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Infrastructure Spillovers Green Finance: Towards Sustainable Development

On 29 July 2024 RIS hosted a seminar on "Infrastructure Spillover and Green Finance," conducted in a hybrid format. The seminar featured a distinguished panel, including Dr Naovuki Yoshino, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Keio University, Japan, who delivered a thoughtprovoking presentation on "Infrastructure Investments and Land Trust for Sustainable Growth." Special remarks were provided by Mr Suman Bery, Vice-Chairperson of NITI Aayog, and Dr Rakesh Mohan, Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), India. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General of RIS, chaired the session, which brought together experts from academia, think tanks, and institutes to explore the multifaceted impacts of infrastructure investments on the economy and environment.

The seminar delved into the considerable economic benefits of infrastructure investments, with a particular focus on sectors like ports and logistics. Such investments, participants highlighted, not only generate immediate employment opportunities and foster new business



Mr Suman Bery, Vice-Chairperson of NITI Aayog, is making the presentation.

creation, but they also lead to higher tax revenues due to the rise in economic activity. The spillover effects of these projects extend beyond direct outcomes; they enhance property values and stimulate corporate growth, contributing to an increase in local, corporate, and other forms of taxation due to the uplift in surrounding regions.

A key focus of Dr Yoshino's presentation was on past deficiencies in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework, which have historically hindered the effective execution of infrastructure projects. Challenges in risk-sharing between public and private stakeholders, difficulties in securing long-term financing, and regulatory uncertainties

were identified as critical barriers. To address these shortcomings, Dr Yoshino suggested strategies for more transparent risk allocation, robust regulatory frameworks, and enhanced financial incentives to attract private investment. A noteworthy element of his presentation was the concept of spillover tax revenues, whereby infrastructure developments contribute to broader economic gains-such as increased property values and business activity-resulting in heightened tax collections. Additionally, the seminar explored the use of land trusts as a mechanism for efficient land acquisition and compensation, advocating for transparent processes and

Complementarities between Think Tanks



Shri Ram Madhav, President, India Foundation, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General, RIS and Professor S. K. Mohanty, RIS

On 2 August 2024 a significant gathering took place at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), where a CEO Speaks meeting unfolded with Shri Ram Madhay, President of the India Foundation, as the esteemed guest. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as Director General Professor Sachin Chaturvedi welcomed him and elaborated on the overarching theme of collaboration among think tanks in India. This meeting marked a pivotal moment, emphasising the importance of strategic synergies in addressing contemporary global challenges.

The discourse began with a profound exploration of the Indo-Pacific Region, a focal point of the discussions. It was highlighted that both RIS and India Foundation possess the potential to engage in initiatives that reinforce India's presence and influence within this crucial geopolitical landscape. The participants deliberated on the necessity of forging dialogues and partnerships with like-

minded organisations and nations, emphasising that bilateral and multilateral arrangements are essential for fostering regional security and economic cooperation.

As the dialogue progressed, the conversation seamlessly transitioned to the realm of International Relations and Geostrategy. The collective expertise of RIS and India Foundation came to the forefront, as they convene key policymakers, foreign ministers, and experts from around the globe through highlevel conferences and events. These platforms serve as incubators for addressing pressing global issues, generating actionable insights and recommendations that significantly shape India's foreign policy and strategic posture. The exchange of ideas was not merely academic; it reflected a genuine commitment to creating a more resilient and adaptive foreign policy framework.

The discussions further illuminated the complexities surrounding contemporary security issues. With an emphasis on non-traditional security challenges—

ranging from maritime security and counterterrorism to cybersecurity the dialogue underscored the vital role that collaborative think tank efforts play in establishing a secure and stable Indo-Pacific. A noteworthy point raised was the ethical implications of artificial intelligence, with participants engaging in a thought-provoking examination of how India can assert its leadership in shaping global AI governance frameworks. This conversation revealed a shared recognition of the urgency to align technological advancements with human-centric principles, ensuring that progress serves the broader good.

The concept of 1.5 level dialogues emerged as a crucial theme throughout the meeting. Participants reflected on the significance of these forums, where intellectuals, policymakers, and leaders from diverse sectors convene to exchange insights on India's strategic priorities and policy challenges. Discussions encompassed a wide spectrum of

Advancing Development in the Global South



Mr Samir Saran, President of the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General, RIS

On 9 August 2024 a pivotal CEO Speaks meeting unfolded at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), featuring Mr Samir Saran, President of the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), as the distinguished speaker. The session was opened by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, who provided an insightful introduction that set the tone for the discussions ahead. He focused on the concept of the "Development Compact," a multifaceted framework aimed at addressing the myriad issues that impede development in the Global South. Professor Chaturvedi underscored the necessity of a cohesive strategy that seamlessly integrates economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability, a call to action resonating throughout the meeting.

As the dialogue commenced, Mr Saran acknowledged the profound legacy of RIS in shaping the discourse surrounding the Global South. He commended RIS for its longstanding commitment to promoting development through rigorous research, policy analysis, and international cooperation.

Over the years, RIS has emerged as a pivotal player in facilitating dialogues among developing countries, advocating for equitable trade policies, and contributing to the formulation of sustainable development agendas. His remarks served as a testament to RIS influential role in crafting a more equitable global narrative.

Participants highlighted RIS's remarkable ability to build and sustain collaborative networks among developing nations. Through strategic partnerships with other think tanks, international organisations, and governmental bodies, RIS has facilitated knowledge exchange and joint initiatives aimed at advancing common development goals. This collaborative spirit has been instrumental in amplifying the voices of the Global South in international forums, ensuring that their perspectives are adequately represented in global policy discussions.

The meeting further underscored the importance of deepening engagement with regional organisations such as ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation). Participants engaged in a thoughtful discussion on strategies to enhance collaboration, knowledge exchange, and policy coordination among member countries, recognising that shared challenges necessitate a united response.

One of the key initiatives that emerged from the discussions was the Youth Jakarta Forum. Participants collectively agreed on the critical importance of investing in youth engagement as a cornerstone for sustainable development. Young people, with their fresh perspectives, energy, and innovative ideas, are uniquely positioned to address both longstanding and emerging challenges, making their involvement essential for the future.

A proposal to establish an ASEAN-BIMSTEC Working Group aimed at enhancing cooperation between these two regional blocs was also deliberated upon. This initiative signifies a commitment to fostering stronger ties and

India-Indonesia Diplomatic Relationship



Policy Dialogue on 75 Years of India-Indonesia Diplomatic Relationship

In 2024, India and Indonesia proudly celebrate the 75th anniversary of their diplomatic relationship, a partnership forged in the aftermath of Indonesia's independence in 1949. This relationship has flourished over the decades, grounded in shared historical experiences, cultural connections, and mutual economic interests. Both nations, as vibrant democracies and emerging economies, play pivotal roles in maintaining peace and stability in the increasingly complex Indo-Pacific region.

To commemorate this significant milestone, the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Embassy of Indonesia in India and the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) in Jakarta, organised a Policy Dialogue on 27 August 2024, at RIS. The event, held in hybrid mode to facilitate broad participation from the ASEAN region, featured discussions

on historical perspectives, maritime cooperation, trade and investment, and democratic processes, all while exploring future opportunities to strengthen bilateral ties in the face of global challenges. The gathering attracted academicians, policymakers, and experts specialising in the India-Indonesia partnership.

The day-long dialogue underscored the deepening bilateral relationship between the two nations. Dr Prabir De, a Professor at RIS, highlighted the cultural connections embedded in the narratives of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, which have significantly influenced Indonesian civilisation. He emphasised the critical importance of maritime cooperation and mutual learning as guiding principles for future policy directions.

In her special address, H.E. Ms. Ina H. Krisnamurthi, the

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to India and Bhutan, acknowledged the strategic significance of the Indian Ocean. She noted that both nations serve as gatekeepers, essential to ensuring the security and prosperity of global maritime trade.

Discussions also celebrated Indonesia's status as a valued trading partner within ASEAN, pointing to robust growth in bilateral trade and investment. Panellists emphasised the increasing people-to-people exchanges, evidenced by the rising number of Indian tourists visiting Indonesia and the introduction of a direct flight connecting New Delhi to Jakarta. A noteworthy milestone in this relationship was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank Indonesia (BI) to promote the use of local currencies - the Indian Rupee and the Indonesian Rupiah -

for cross-border transactions. The collaboration has also extended to defense and space, notably through ISRO's initiatives in Indonesia.

H.E. Mr Sandeep Chakravorty, the Ambassador of India to Indonesia, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the unique evolution of Indonesian Hinduism and reflecting on historical ties, including the Bandung Conference and influential figures like Biju Patnaik. He pointed to emerging sectors such as health, pharmaceuticals, and digitalisation as focal points for future collaboration, anticipating increased Indian investments in Indonesia.

The valedictory address by Mr Ashish Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary of the Southern Division in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wrapped up the day's proceedings. He discussed the potential for collaborations between India and Indonesia in the context of G20, G77, and other multilateral platforms, further reinforcing the promise of a partnership poised for continued growth and development.

Second Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC)



Participants at Second Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC).

Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with RIS organized the second edition of the Indio-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC) at Kolkata on 26-27 September 2024 in hybrid. The theme of the conclave was "The India Vision for One Indo-Pacific; Technology in Connecting Trade and Economic Progress". The objective of the conclave was to delve into India's Vision for One-Indo Pacific, which aims to leverage technology to drive trade and economic progress,

fostering a prosperous, inclusive, and interconnected region through digital innovation and collaboration. The conclave was attended by officials, scholars, diplomats and business people of Indo-Pacific participating countries. Ms Paramita Tripathi, JS (Indo-Pacific and Oceania), MEA delivered the Keynote Address, and Dr Amit Mitra, Principal Chief Advisor to the Government of West Bengal delivered the Chief Guest's Address. Sessions were devoted to discuss the technology

and digital cooperation, and some of the plenary sessions "Digital Transformation in Indo-Pacific Trade and Connectivity", "Fintech Innovation and Standardization for Seamless Trade and Payments in the Indo-Pacific", "Roundtable of the Association of Indo-Pacific Chambers of Commerce (AIPCC)", "Harnessing Technology to Integrate Key Sectors into Global Value Chains", among others. RIS was represented by Dr Prabir De, Professor, RIS and Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS.

Navigating the Blue Economy: From Ocean Science to Sustainable Futures



Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies with RIS faculty.

RIS hosted Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, on 11 July 2024 as part of its CEO Speaks Series. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS chaired the session. The RIS faculty members participated in the discussion, which highlighted essential issues like the importance of oceans, coastal ecosystems, and marine biodiversity, technological advancements and infrastructure in marine life, sustainable development and trade, climate change and ocean health, digital oceans, and the potential of future investments.

Dr Nayak's presentation began with a powerful assertion of the Importance of Oceans. He outlined the indispensable role they play in sustaining life on Earth, from the essential resources they provide—food, energy, fisheries, and minerals—to their influence on global weather patterns and climate regulation. More than a mere repository of natural wealth, the oceans are the lifeblood of our planet, and their stewardship is integral to sustainable economic development. This shift from a green economy to a blue one reflects the United Nations' priorities, embodied in Sustainable Development Goal 14 and the UN's 2030 Agenda, which declare this decade "The Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development."

The conversation moved to the fragile beauty of Coastal Ecosystems and Marine Biodiversity. Dr Nayak emphasised the critical role played by coastal ecosystems such as mangroves, coral reefs, and seagrasses. These ecosystems are not only crucial for the sustenance of fisheries and biodiversity but

also provide vital services, including coastal protection, bioprospecting, and tourism. However, their vulnerability to climate change and anthropogenic pressures demands immediate and concerted conservation efforts. Initiatives like the Census of Marine Life and the Indian Ocean Biogeographic Information System (IndOBIS) serve as exemplary models for the documentation and preservation of marine biodiversity, underscoring that safeguarding these ecosystems is synonymous with safeguarding our future.

The session also showcased India's progress in Technological Advancements and Infrastructure aimed at ocean exploration and safety. Projects like the Matsya 6000 manned submersible are pushing

India's Cultural Connect

On 12 September 2024, RIS hosted Dr Sachidanand Joshi, the Member-Secretary of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, as part of the CEO Speaks Series. The seminar brought together faculty members of RIS for an in-depth discussion on India's cultural links to the world. Chaired by Ambassador ST Devare, Chairman of the RIS Research Advisory Council, and moderated by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS, the session explored various facets of India's cultural heritage and its global significance.

The dialogue underscored the urgent need for a centralised repository of Indian culture that would serve as a comprehensive reference for Indian art, culture, and traditions. Such a repository aims to make India's vast cultural heritage accessible to both national and international audiences, facilitating research, public education, and broader engagement. A key emphasis was placed on the digitalisation of India's cultural resources, including the creation of digital libraries for traditional art forms such as miniature paintings. This digitalisation is seen as essential to enhancing accessibility while ensuring the preservation of cultural artifacts for future generations.

The conservation of intangible cultural heritage emerged as a focal point, drawing attention to the non-physical aspects of culture—oral traditions, folk music, dance forms, and rituals—that form an intrinsic part of India's identity. These intangible assets are at risk of being lost, necessitating systematic documentation and preservation efforts. Additionally, India's legacy of traditional texts and shastric



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knowledge was highlighted as a rich area for research. The preservation of these texts is crucial to ensuring that ancient Indian philosophies and wisdom remain accessible to future scholars and the public.

Dr Joshi also spotlighted India's rock art heritage, with its ancient depictions of human societies, animals, and everyday life. These rock art sites, spread across various regions, are essential to understanding India's historical narrative. The discussion pointed to ongoing research and the role of regional centres in supporting conservation efforts, reflecting the broader importance of such cultural legacies. The promotion of Vedic knowledge, which continues to shape numerous aspects of contemporary Indian society, was also discussed as a vital area of cultural study.

A significant topic of exploration was India's deep-rooted democratic traditions. Research into India's historical governance models highlights its role as the "Mother of Democracy," emphasising the civilisational values that underpin modern democratic practices. A project tracing the origins of

democratic principles in Indian history was underscored as an essential contribution to global governance discourse.

The discussion further explored "Project Mausam," an initiative aimed at understanding historical maritime cultural exchanges across the Indian Ocean. The project underscores India's longstanding cultural and economic ties with other nations, aligning with the concept of "Brihattara Bharata" or Greater India, which signifies India's influence across Asia, particularly Southeast Asia. This theme extended to examining the role of cultural diversity in diplomacy, recognising it as a key asset in India's international engagements. In this regard, the National Mission for Cultural Mapping was identified as a crucial initiative to document and preserve local traditions, especially those belonging to marginalised communities.

Another point of emphasis was the preservation of tribal narratives and ancient manuscripts, both essential components of India's diverse cultural heritage. These efforts are critical for safeguarding

The Global South Young Diplomats Forum at DAKSHIN



Global South Young Diplomats Forum at RIS

On 12 September 2024, the Ministry of External Affairs hosted the second Global South Young Diplomats Forum, which brought together representatives from 33 countries in the Global South for a two-week engagement in India. As part of this initiative, the diplomats were invited to DAKSHIN – the Global South Centre at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for a half-day session designed to familiarise them with India's approach to South-South Cooperation.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, the Director General of RIS. He emphasised the significance of fostering connections among emerging leaders in the Global South and highlighted the role of DAKSHIN as a hub for collaboration and knowledge-sharing. Following his remarks, Mr Atul Kaushik, who leads DAKSHIN, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the centre's work programme. He outlined the various collaborative initiatives undertaken with think tanks across the Global South, focusing particularly on key sectors such as agriculture, health, and digital solutions. Mr Kaushik's insights underscored the potential for collective action and mutual learning among nations facing similar developmental challenges.

The session featured engaging discussions led by prominent faculty members from RIS. Professor S.K. Mohanty addressed the intersection of the Global South and trade, providing a nuanced analysis of trade dynamics that affect

developing nations. Concurrently, Professor Prabir De elaborated on the critical themes of infrastructure and trade facilitation, emphasizing their importance for enhancing regional connectivity and economic resilience.

The responses from DAKSHIN and RIS faculty members not only clarified these complexities but also enriched the participants' understanding of the topics discussed. As the session concluded, the diplomats expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage in such meaningful discussions. They recognised the value of these interactions in enhancing their diplomatic acumen and building networks with peers from across the Global South.

Human Resources for Health: Strategic Options for Transforming Health System in India

On 24 July 2024, as part of the RIS CEO Speaks Series, Professor Sanjay Zodpey, President of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), delivered an insightful address titled "Human Resources for Health: Strategic Options for Transforming Health System in India." Professor Zodpey, a distinguished figure in the field of public health, holds honorary and adjunct professorships at renowned institutions including Georgia Southern University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Sydney, Deakin University, Melbourne University, and the Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal. His extensive experience in public health culminated in this important session, which was attended by members of RIS and PHFI. The occasion also marked a significant collaboration with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between DAKSHIN-the Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS – and PHFI.

The session began with Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS, warmly welcoming the PHFI delegation. He offered an overview of the research paradigms of RIS, setting the stage for Professor Zodpey's comprehensive analysis of India's Human Resources for Health (HRH) through the lens of the Health System Framework. Professor Zodpey's address tackled the pressing challenges facing India's health system, particularly the shortages in healthcare professionals, the skills gap relative to national healthcare needs, and the disparities in workforce distribution. He highlighted the challenging



MoU signed between PHFI and DAKSHIN - the Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS

working conditions for healthcare professionals and the limitations in the existing knowledge base that need to be addressed.

Professor Zodpey's presentation was bolstered by data, including the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) 2017-18 estimates, which revealed that among those with a medical degree (graduate level and above), 72.8% are actively employed in the healthcare sector, while 22.7% remain outside the labor force, and 4.5% are unemployed but seeking jobs. This data underscored the workforce imbalance and the underutilisation of qualified professionals, highlighting the gap between educational attainments and their practical deployment in the healthcare system.

In a global context, Professor Zodpey drew attention to the World Health Organisation's projections, which indicate that 99% of the total needs-based shortage of health workers in 2013 originated in low and middle-income countries. By 2030, the demand for health workers

is expected to reach approximately 33.3 million in upper and middle-income nations. Against this backdrop, Professor Zodpey noted a positive trend in India, with a significant increase in the number of medical colleges and allied institutions. This growth represents a crucial step in overcoming HRH challenges and increasing the supply of skilled professionals.

Professor Zodpey's address outlined several strategic options for strengthening the health system from a supply-side perspective. These included the need for comprehensive capacity building for human resources, enhancing the regulatory framework for allied health professionals, implementing reforms in health professional education, and optimising service delivery mechanisms. His vision emphasised the importance of creating a robust and adaptive workforce that can meet India's diverse and evolving healthcare needs.

The event fostered a deeper understanding of India's health sector, sparking discussions on the critical need to bridge the gaps in human resources and align educational outcomes with the demands of the healthcare system. The signing of the MoU between DAKSHIN and PHFI underscored the commitment to advancing knowledge exchange and collaboration between research institutions and think tanks, setting the stage for future endeavors in health system strengthening and policy reform.

Building Bridges through Triangular Cooperation



Capacity Building Programme on Triangular Cooperation

On 19-20 September 2024, RIS organised a capacity development programme focused on Triangular Cooperation in New Delhi, as part of the ongoing RIS-GIZ study on this modality of international cooperation. The concept of Triangular Cooperation is gaining traction as a significant and dynamic approach to development, facilitating collaboration among multiple countries and institutions. The programme drew a diverse group of 12 participants from India and neighbouring countries -Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh-who joined online. These participants represented a wide spectrum, including academia, development practitioners, civil society, and other key stakeholders engaged in the evolving domain of cooperation.

The programme was meticulously designed to equip participants with a comprehensive and multi-faceted understanding of Triangular Cooperation. This holistic orientation aimed to enhance the participants' grasp of the complexities and opportunities inherent in this form of collaboration, which combines expertise, resources, and strengths from different regions to achieve shared development goals.

Key thematic areas addressed during the sessions included Triangular Cooperation's role in women's empowerment, the implications of food standards in international partnerships, and practical challenges faced in the implementation of Triangular Cooperation projects. A particularly engaging focus was on the India-Germany partnership for Triangular Cooperation in Africa, a case study that illustrated the operational dynamics and impact of such cooperative ventures.

The programme featured contributions from eminent Indian experts, who, alongside RIS's inhouse faculty, delivered in-depth lectures. These sessions provided a thorough exploration of the various dimensions of Triangular

Cooperation, from theoretical frameworks to practical applications. The perspectives offered during the programme not only broadened the participants' understanding of the subject but also deepened their engagement with the complexities of contemporary development cooperation.

This capacity-building initiative underscored the growing importance of Triangular Cooperation as a modality that leverages partnerships among traditional donors, emerging economies, and developing countries. The diverse participation and the range of topics covered underscored RIS's commitment to fostering a nuanced and inclusive dialogue on international cooperation, highlighting India's evolving role in this collaborative space. The programme's success lies in its ability to bridge different sectors and regions, creating a shared platform for knowledge exchange and future cooperation in this vital field.

Future Collaboration between Nepal and India



Visit of Young Leaders' Delegation from Nepal at RIS

On 28 September 2024, a delegation of 12 young leaders from various political parties in Nepal visited the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) as part of a programme organised by the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu. Their aim was to deepen their understanding of DAKSHIN – the Global South Centre and to explore avenues for collaboration between Nepal and India.

Mr Atul Kaushik, head of DAKSHIN, welcomed the delegation and presented an overview of the Centre's work programme, emphasising partnerships with think tanks in Nepal. Following this, Professor S.K. Mohanty highlighted the rising significance of the Global South in global economic growth, while Dr Priyadarshi Dash addressed the critical issue of financial inclusion and its role in empowering

marginalised communities.

The session was interactive, with the young leaders engaging actively and suggesting areas for further collaboration, such as youth empowerment and cultural exchange. Their visit underscored the potential for strengthened ties between Nepal and India, driven by the aspirations of its youth.

India – New Zealand Relations: Trade Potential and Prospects

Professor Frank Scrimgeour, Waikato University, Hamilton visited RIS and delivered a talk on 'India-New Zealand relations: Trade Potential and Prospects'. Chaired by Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Former Secretary (east), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi, the lecture was attended by faculty members of the RIS. Professor Frank is an eminent senior professor and trade economist of the Waikato University. He shared his thoughts on India-New Zealand trade potential and the prospects. New Zealand's comparative advantage



 $Professor\ Frank\ Scrimgeour,\ Waik ato\ University,\ Hamilton\ delivering\ the\ talk.$

in agri-food sector and India's in services is a perfect match in trade prospects and value chains. Professor Frank also presented a detailed analysis on trade prospects and discussed the current activities of the New Zealand government in agri-horticulture sector in India. Dr Prabir De, RIS extended the vote of thanks at the end of the event.

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issues, from economic development to national security, reinforcing the need for integrated approaches to address multifaceted challenges. Professor Chaturvedi's reiteration of the importance of building bilateral and multilateral partnerships with like-minded organisations underscored a collective vision for advancing India's strategic interests—particularly in areas that transcend borders, such as security, economic cooperation, and cultural exchange.

As the meeting drew to a close, the overarching narrative resonated: both India Foundation and RIS are deeply committed to the development and implementation of coherent foreign policy strategies. They not only provide in-depth research and policy recommendations but also operationalise strategies through activity-based initiatives and stakeholder engagements. This collaborative approach positions these institutions, along with other like-minded think tanks, as

key players in enhancing India's influence on the global stage and fostering regional stability.

In this academic odyssey, the meeting served as a testament to the power of collaboration and shared vision. The participants departed with renewed determination, inspired to leverage their collective insights and resources in pursuit of a more interconnected and stable world, where India's role is both prominent and impactful.

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coordinated responses to shared regional challenges, reinforcing the collective development narrative.

As the discussion evolved, the participants turned their attention to the shifting geopolitical landscape of the Indo-Pacific. Emphasising the need for regional ownership and a shared definition of this strategic space, they engaged in a conversation about the Indo-Pacific region's critical sea lanes, economic hubs, and diverse cultures. This region, with its complex dynamics, has emerged as a focal point for global trade and security.

Both Professor Chaturvedi and Mr Saran advocated for a collaborative effort between India and Indonesia to define and shape the Indo-Pacific narrative. This initiative aims to ensure that the narrative reflects the priorities and perspectives of regional stakeholders rather than being shaped by external powers, thereby fostering a more inclusive approach to regional governance.

The conversation then shifted towards the exploration of deep technology and its potential to drive significant socio-economic transformations. Participants recognised that for India's burgeoning technology and innovation sectors to thrive, access to external markets is paramount. This acknowledgment of the interconnectedness of markets and technology highlights the need for policies that foster innovation while ensuring equitable access to opportunities.

The meeting emphasised the critical role of a robust research ecosystem in driving development, innovation, and effective policymaking. Such an ecosystem encompasses academic institutions, think tanks, research organisations, funding agencies, and policy bodies

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traditional knowledge systems, which provide insight into India's rich and varied cultural fabric. The discussion also highlighted India's deep-rooted cultural ties with Southeast Asia, emphasising the potential for cultural diplomacy to enhance people-to-people connections through shared heritage, language, and traditions.

The seminar outlined several areas for potential collaboration between RIS and similar institutions to advance India's cultural diplomacy and preservation. Key areas include enhancing cultural ties with Southeast Asia in the context of ASEAN-India relations, joint efforts to preserve indigenous knowledge systems, promoting India's historical contributions to democratic governance, and contributing to the National Mission for Cultural Mapping. These collaborative efforts aim to ensure the diverse cultural landscape of India is documented and celebrated, fostering a deeper appreciation of India's historical and cultural impact.

This event highlighted the significance of preserving and understanding India's rich cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, while expanding India's cultural influence globally. By safeguarding its diverse traditions and promoting its legacy, India not only ensures the continuity of its cultural identity but also enhances its footprint on the world stage, underlining the pivotal role of cultural diplomacy in contemporary geopolitics.

Telehealth – Transformative Digital Health Solution



Workshop on Telehealth - Transformative Digital Health Solution

On 8 August 2024, DAKSHIN – the Global South Centre of Excellence under the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) – hosted a significant workshop titled "Telehealth – Transformative Digital Health Solution." This workshop aimed to explore the vast opportunities for customising and replicating successful telehealth initiatives across the Global South, fostering collaboration among think tanks, experts, and representatives from various nations.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS, who underscored the pivotal role of technology, particularly Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and telehealth, in tackling the multifaceted challenges faced by the health sector. He drew inspiration from the visionary ideas of former President Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, highlighting the potential of telehealth to transform healthcare delivery, particularly in Africa. Following his opening remarks, the workshop transitioned to a series of discussions led by esteemed panellists who shared their insights and experiences regarding telehealth implementation.

Dr Sanjay Sood, Project Director of eSanjeevani at CDAC Mohali, presented the remarkable success of the eSanjeevani platform, which employs a hub-and-spoke model to serve approximately 300 million patients, significantly enhancing access to specialised care in remote and rural areas of India. He was followed by Dr Kim Ramasamy, Director of IT Systems at Aravind Eye Care Hospitals, who highlighted the success of tele-ophthalmology initiatives that have increased accessibility to eye care services while alleviating the burden on tertiary hospitals.

The workshop then turned its focus to the Global South. Dr Rose Ngugi, Executive Director at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research & Analysis (KIPPRA), examined telehealth from an economic and policy perspective, discussing its implications for healthcare systems. Mrs. Ximena

Coronado, President of the Board at Instituto de Estudios Avanzados en Desarrollo (INESAD) in Bolivia, elaborated on Bolivia's telehealth policy and its integration within the Universal Health System programme. Dr Titipol Phakdeewanich from Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand, presented Thailand's 30 Baht Scheme, which offers affordable universal healthcare access, showcasing the potential of telehealth to improve health outcomes.

As the workshop drew to a close, Mr Atul Kaushik, GDC Fellow RIS, expressed gratitude to the panellists and participants, eagerly anticipating future workshops on engaging topics. The event proved invaluable in advancing the understanding of telehealth while facilitating knowledge exchange among research institutions and think tanks. Through collaborative efforts and shared experiences, the workshop marked a significant step toward enhancing telehealth implementation across the Global South.

Digital Public Infrastructure and Financial Inclusion



On 22 August 2024, DAKSHIN convened its fifth workshop, titled "Digital Public Infrastructure and Financial Inclusion." This workshop marked the second in a series focused on digital solutions aimed at fostering the exchange of ideas, sharing best practices, and enhancing capacity under the South-South Cooperation framework.

The workshop began with Mr Atul Kaushik, a GDC Fellow at RIS, welcoming both the panellists and participants, setting the stage for an engaging discussion. He introduced Mr Anish Kumar, Advisor in the Development Partnership Administration – III Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, who delivered a keynote address on the pivotal role of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in promoting financial inclusion. Following Mr Kumar, Mr Nagarajan Santhanam,

Chief Dissemination Officer of MOSIP, India, elaborated on the principles of inclusivity and interoperability inherent in the open-source foundational ID model. Ms. Maria Francis, in charge of Business Development for the Americas at NPCI International Payments Limited, emphasised the significance of the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) in advancing financial inclusion efforts.

The workshop then shifted to perspectives from the Global South, where panellists highlighted diverse challenges and opportunities. Mr Barnabe Okouda, Executive Director of the Cameroon Policy Analysis and Research Center, addressed issues surrounding digital literacy, access to mobile phones, and data privacy concerns, while underscoring the impact of social culture on the adoption of digital

technologies. Mr Zali B. Chikuba, interim Executive Director of the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, discussed the telecommunication landscape and the hurdles in connecting rural populations in Zambia to formal banking systems. Dr Zaw Oo, Executive Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Development in Myanmar, articulated the necessity of DPI as a post-conflict solution, emphasising the need for capacity building in the region. Meanwhile, Mr Deependra Chaulagain from the Samriddhi Foundation in Nepal raised concerns about the duplication of Digital IDs and the challenges faced in establishing a National Payment Gateway. Dr Alexander M. Rusero, affiliated with the Zimbabwe Institute of Diplomacy, contributed to the dialogue by discussing various facets of the digital economy.

The session culminated in an interactive Q&A segment, fostering further engagement between the panellists and participants. In his concluding remarks, Mr Atul Kaushik expressed gratitude to all speakers and attendees, highlighting the workshop's role in facilitating collaboration and the sharing of best practices, thereby advancing the global adoption of Digital Public Infrastructure.

Digital Technologies in Agriculture for the Global South



Webinar by DAKSHIN on Digital Technologies in Agriculture for the Global South

On 30 August 2024, DAKSHIN – the Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS – hosted an impactful workshop focused on "Digital Technologies in Agriculture." This gathering brought together think tanks, experts, and representatives from across the Global South to share best practices and innovations aimed at advancing sustainable agricultural development within their regions.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Mr Atul Kaushik, GDC Fellow at RIS, who provided an overview of DAKSHIN's activities. He emphasised the organisation's commitment to identifying and disseminating effective development solutions and best practices sourced from Global South countries. Mr Kaushik underscored the critical role of digital technologies in addressing the multifaceted challenges facing agriculture, including resource management, productivity optimisation, and climate resilience. He articulated how these technologies could be instrumental in promoting sustainable agricultural development throughout the Global South.

The event featured a series of detailed presentations and technical discussions led by a distinguished panel of experts. Mr Samuel Praveen Kumar, Joint Secretary (Extension and AIF) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)

of India, provided an insightful overview of the government's farmer advisory efforts. He introduced the VISTAAR platform, a cutting-edge initiative designed to integrate technology with scientific research and innovative agricultural practices. Mr Kumar highlighted the platform's potential to revolutionise Indian agriculture by offering farmers real-time data, advanced crop management techniques, precision agriculture tools, and valuable market intelligence.

Dr Srikanth Rupavatharam, Head of the Innovation Hub at ICRISAT, presented data-driven farming methodologies and elaborated on how digital innovations can enhance farm productivity. Mr Gokul Patnaik, Chairman of Global AgriSystem, delivered a comprehensive analysis of the digital agriculture market, discussing its current valuation, projected growth, and the key technological interventions driving this expansion. He emphasised the urgent need for adaptable AgTech platforms that can be localised and customised to cater to the unique requirements of diverse agricultural environments.

The workshop also featured contributions from representatives of other Global South nations. Dr Javier Aliaga-Lordemann, Senior Researcher at INESAD in

Bolivia, discussed the challenges and opportunities within Bolivia's agricultural sector, highlighting the transformative potential of digital agriculture. Mr Federico Bert, Head of the Programme for the Digitalisation of Agri-Food Systems at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in St. Lucia, shared insights into regional advancements in digital agriculture, focusing on how the digitalisation of agri-food systems is enhancing productivity and sustainability. Additionally, Dr S.H. Nuwan P. De Silva, Senior Lecturer at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, detailed research initiatives undertaken by his institution, particularly the development and implementation of IoT-based field monitoring systems and UAV multispectral imaging for detecting leaf nitrogen status.

Following the presentations, a lively discussion ensued, addressing participant inquiries regarding the accessibility of mechanisms like VISTAAR, the diverse agricultural landscapes across the Global South, and the necessity for customising digital solutions to suit the specific conditions of each developing country. The dialogue underscored the prerequisites for the successful implementation of such solutions.

In the concluding session, Mr Atul Kaushik expressed his gratitude to the panellists and participants, noting that the workshop provided attendees with a deeper understanding of digital solutions and their applications in agriculture. He emphasised how these innovations can drive sustainable agricultural practices across the Global South, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among nations.

Advancing Collaboration: Inaugural Training Workshop on G20, SDGs, and Public Policy



Participants at Training cum Workshop on G20, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Public Policy in India took place.

On 12 August 2024, the inaugural session of the three-day Training cum Workshop on G20, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Public Policy in India took place, organised by the Mizoram University (MZU) G20 University Connect Hub Initiative Team. The session began with an opening address from Professor Srinibas Pathi, President of the MZU G20 University Connect Hub Initiative Team, who warmly welcomed the attendees and set the tone for the event.

The Chief Guest, Professor Pravakar Rath, Pro Vice Chancellor of MZU, spoke eloquently about the various dimensions of the workshop's theme, emphasising the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing contemporary challenges. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS in New Delhi and the Guest

of Honour, shared insights into the activities of the G20 University Connect Hub Initiative in India. He urged Mizoram University to take a leadership role in documenting the state's sustainable practices and encouraged faculty to collaborate closely with RIS on the development of the Mizoram Development Report. Dr Priyadarshi Dash from RIS further supported this initiative, contributing to the discussions online.

Following the inaugural programme, the first session featured Professor Swaran Singh from Jawaharlal Nehru University, who addressed the resilience of G20 nations concerning sustainability and multilateral cooperation. Dr Lalhmingliana Renthlei graciously proposed a vote of thanks at the conclusion of this session.

In the subsequent session, Professor Awadhesh Kumar from the Department of Botany at MZU presented on the pressing issue of climate change and its farreaching ramifications, connecting global, regional, national, and local perspectives. The day's final session was led by Professor A. Shyam Kishor, head of the Department of Political Science at MZU, who discussed the significance of the Global South and South-South cooperation in the context of achieving the SDGs.

This programme, sponsored by RIS and organised in collaboration with the Centre for Public Policy and Good Governance, Department of Public Administration at MZU, and IIPA-MRB, witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars, and team members, marking a significant step towards fostering dialogue and action on G20 and SDG-related issues in India.

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the boundaries of deep-sea research, while the Tsunami Warning System, a network of seismic stations and buoys, stands as a testament to India's proactive stance in disaster preparedness and response.

Addressing the interconnected themes of Sustainable Development and Trade, the discussion highlighted the pressures exerted on marine ecosystems by the expansion of trade and shipping. Dr Nayak underscored the need for energyefficient ship designs and electric propulsion systems to minimise environmental impact, aligning with initiatives like Sagarmala, which seeks to enhance port infrastructure and connectivity. The idea of a Maritime Development Fund is also emerging, aiming to support sustainable advancements in maritime activities.

As the discussion evolved, Climate Change and Ocean Health took center stage. Effective ocean governance, as Dr Nayak stressed, hinges on strengthening Maritime Domain Awareness through advanced geo-intelligence and satellite technologies. Yet, he also reminded the audience that technology alone is insufficient; international cooperation remains paramount to address regional challenges and share innovations. This cooperative spirit is embodied in frameworks like the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ), and Coastal Regulation Zones, ensuring a secure and sustainable future for the oceans.

Concluding the session, the emphasis shifted towards the concept of a Digital Ocean. Dr Nayak outlined the urgent need to monitor the impacts of climate change—rising sea levels,

intensifying cyclones, and shifts in ocean biogeochemistry — through comprehensive data integration. A Digital Ocean, combining scientific, environmental, social, and economic data, offers a transformative tool for managing ocean health and fisheries. Future investment in capacity-building, governance, and funding mechanisms will play a pivotal role in this endeavor, ensuring that responsible stewardship of the oceans becomes a legacy for future generations.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, leaving the audience with a sense of optimism and the potential for RIS to take up some of these pressing issues as part of its future research agenda. The day's discourse reaffirmed the commitment to a sustainable Blue Economy, not as a distant ideal but as a practical and pressing priority for our collective future.

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community engagement to mitigate conflicts and delays in project implementation.

The discussions were enriched by several empirical case studies illustrating the transformative potential of infrastructure investments. For instance, the Southern Tagalog Arterial Road (STAR Highway) in the Philippines demonstrated a significant rise in tax revenues in neighboring cities, thanks to improved connectivity and regional development. A similar impact was noted in Uzbekistan, where the expansion of the railway network resulted in a 2.2% increase in GDP by facilitating trade and enhancing connectivity. The seminar also underscored the spillover effects of digital infrastructure, with the development of India's GSM network being highlighted as a critical driver of economic growth, emphasising the role of telecommunications in fostering economic prosperity.

Environmental considerations were an integral part of the seminar's agenda, addressing the ecological footprint associated with infrastructure projects. The discussion on green finance emphasised the importance of carbon taxation as a tool to promote sustainable growth. The proposed model suggested that international carbon taxation could guide firms

towards optimal asset allocation by focusing on after-tax returns, thereby integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making.

The seminar concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, reflecting the audience's engagement with the complexities of infrastructure investment and sustainable development. The event provided a platform for exchanging ideas, underscoring the importance of strategic infrastructure planning, regulatory innovation, and the balance between economic growth and environmental stewardship.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General

- Delivered a Talk on Impact of New Financial Institutions in Regional/Global Financial Growth, organized by NDC held on 2 July 2024 at New Delhi.
- Moderated a Session on Collaborative AI for Global Partnership at the Global IndiaAI Summit, organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) held on 3 July 2024 at New Delhi.
- Speaker at the Swadeshi Sangam

 Kal Aaaj aur Kal', organized by
 Swadeshi Jagran Manch held on 4
 July 2024 at IIC, New Delhi.
- Speaker in the Sixth Meeting of the BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tank (BNPTT) Technical Session-III (Food Chain) held on 10 July 2024 (online).
- Delivered a Lecture on Global Leadership thought Science Diplomacy and International Relation during INSA-NCGG LEADS-July 2024 programme organized by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) held on 11 July 2024 at INSA, New Delhi.
- Made a presentation on INDICES FOR VIKSIT BHARAT: Indian Indices for Global Use at the 98th SKOCH Summit, organized by SKOCH on 13 July 2024 at IHC, New Delhi.
- Welcomed and Context Setting: Transformations towards Life Economy: Addressing Challenges of Inequality and Climate Change at the GALERI Side Event on the occasion of the 4th Development Working Group (DWG) Meeting of G20 Brazil on 17 July 2024 at Rio De Janeiro.

- Panelist in the Roundtable on Agenda for Modi 3.0 on Decoding Union Budget 2024 organized by CIEU held on 26 July 2024 at IIC, New Delhi.
- Speaker at the Roundtable discussions for ACIAR South Asia: Opportunities and Challenges organized by the Australian High Commission held on 5 August 2024 at Australian High Commission, New Delhi.
- Panelist at the Session on Finding Synergies between Blue Economy and Mountain Economy at the BIMSTEC Business Summit, organized by CII held on 6-8 August 2024 at New Delhi.
- Panelist at the Panel on Nourishing Growth: How Public Spending Decisions are Shaping Agricultural Transformation and Food Security in India and Africa organized by ICAE on 07 August 2024 at NASC Complex, New Delhi.
- Spoke at the Distinguished Person Lecture on Industrial policy, Green Transformation, and the Rise of the global south in the 21th Century organized by Institute for Studies in Industrial Development on 9 August 2024 at New Delhi.
- Addressed the Inaugural Session of Training Cum Workshop on G20, SDGs and Public Policy in India at Mizoram Central University Hub held on 12 August 2024 (Online).
- Chaired the Panel Discussion on Policy and regulatory measures for ensuring responsible AI growth with safety, security and content integrity at the Summit on AI and Knowledge Management, organized jointly

- by the India International Centre, the University of Delhi and the Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science on 14 August 2024 at IIC, New Delhi.
- Speaker at the G20 Brazil side event on synergies between climate and development organized by CEBRI on 10 September 2024 at (Online).
- Delivered a Lecture on 'Extent of China's financial commitments including grants, loans, currency swaps, trading in Renminbi' at the China Lecture Series, organized by Institute of Contemporary Studies Bangalore on 11 September 2024 at RN Kao Academy, Gurugram.
- Panelist at the Shaping South Africa's G20 Presidency workshop organized by ODI in partnership with the South African Institute of Internal Affairs (SAIIA) and Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance (NMSG) on 12 September 2024 (Online).
- Addressed The Board Members of Belgium largest Bank Belfius, organized by Accenture India on 27 September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Professor S. K. Mohanty

- Participated in the meeting on Joint Feasibility Study for exploring the trade complementarities between India & Uruguay and comprehensive study on expansion of India-MERCOSUR PTA, organised by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, GoI, on 4 July 2024, New Delhi
- Participated through Webex in the - 6th Meeting of the BIMSTEC

- Network of Policy Think Tank (BNPTT), and made a presentation on Agricultural Trade in the BIMSTEC Region, organised by The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretariat Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 July 2024.
- Discussion Meeting organised by the Ministry of Earth Science on Blue Economy and Potential Collaboration with RIS, New Delhi on 26 July 2024.
- Participated in the meeting to discuss India-Africa Trade Strategy at 19th edition of India-Africa Business Conclave under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, organised by Ministry of Commerce & Industries, New Delhi on 1st August 2024
- Participated as a representative leading the workshop discussions on Blue Economy for the Indian Ocean Region in the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Workshop organised by Australian Border Force in Perth, Australia from 26 August - 30 August 2024

Dr Sabyasachi Saha

Associate Professor

- Participated in the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Forum of the UNESCO in Paris on 17-18 June 2024.
- Addressed the Valedictory Session at the BRICS Civil Forum in Moscow on 3-4 July 2024.
- Delivered a Workshop on "New Development Paradigm of Lifestyle and Wellbeing: Lifestyle for Sustainable Development", organised by The Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary

- Studies (ICPS) of the Parliament of India in New Delhi on 9 July 2024.
- Joined Pre-budget discussion on Sansad TV on 23 July 2024.
- Participated as Speaker in the Webinar on "Science, Technology and Innovation for Economic Growth" – Side Event of the 79th United Nations General Assembly Science Summit on 13 September 2024
- Delivered a talk on "Research Methodology" organised by Sage Publishers at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 13 September 2024
- Participated as Speaker in the Plenary Session at the INDIALICS Annual Conference organised by INDIALICS and KIIT in Bhubaneswar on 20-21 September, 2024

Dr Priyadarshi Dash

Associate Professor

- Participated in T20 Mid-term Conference and Contributed as a Co-Chair to Task Force-3 (Reform of International Financial Architecture) discussions organised by T20 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 1-3 July, 2024.
- Participated in the Sixth Meeting of the BIMSTEC Network of Think Tanks (BNPTT) virtually on 9-10 July 2024.
- Made Remarks virtually on "Women-led Development as a Priority in G20 Indian Presidency" in the three-day National Conference on Women-Led Development: A Game Changer at Manipur University, Imphal on 17 July 2024.

- Participated as a speaker in the International Conference on 'Global Fintech Ecosystem and Fintech-Enabled Trade in Services' organised by University of Essex in Colchester, UK on 22-23 July 2024.
- Delivered lecture on "Blue Economy" to the Sri Lankan diplomats and officials at Sushma Swaraj Foreign Service Institute (SSFSI), New Delhi on 12 August 2024.
- Delivered lectures online to students of Woxen University, Hyderabad on the topic "Asia-Africa Growth Corridor-A Roadmap for Development Cooperation in Indo-Pacific" on 10 September 2024.
- Participated as a Panelist and Discussant in the sessions on 'Green Transport: Strategies and the Economic Future of Cities' and 'Green Infrastructure in BRICs Cities' in the BRICS Green Cities Forum held in Moscow, Russia on 18-19 September 2024.
- Made presentation virtually as a Panelist on "Blockchain Technology & Fintech: Applications in Financial Services" at the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2024 held in Kolkata on 26 September 2024.
- Made presentation on digital payments to the visiting MPs and leaders from Nepal as part of Nepal Young Leaders' Programme at RIS on 28 September 2024.
- Made Special Remarks virtually at the seminar on "Nari Shakti: From Women Development to Women-led Development" organised by St, Joseph University, Nagaland on 30th September 2024.









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