seen in the picture (from left to right) are Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi, former S&T Advisor to PM Indira Gandhi; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.

Special Remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. Ashok Parthasarathi, former

S&T Advisor to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi; Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS also addressed the gathering.

Launch of New Breakfast Seminar Series

RIS has launched a new Breakfast Seminar Series in October 2014. This process is 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 their peers. This seminar series will also serve as a forum where eminent scholars may be invited to speak on subjects of academic and policy relevance. At the same time, distinguished experts are invited to chair these sessions to benefit from their experience and wisdom. To make these sessions interactive occasionally senior researchers and policymakers are invited as discussants. As part of this series, so far the following seminars have been organised: (a) "Status of Social Sectors in IBSA: A Decadal Assessment" on 9 October 2014 by Dr. Beena Pandey, Research Associate, RIS. Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi chaired the seminar and Mr. Vijay Naresh Mehta, Consultant (MER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was the discussant. (b) "Reserve Management in Asia: Changing

Contours and Challenges" on 11 November 2014 by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Research Associate, RIS. Prof. B.B. Bhattacharyya, Member, Governing Body and Governing Council of RIS and former Vice-chancellor, JNU chaired the seminar and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS was the discussant. (c) "Industry Interface and Technology Transfer: The Indian Context" on 26 November 2014 by Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS. Dr. Ashwani Gupta Adviser/Scientist G, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India chaired the seminar and Dr. Nitya Nanda, Fellow, TERI was the discussant. (d) "Ethics in Indian

Science and Technology Policy and Issues in Access, Equity and Inclusion" on 2 December 2014 by Mr. Amit Kumar, Research Associate, RIS. Dr. Rajeshwari, Raina, Principal Scientist, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-National Institute of Science Technology chaired the seminar. Dr. Praveen Arora, Adviser, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India was the discussant. (e) "India's Development Cooperation with Ethiopia: A Case study of Sugar Industry" on 9 December 2014 by Mr. Sushil Kumar, Consultant, RIS. Prof. S K Mohanty, RIS chaired the seminar. Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Consultant, RIS was the discussant.



Mr. Sushil Kumar, Consultant, RIS making presentation on India's Development Cooperation with Ethiopia: A Case Study of Sugar Industry. Prof. S K Mohanty, RIS chaired the Seminar.

Visit by US Congressional Staffers to RIS

In 2010, India and the United States signed an agreement under the US Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA), enabling Government of India to invite US federal employees including Members of Congress, Congressional Staffers and federal administrative officials to visit India under the US Visitors to India Programme (USVIP). The objective of the programme is to build an India-friendly constituency in the influential US Congress (the US Legislature) and cultivate a key role in policy-making on international issues in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Upper House of Legislature) and the House Foreign Affairs Committee (the Lower House).

As part of this programme the fifth delegation of 10 US Congressional

Staffers visited RIS on 16 December 2014. The members of the delegation included: Mr. Mark Rawlins Brunner, Senior National Security Advisor to Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) (Co-chair of Senate India Caucus); Ms. Courtney Gidner Backemeyer, Communications Director, Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans; Mr. Neil Gerard Bjorkman, Counsel, House Rules Committee; Mr. Kristopher Michael Denzel, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. George Holding (R-NC); Mr. Ashok Michael Pinto, Chief Counsel, House Oversight Committee; Mr. Sajit J Gandhi, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Ms. Natalie Grace

Kamphaus, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA); Ms. Emily Henehan Murry, Senior Policy Advisor, House Majority Leader-Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA); Mr. Peter Jason Freeman, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA); Ms. Michelle Hope Ash, Chief Counsel, House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade.

Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS chaired the meeting. From RIS, Prof. S.K. Mohanty; Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Consultant; Dr. N. Chandra Mohan, Visiting Fellow; Mr. T.C. James, Consultant; Dr. Beena Pandey, Research Associate; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor and Mr. Mahesh C. Arora, Director (F&A) participated.

Developing Guidelines and Methodologies for Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs

RIS in collaboration with the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore organised a two-day Workshop on Developing Guidelines and Methodologies for Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs on 11-12 December 2014 at ISEC, Bangalore. Dr. Ranjini Warriar, Director and National Project Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India chaired the first day of the workshop. Prof. P.G. Chengappa, ISEC welcomed all the participants. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS set the agenda for the workshop by highlighting the purpose of the workshop. He mentioned the work to be undertaken by the partner institutions in order to carry out both socio-economic assessment and cost-benefit analysis. Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant, RIS gave a presentation on the RIS work-in-progress in draft guidance document by highlighting the major issues that have emerged from the extensive literature review on the subject.

Mr. Amit Kumar, Research Associate, RIS gave a presentation on the studies that have been done specifically to do cost-benefit analysis (CBA). Dr. T.P. Rajendran, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Raipur, chaired the second day of the workshop. The workshop was attended by all the project partner institutions and external experts. The participants, among others, included Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, RIS; Prof. Haribabu, Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad; Dr. K. Srinivas, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad; Dr. K. R. Ashok, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore; Dr. Suresh Patil, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur; Dr. Reddy, UAS, Raichur; Dr. R.N. Padaria, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi; Dr. Lalitha, Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad; Dr. Manjunath, ISEC, Bangalore; and Dr. Elumalai, ISEC, Bangalore.

Panel Discussion on Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

RIS organised a panel discussion on Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in New Delhi on 24 October 2014. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the discussion. The eminent panelists were Dr. Jaimini Bhagwati, RBI Chair Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and former Ambassador; Dr. Subir Gokarn, Director, Brookings India and former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India; and Mr. Shyam Bajpai, Independent Advisor, International Aid and Development and formerly of Asian Development Bank.



Participants of the Workshop on Developing Guidelines and Methodologies for Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs at ISEC Bangalore on 12 December 2014.

Introduction to TradeSift

TradeSift is a software developed by a team of trade policy specialists of the Sussex University, UK to facilitate trade analysis by individual researchers, policymakers, government officials and others.

TradeSift vastly reduces the time spent on manual calculations of trade indicators, and allows quick and effective analysis of trade and tariff trends and generation of graphs and tables. TradeSift analyses trade without any formal modelling like CGE, partial equilibrium model, econometric model, etc. The software is designed to analyse trade in goods and services, tariffs, GDP and WDI, empirically.

The software does not come with any preloaded data base. Data can be loaded from various international (WITS, COMTRADE, Eurostat, BACI, UNSTAT and Global Trade Atlas, etc.) and national sources. To load own dataset the format should be of TXT, CSV or XLS. In-built features of the software include accessing data at disaggregated product level (including at 8 and 10 digit levels), all standard classifications (HS, SITC, BEC, etc.) and industry grouping like “high-tech”, “medium-tech” and “low-tech”. The software can analyse annual, quarterly and monthly data.

The software can calculate tariffs, tariff peaks, etc., by partner country and by product. All types of tariffs like PREFER, MFN, AHS and BND are dealt by the software. However, TradeSift does not have NTB data base.

TradeSift is so designed that different strands of calculations can be grouped into projects. Each project will have options of selection of data, graphs, tables and reports. The software includes an integrated report writer. All computed charts and tables can simply be dropped on the report-page. The reports can be saved in all common document formats. The report can be exported to MS Excel and Word.

TradeSift calculates nine trade related indicators. The indicators reveal qualitative information about the likely effects of trade agreements and changes in trade policy; and also can be equally useful to gather information about a particular country’s trade profile. These nine trade indicators are Trade Openness, Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA), Revealed Market Access (RMA), Intra-Industry Trade (IIT), Finger-Kreinin Index (FKI), Trade Intensity Index (TII), Trade Concentration Index (TCI), Revealed Export Competitive Pressure Index (RECPI) and Vertical Intra-Industry Specialisation (VIIS) Index.

RCA, which is one of the most commonly used indicator, is divided into two sub groups, Standard RCA and Bilateral RCA. Bilateral RCA can be further categorised into Bilateral RCA1 (relative to another country) and Bilateral RCA2 (focused on particular market). An innovative feature of TradeSift is the Normalised option for RCA. Normalised option in RCA can compress the RCA value within the range of -1 to +1.

This software has been found useful in handling policy related issues of bilateral and regional trade. For example, based on calculation using TradeSift we got some interesting insights about export competitiveness and bilateral export similarity pattern in South Asia.¹ We found that at 6-digit level, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh’s exports to Sri Lanka have little similarity with each other. However, in practice, it is observed that all these three countries have more or less similar export basket. For further insights, we, therefore, need to look at the existence of intra-industry trade in the region as well as supplementary measures to refine the analysis.

- Sreya Pan
Research Associate, RIS



Endnote

¹ This is based on a research presentation made by me jointly with Mr. Taimur Tajjamul, Ms. Onsia Zafar, Ms. Nikita Gupta and Ms. Tahira Saleem at TradeSift Workshop titled “Trade Analysis and Economic Integration in Pakistan-India Relations: The Regional Dimension”, at Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo during 11-15 November 2014.

South-South Cooperation (SSC): Reflections from the Past

Summary of Lecture by Prof. V. R. Panchamukhi

The initiation of SSC was a response to the emerging world order of the 1950s and 1960s. The SSC as a concept took a strong root only after the South was left highly challenged and frustrated with its dealing with the North. This coming together of the countries in the form of SSC was a last resort; and, over the period, it has matured and has gained momentum. Its existence has now been recognised by the North and they have come to understand the importance of SSC for better world prosperity.

The SSC initiative started just after the end of the Second World War when many Asian and African countries achieved their independence with aspirations of a better future. However, resource, technological and informational gaps were main impediments to growth for them. This resulted in the intellectual upsurge of the South, where academicians produced literature explaining the problems of poverty and destitution in the developing world. The seminal work by Raul Prebisch in late 1950s, viz. "Terms of Credit Deterioration for the Primary Producers" was considered path breaking. Other interesting studies in the Latin American region lead to the Centre-Periphery Theory and the Dependence Theory which were also postulated around the same time. India too, came up with the innovative idea of mixed economy which was much appreciated during those times.

The second phase of SSC (1960-70) was the realisation at the global level of the lacunae in the developmental aspirations of the developing world. The South organised itself to assert its voice on global issues. The non-alignment movement was started in 1961, and G77 and UNCTAD came into being in 1967. The basic objective of all these groupings was to showcase solidarity amongst the developing world and pose a united front to the North. These movements from the South bore fruit in United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) passing a resolution and deciding that 25 per cent of manufactured value added share should be of the developing world. At the same time, UN started declaring "Development Decades" for facilitating growth in the South. This was also the time when the Western world realised that it is in their interest to see the development in the developing world with respect to their trade, capital and technology flows. This resulted in the UN and other international bodies coming up with initiatives which aided the process of resource and technology transfer and development cooperation at the global level. The World Bank's Pearson Report of 1969 for the first time talked about alleviating poverty in the developing world which has been re-iterated in the UN's Millennium Development Goals.

The third phase constituted tribulations and frustrations experienced by the developing countries owing to a lack of progress on the initiatives announced in the second phase. Such unresponsive stance by the North resulted in ushering in of the fourth phase where the global South was now more aggressive and was demanding changes in the policy paradigm which controlled the world order till then. The South, through the United Nations, embarked on the New International Economic Order (NIEO) in 1974 and the oil price hikes by OPEC countries in 1973 and 1979 may be seen in that light. The petro dollars accumulated through such increased prices of oil resulted in various developmental works and were extensively used for development cooperation in the South. It was decided under the Okita Plan to set up a South Bank with the petro dollars. During the same time, efflux of construction workers from countries like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Indonesia to West Asia were helping in garnering remittances to their home countries resulting in swelling of the reserves. These developments gave a confidence to Southern nations who could now stand on their own without the largesse of the North. During this period itself, a series of reports by the International organisations were released. The Brandt Commission Report was one such report which talked about inter-dependence between the South and the North followed by the Brundtland Report of Sustainable Development talking about the environment, and the South Commission's Report. The UN came out with a resolution which asked the developed world to commit 1 per cent of their GNP for the development of the developing world and only few Scandinavian countries fulfilled that clause. It is important to point out that it is still only the Scandinavian countries that fulfill the 0.7 per cent of GNP rule for development cooperation to the developing world.

Many of these and other initiatives and stances taken up by the South in past have lost their relevance in present due to the rise of globalisation and market determined paradigms which have taken deep roots in the

world. The Western leaders took disintegration of the Soviet Union as the triumph of market forces and defeat of the central planning and subsequently went on imposing a market determined paradigm of development in other parts of the world. India did not respond to this challenge of globalisation in a structured manner; the homework required to come up with an alternative was lacking. And, the opportunities that globalisation brought with it were also not utilised to the maximum owing to the same reasons. WTO was another challenge of this period where the developed world was able to have access to the markets of the developing world, but the opposite was not true due to imposition of non-tariff barriers.

Thus, it is now more essential that the SSC is revisited strongly and the definitional aspect of the SSC must be understood lucidly. The misconception associated with the SSC is that it facilitates trade by changing the trade policies; however, the SSC goes beyond that. Another area of deep focus should be a better understanding of "Development". Development is much wider and deeper than mere percentage GDP growth; jobless, futureless, ruthless, voiceless and rootless growth are undesirable.

- Pratyush

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Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Prof. Sudip Chaudhuri, Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, delivered the Keynote Address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Mr. T. C. James, Consultant, RIS also addressed the Inaugural Session.

Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India chaired the first working session that deliberated on FDI and Trade in Pharmaceuticals. Prof. Sudip Chaudhuri chaired the second session on State of Bulk Drug Industry in India. Dr. V. M. Katoch, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, and Chairman, Committee on Drug Policy delivered the Special Address in the third session on Innovation and Industry: Challenges for Drug Policy. Dr. Ashwani Gupta, Advisor/Scientist 'G', Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India, chaired this session as well as the following session on Pharmaceuticals and Access to Medicine.

The eminent panelists in various sessions, included Prof. Ramkishan S. Rajan, School of Public Policy, George Mason University, Washington D.C.; Dr. (Mrs.) Jayashree Gupta, former Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL); Dr. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi; Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Managing Director, KEE GAD Biogen Pvt. Ltd. and former Adviser, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India; Prof. Dinesh Abrol, Institute of Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi; Mr. Zakir Thomas, Former Director, Open Source Drug Discovery (OSDD) under the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of India; Dr. A.R. Krishan, Dy. Drugs Controller, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO); Dr. Murali Kallummal, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT; Dr. Amit Sengupta, People's Health Movement India; Dr. Mira Shiva, Founder Coordinator and Co-convenor, All India Drug Action Network, Coordinator, Initiative for

Health and Equity in Society, and former Chairperson of Health Action International Asia Pacific; and Dr. Reji K. Joseph, Central University of Gujarat. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Dr. N. Chandra Mohan, Visiting Fellow, RIS addressed the concluding session.

Discussion on Patent Database Search Tools

RIS organised a discussion on Patent Database Search Tools in New Delhi on 4 December 2014. Mr. T. C. James, Consultant, RIS introduced the subject explaining the need and desirability of patent database search by researchers. Mr. Roshan Agarwal, MD, Siddhast Innovations made a detailed presentation on different patent databases, both free and priced and search tools.

ITEC/SCAAP Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation

RIS under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)/Special Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme (SCAAP) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organised a two-week Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation in New Delhi from 17 to 28 November 2014. The programme intended to familiarise the participants with a broader concept of South-South Cooperation (SSC) particularly on Development Cooperation in the context of ongoing resurgence of the economies of the South in the wake of major changes being witnessed in the global aid architecture.

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

It also discussed how SSC

is a different paradigm from the North-South Cooperation (NSC) and how SSC should be viewed as a voluntary partnership which has now developed into a more matured platform transcending the initial foundations of political solidarity and not as a replacement for the NSC in any significant measure.

Participants included officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Finance/Commerce or other Ministries dealing with SSC/NSC and Civil Society representatives engaged in related issues. They were provided a brief overview of different contours of SSC through field visits.



Participants of the Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation with RIS Faculty.

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Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS speaking at the 7th South Asia Economic Summit. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Hon'ble Mohammad Mustafa Mastoor, Deputy Minister for Finance, Afghanistan; Hon'ble Gowher Rizvi, Adviser for International Affairs to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh; Hon'ble Lyonpo Namgay Dorji, Finance Minister, Bhutan; Hon'ble Ram Sharan Mahat, Finance Minister, Nepal; and Hon'ble Sarath Amunugama, International Monetary Cooperation Minister, Sri Lanka.

Sarath Amunugama, International Monetary Cooperation Minister, Sri Lanka. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the Plenary Session I. Apart from media interaction, the agenda of the 7th SAES included intensive discussions on South Asia Economic Union: Challenges and Tasks Ahead; South Asia Connectivity; Cooperation for South Asia Investment Bloc and parallel sessions on non-tariff measures including standards and regulations; macroeconomic performance, prospects and policy coordination; financial and monetary cooperation; trade facilitation including customs cooperation; service trade, mutual recognition and trade reforms. The detailed programme and presentations made are available on the RIS website.



Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka speaking at the 7th South Asia Economic Summit. Also seen in the picture (from right to left): Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Amb. Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairman, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.



Prof. Prabir De, RIS making presentation at concluding session of the 7th South Asia Economic Summit. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Dr. Saman Kelegama, IPS, Colombo; Mr. Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International; Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council of Social Development (CSD), New Delhi; Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka; Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, SWATEE, Kathmandu; Dr. Abid Suleri, SDPI, Islamabad; Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, CPD, Dhaka; and Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi Director General

- Made a presentation on 'South-South Cooperation: Agenda Before Think-Tanks' at the NeST Meeting organised by College of Humanities and Development Studies (COHD), China Agricultural University (CAU) in Beijing on 27-28 October 2014.
- Lead Speaker at the Seminar on 'Network of Southern Think-Tanks' organised by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Beijing on 29 October 2014.
- Participated in the Panel Discussion on 'Post-2015 Agenda and the Global South' at the Fourth Asian Forum on Global Governance organised jointly by the Observer Research Foundation and ZEIT Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius (Hamburg) in New Delhi on 30 October 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'Fundamentals of Food Policy and Politics' at the Global Conference on 'Securing Food for all Critical Need for Coherence in Policies and Action' organised by The Club of Rome in New Delhi on 30 October 2014.
- Panelist in discussion on 'South Africa's Africa Agenda: Changing Perspectives on Africa's Development' organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in New Delhi on 3 November 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'Socio-Biological Perspectives on Environment and Bioethics and IPR' at the session on 'Socio- Biological Perspective of Environment Bioethics and IPR' at the International Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Biotechnology (ICETB-2014)' organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi on 9 November 2014.
- Participated in the Substantive Informal Session of the General Assembly on 'International Public Finance, including Official Development Assistance' which was part of the preparatory process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and was organised by United Nations, New York on 12 November 2014.
- Participated in the Economists Consultations on India's Strengths and Deficits and useful Strategies organised by the Observer Research Foundation in Mumbai on 15-16 November 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'Network of Southern Think-Tanks' at the Mini-Forum entitled 'South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Opportunities for Think Tanks' on the sidelines of 2014 South-South Cooperation Expo organised by the UNDP in Washington, DC on 20 November 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'Trade Facilitation in the South Asian Region' at the Session 'Non-Tariff Barriers to Economic Integration' at the Conference on 'Regional Integration in the Indo-Pacific: Prospects and Challenges' organised by the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi on 24-25 November 2014.
- Participated as a Guest of Honour at the 'Expert Consultation on Harmonisation of Seed Movement, Regulations and Procedures' organised by CABI in New Delhi on 25 November 2014.
- Participated in the meeting of Expert Committee on Access and Benefit Sharing organised by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) in Hyderabad on 29 November 2014.
- Participated in the Panel Discussion at the seminar on 'The Economics and Politics of GM Food Regulation and Policy: Results of Research in India, China and Kenya' organised by the Indian Statistical Institute in New Delhi on 3 December 2014.
- Chaired the Session on 'Technological Frontiers, Intellectual Property, and Productivity Growth' at the two-day International Conference on Innovation in Indian Agriculture: Ways Forward organised by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in New Delhi on 5 December 2014.
- Participated as a Panelist on the topic 'Role of South-South Cooperation' in the panel discussion on 'Environmental Crisis, Interstate Tensions and



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS at the Substantive Informal Session of the General Assembly on 'International Public Finance, including Official Development Assistance' which was part of the preparatory process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and was organised by United Nations, New York on 12 November 2014.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Extremism' at the Regional Dialogue on 'Development, Democracy and Peace' organised by Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD), Pakistan on 20 December 2014.

- Attended the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) Board of Governors meeting in Islamabad on 20 December 2014.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty

- Participated as the Indian Focal Point of the Academic Group in the 4th IORA Council of Ministers' Meeting and other related Meetings held in Perth, Australia on 6-9 October 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'The Dynamic Trade Relationship between India and Vietnam' in a Round Table Discussion: 'Indo-Vietnamese Co-operation in Emerging Asia' organised by Pahle India Foundation (PIF) in New Delhi on 20 October 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'The Sustainability Issue in India's Bilateral Trade Imbalance with China and Regional Disparity in Trade in China' in the Seminar on 'China's Strategic and Economic Rise: Reverberations in Asia' organised by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in New Delhi on 21 October 2014.
- Participated in the meeting of University Mobility in the Indian Ocean (UMIOR) organised by AIU in New Delhi 10 November 2014.
- Participated in the meeting on 'India in the Emerging Global Order: Political, Strategic and Economic Dynamics' organised by ICWA & SIS JNU in New Delhi on 10-12 November 2014.
- Participated in the Eighth Meeting of the (Second of the Reconstituted) Expert Committee on Normally Traded



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS speaking at the Expert Consultation on Harmonisation of Seed Movement, Regulations and Procedures organised by the CABI in New Delhi on 25 November 2014. Also seen in the picture (from left to right): Dr. S.N. Sushil, Plant Protection Advisor, Government of India; Dr. Swapan Kumar Datta, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR; and Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairman, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority.

Commodities organised by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) in Hyderabad on 13 November 2014.

- Participated in the meeting on 'India-COMESA Joint Study Report' organised by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 20 November 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'Surging of Mega FTAs in the Indo-Pacific: Implications for India'

in the Conference on 'Regional Integration in the Indo-Pacific: Prospects and Challenges' organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in New Delhi on 25 November 2014.

Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Participated in the Meeting on CLMV organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 7 October 2014.



Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS invited to serve as Honorary Professor at the New Delhi Institute of Management and being felicitated by Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Government of India's Sherpa to the G-20 Summit, 16 October 2014.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

- Participated in the Founder's Day of Indian Institute of Management in New Delhi on 16 October 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'APTA: Importance of Expansion of membership and future road map at the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement', at the Business Forum organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in New Delhi on 13 November 2014.
- Delivered an Inaugural Address on 'Frontier Areas in Econometrics and International Trade and Finance' at the QIP Workshop organised by the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur on 10 December 2014.
- Participated in the Luncheon Meeting on 'East Asian Economic Integration' organised by H.E. Mr. Patrick Suckling, High Commissioner of Australia in New Delhi on 11 December 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'India and Regional Production Networks' in an International Symposium on 'Regional Economic Integration and EAS' organised by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in Beijing on 15-16 December 2014.

Mr. T. C. James

Consultant

- Participated in a Webinar on 'Copyright, Related Rights, Geographical Indications, Traditional Knowledge and Trade Secret' at Global Intellectual Property Institute in New Delhi on 10 October 2014.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on 'Intellectual Property Rights Regime under WTO' to Indian Forest Service Officers at Indian Society of International Law in New Delhi on 24 October 2014.
- Participated as a Resource Person on IPRs at a Consultation on India's IP Regime - Emerging Challenges organised by Lawyers Collective in New Delhi on 16 November 2014.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on 'WTO and Indian Patent Law' to Indian Foreign Service Officers at Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) in New Delhi on 20 November 2014.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on 'Patent: TRIPS and Indian Patent Act' for PG Diploma Course in International Trade and Business Law at ISIL in New Delhi on 3 December 2014.
- Delivered talks on 'Potential of Biologics in Enhancing Healthcare Outcomes and Barriers to Access, in India' at the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade on 13 December 2014.

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Discussant for the paper titled 'Technological Progress with Segmented Factor Markets and Welfare Implications for the Urban Poor' in the session on Trade and Development at the Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance organised by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in New Delhi on 18 December 2014.

Dr. Priyadarshi Dash

Research Associate

- Delivered lectures on international finance module of the M.Phil course on 'International Political Economy' at the School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat (CUG), Gandhinagar, Gujarat during 13-15 November 2014.
- Made a presentation on 'India-China Relations in the Context of Growing Asian Regionalism:

RCEP and Beyond' in Seminar on 'Sino-India Cooperation in Region and Sub-region' held at the Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, China on 22 December 2014.

- Delivered a lecture on 'India-China Relations in the Context of Growing Asian Regionalism: RCEP and Beyond' to the students of Master Programme in international relations at the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Sichuan University, Chengdu, China on 23 December 2014.

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