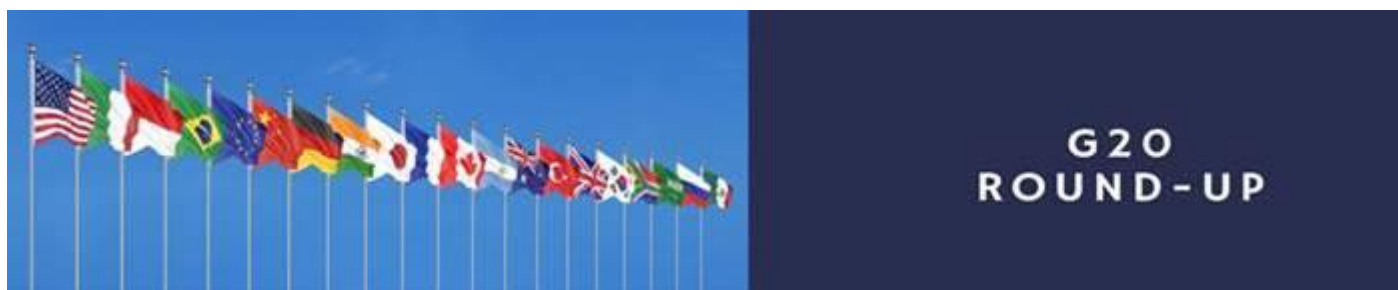




Welcome to the January 2024 edition of ICRIER's newsletter, featuring our G20 Roundup, recent events, publications, and insightful op-eds from December 2023.

ICRIER signed a "Joint Declaration of Intent" with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to leverage the momentum generated during India's G20 Presidency to transfer ideas and knowledge from India to the world. ICRIER and the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) successfully conducted a Capacity Building Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming at India's Land Ports. We released our Annual Report 2022-23, documenting our deeper engagement with the government, growing impact of our research work, newer and stronger partnerships, and steady improvement in our financial situation. Our esteemed faculty contributed op-eds on diverse topics, showcasing our research portfolio from addressing the ultra-processed food challenge in global trade to improving viewing experiences on OTTs.

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COP28 emphasised the need to strengthen the MDBs

At the COP28 climate summit in Dubai, Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) united to pledge to ambitious climate action and unlock more than \$180 billion in climate finance. It highlighted the principle of 'Better, Bigger, and Bolder MDBs.', which was endorsed by nations including India, France, Barbados, Kenya, Ghana, Germany, UK, USA, Senegal, and Colombia. Mr. N K Singh, Co-convenor of the G20 Independent Expert Group (IEG), addressed the discussion on MDB reforms. ICRIER is privileged to serve as the Secretariat to the Expert Group.

Related Links: [cop28.com](https://www.cop28.com) [MDB Reform Monitor](#)



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Joint Declaration of Intent between ICRIER and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)

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In the News: [Business Today](#)



Podcast | The foundation stones for sustained high growth India needs to become a developed economy

In the second episode of The ICRIER Podcast, Dr. Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor, ICRIER, and former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India (1993-2001) speaks with Puja Mehra, Senior Fellow, ICRIER (Consultant) on how the global economy, and India's macroeconomic, trade and industrial policies are aligned for the national aspiration of attaining developed country status by 2047.

Click [here](#) to Watch the Podcast.



Capacity Building Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming at India's Land Ports

ICRIER and Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) conducted a two-day capacity-building workshop on gender mainstreaming at India's land ports on December 18, 2023. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness of the need to integrate gender considerations in processes and behaviour and build capacity among the various agencies operating at the land ports to adopt targeted measures that can create an enabling environment for women at the land ports.

For more information, [click here](#).



Annual Report 2022-23

We are pleased to announce the release of the ICRIER Annual Report 2022-23, now available on our website. If FY2021-22 was the year of consolidation, FY2022-23 turned out to be the year of growth and rejuvenation in ICRIER. The report documents our engagement with the government, impact of our research work, strength of our partnerships, and improvement in our financial situation. It chronicles our pivotal role in shaping the discourse during its G20 Presidency and our collaborations with various ministries and institutions on critical policy matters.

Click [here](#) to download the Annual Report.



Meet our Fellow Dr. Shyma Jose

Dr. Shyma Jose, an ICRIER fellow, specializes in nutrition, agriculture, food security, poverty, and labor market dynamics. Her current focus at ICRIER revolves around India's agricultural growth and nutritional security. With a Ph.D. in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, her doctoral thesis examined informal employment and decent work conditions in the garment industry. Her publications in national and international journals and book chapters encompass food security, gender disparities in malnutrition, education, and informal workforce trends. To learn more about our faculty members, please [click here](#)

SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Shyma Jose

Fellow, ICRIER

Having joined ICRIER right after completing my doctorate, it's been a great learning experience. As a policy think tank, ICRIER hones your skills in crafting actionable plans and actively participating in policymaking. The opportunity to contribute to policy decisions has been the highlight of my journey here. Collaborating with an interdisciplinary team has shaped my perspective, allowing me to view development issues through a micro lens.



GROWTH EMPLOYMENT AND MACROECONOMY (GEM)

Op-eds | Media appearances:

[14-nation agreement on supply chain resilience opens doors for India](#)

Arpita Mukherjee | Business Standard | 21 November, 2023

[Addressing the ultra-processed food challenge in global trade](#)

Arpita Mukherjee | Business Standard | 13 December, 2023

[2024: A gloomier world?](#)

Shankar Acharya | Business Standard | 13 December, 2023

[Sugar taxation could help India achieve better health](#)

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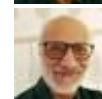
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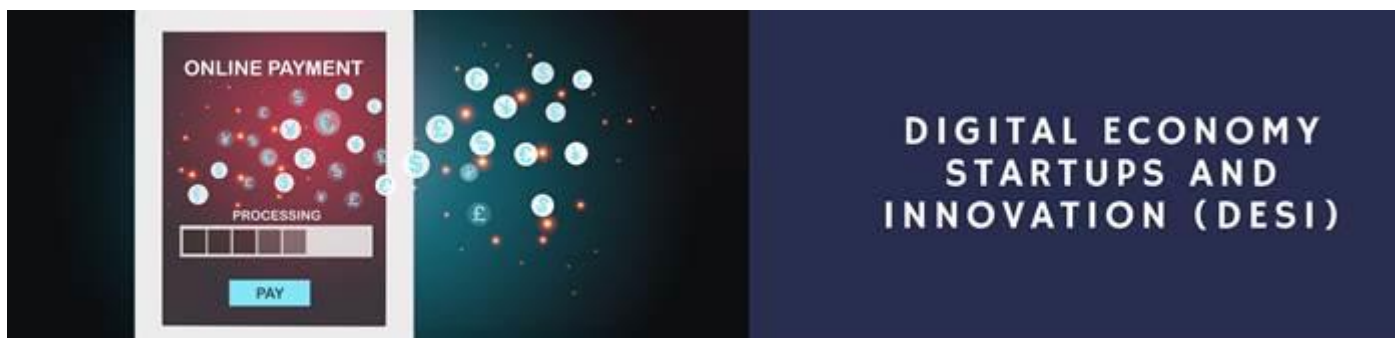
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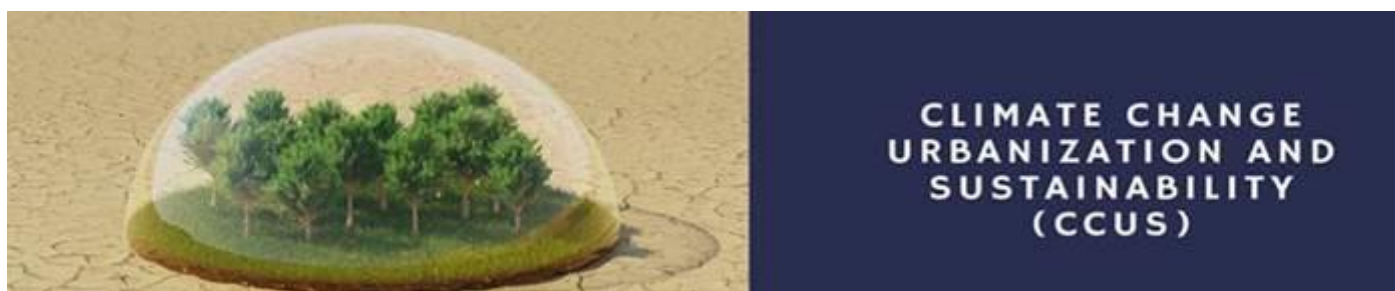
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Op-eds | Media appearances:

[Need a more workable plan](#)

Somit Dasgupta | Financial Express | 8 December, 2023

[The tradeoffs of waste taxation](#)

Himadri Shekhar Chakrabarty, Poulomi Bhattacharya | Business Standard | 12 December, 2023

[All that can be saved](#)

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Somit Dasgupta | Hindu BusinessLine | 12 December, 2023



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