



Welcome to the June 2024 edition of our newsletter, featuring events, publications, and op-eds from the previous month.

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Progress of MDB Reforms: Findings from the Survey of Global Experts

ICRIER organised a webinar on 'Progress of MDB Reforms: Findings from the Survey of Global Experts' on May 29, 2024. The event included presentations from Deepak Mishra (ICRIER), Nancy Lee (CGD) and Annalisa Prizzon (ODI) and Peter Morgan (ADBI). Over 70 participants from 16 different countries joined the webinar to discuss the nature and pace of MDB reforms.

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



Agri Round-UP | Performance over the past ten years and manifesto promises for the future

Join Distinguished Professor Ashok Gulati and Senior Fellow Puja Mehra as they discussed the past decade's performance and evaluate future manifesto promises in Indian agriculture. Their discussion covers key topics, including overall government performance in the agriculture sector, balancing the interests of producers and consumers, price dynamics between consumers and farmers, and a 10-year review of sustainability in agriculture. Don't miss this insightful dialogue on the pivotal issues shaping the future of Indian agriculture.

Click here to [Watch](#) the Agri Round-UP.

ICRIER Delegation Discusses Trade and Connectivity with Indian Ambassador in Thimphu

On a visit to Thimphu from 6-8 May 2004, Nisha Taneja, Professor and TIER Lead for Trade and Sanjana Joshi, Senior Fellow met with Mr. Sudhakar Dalela, Indian Ambassador to Bhutan and discussed trade, transit, and digital connectivity between India and Bhutan. The team also apprised Ambassador Dalela of the policy work being done by ICRIER for greater economic cooperation in the BBIN and BIMSTEC region.

Towards Gender Friendly Ports in the BBIN

ICRIER collaborated with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia and Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry to organize a knowledge workshop "Towards Gender Friendly Ports in the BBIN" on May 7, 2004 at Thimphu, Bhutan. The workshop focussed on the constraints experienced by women entrepreneurs in Bhutan to participate in international trade, especially the impediments faced by women at the land ports. The workshop was attended by officials from Bhutan's Ministry of Infrastructure & Transport, Industry Commerce and Employment, Foreign Affairs and External Trade; National Commission for Women and Children and Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs.





PUBLICATIONS

Estimating loss and damage from climate-induced disasters: An Evaluation using ICRIER 'Prakriti' Model

Author(s): Dr. Amrita Goldar, Ms. Sajal Jain, Ms. Diya Dasgupta

The ICRIER *Prakriti* Disaster Management Model highlights the varied impacts on states like Assam and Andhra Pradesh, emphasizing the need for improved disaster management and climate-resilient infrastructure. Data shows a five-fold increase in climate-related disasters over the past fifty years. From 2000 to 2019, 7,348 reported disasters caused 1.23 million deaths, affected 4.03 billion people, and resulted in USD 2.97 trillion in economic losses.

Click here to [download](#) the working paper.



G20's Contribution to Inclusive and Resilient Global Value Chains While Promoting Involvement of Least Developed Countries

Author(s): Dr. Neha Gupta

This paper analyzes the integration of G20 and non-G20 nations, including LDCs, in global value chains (GVCs) using export and import shares of intermediate goods. Post-pandemic, G20's intermediate trade, especially imports, rebounded quickly, showcasing strong supply chain resilience (SCR), particularly in developed G20 nations. However, there's a significant gap between developed and developing G20 nations in supply and demand for inputs. LDCs remain minimally involved in intermediate trade, necessitating holistic, inclusive strategies to enhance their GVC participation.

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Decommissioning of coal-based plants in India and its ramifications

Author(s): Dr. Somit Dasgupta

The Indian power sector, the highest CO₂ emitter, emitted 1104 MT of CO₂ in 2021, comprising 45% of total emissions, with the iron and steel industry contributing 304 MT. To achieve net-zero by 2070, India must transition from coal to renewables like wind and solar, but challenges persist due to coal dependence and issues with gas, hydro, and nuclear power. This paper explores ideal parameters for decommissioning coal plants and India's path to net-zero by 2070.

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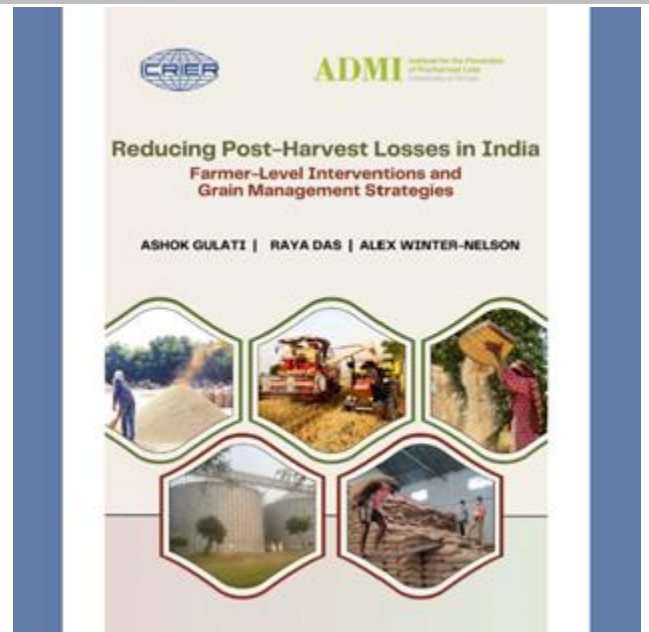


Reducing Post-Harvest Losses in India: Farmer-Level Interventions and Grain Management Strategies

Author(s): Dr. Ashok Gulati, Dr. Raya Das , Dr. Alex Winter-Nelson

Globally, 30% of produced food never reaches consumers (FAO, 2021). Reducing food loss and waste enhances climate health, food security, and sustainability. India loses about Rs. 1.53 lakh crores (USD 18.5 billion) in food annually (NABCONS, 2022). Part-1 of this report analyzes quantity and quality losses in paddy, wheat, maize, and soybean using data from 1,200 farmer surveys. Part-2 evaluates grain management, focusing on rice and wheat, suggesting improvements for India's storage infrastructure.

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Meet our Fellow Diyadas Gupta

Diya Dasgupta is a Fellow at ICRIER, working on a wide range of topics spanning renewable energy, climate financing, climate negotiations, and energy modeling. Some of her noteworthy projects include estimating Nationally Determined Contribution target implementation costs for India, climate negotiations for the G20 Energy Transition Working Group & Clean Energy Ministerial, adaptation financing, and clean energy employment estimation. She completed her M.Sc in Economics from TERI School of Advanced Studies and her B.A. in Economics (Hons.) from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi. To learn more about our faculty members, please [click here](#)





GROWTH EMPLOYMENT AND MACROECONOMY (GEM)

Op-eds | Media appearances:

[Spices hub: Regulatory coop crucial](#)

Arpita Mukherjee, Ketaki Gaikwad | Food & Beverage News | 21 May, 2024

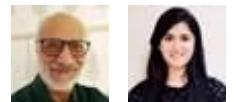


AGRICULTURE POLICY SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION (APSI)

Op-eds | Media appearances:

[Import policy must be well-integrated with minimum support policy](#)

Ashok Gulati, Ritika Juneja | Financial Express / Indian Express | 27 May, 2024



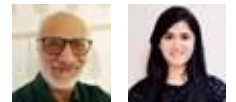
[Feeding India amid climate fight](#)

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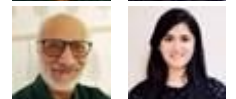
[Sluggish agri exports](#)

Ashok Gulati, Ritika Juneja | Financial Express / Indian Express | 13 May, 2024



[How to tackle food inflation – and how not to](#)

Ashok Gulati, Ritika Juneja | Indian Express | 9 May, 2024



CLIMATE CHANGE URBANIZATION AND SUSTAINABILITY (CCUS)

Op-eds | Media appearances:

[A critical challenge: Market for critical minerals faces geographic concentration, information asymmetry](#)

Somit Dasgupta | Financial Express | 29 May, 2024



[Powering up: Assessing utility preparedness to meet the summer demand](#)

Somit Dasgupta | PowerLine | 14 May, 2024



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