



Newsletter

May 2023

With G20-related activities gathering momentum, and given our significant involvement in them, we decided to add a new section on “**G20 Round-Up.**” We will share the highlights from our engagement in the G20 meetings as well as provide information about our upcoming activities. The last month highlights include providing research and policy support to the Trade and Investment Working Group, Independent Expert Group on Multilateral Development Banks (MDB) reforms and Digital Economy Working Group.

Last month launched the Report, ‘**Express Delivery Services: Supporting the Journey Towards India@2047**’. The Keynote Address was delivered by **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India. We hosted lecture on ‘**Trade, Investment, and Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific**’ by **Dr. Albert F. Park**, Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank. We also organised a joint roundtable on the proposed Digital India Act, titled ‘**Scoping a New Law for India’s Digital Economy**’, with **IT for Change, IPCIDE, Nasscom** and an **IPCIDE** workshop on ‘**Web3: Prospects and Challenges**’.

A two part policy brief ‘Beyond the Stocktake (Part I): Strategies for Leveraging Clean Energy Technology Finance’ and ‘**Beyond the Stocktake (Part II): Clean Energy Technologies**’ was also released last month.

Our media articles in the month of March covered a wide range of topics spanning across **G20 issues, SME, agriculture, employment, energy, trade, logistics, blockchain**, among others.

Notes: May 2023 issue of the Newsletter provides a quick recap of ICRIER’s research and policy engagements during the month of April 2023.

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G20 Round-Up

As the Secretariat to the independent expert group on reforming multilateral development banks, co-chaired by Shri N.K. Singh and Professor Larry Summer, ICRIER participated in the first in-person meeting of the group in Washington DC. [For more...](#)

April 15, 2023

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Related materials: [Reinventing Multilateral Development Banks](#)

ICRIER participated and presented in the first trade and investment working group (TIWG) meeting in Mumbai. Under the direction of the Department of Commerce, and in partnership with International Trade Centre, we are working on the theme of integrating micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) into the global trading system. [For more...](#)

March 30, 2023

Related research: [MSMEs Go Digital](#)

As knowledge partners to the Department of Telecom (DoT) for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), ICRIER supported the side event held ahead of the Working Group meeting in Hyderabad on April 17th, 2023 hosting three distinguished panels to discuss (i) impacts of high speed broadband (ii) connecting the unconnected and (iii) green telecom. [For more...](#)

April 19, 2023



Upcoming G20 Event:

Consultation with Non-State Organisations (NSOs) on Reforming Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)

Date: May 31st, 2023 (by invitation only)

Venue: Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Contact: Raj Kumar Shahi (rajkumar@icrier.res.in)



Publication:

[Express Delivery Services: Supporting the Journey Towards India@2047](#)

Authors: Arpita Mukherjee, Atul Sangneria, Ramneet Goswami

Events:

[Express Delivery Services: Supporting the Journey Towards India@2047](#)

April 4, 2023

Participants: Deepak Mishra, R. S. Subramanian, Rakesh Mohan, Arpita Mukherjee, Atul Sanganerla, Ramneet Goswami, Suvendu Choudhury, R. S. Subramanian, Shri Piyush Goyal, Arpita Mukherjee, Chander Agarwal, Pritam Banerjee, Surendra Ahirwar, Gaurav Masaldan, Deepak Srivastava, Tulsi Nowlakha Mirchandaney, Abhishek Chakraborty, Satyaki Raghunath, Smita Bhandari, Atul Sanganerla



Seminar on Trade, Investment, and Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific

April 24, 2023

Speaker: Dr. Albert F. Park, Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank



Op-eds | Media appearances:

More unpaid work may be driving up India's employment statistics

Radhicka Kapoor | Mint | April 25, 2023

Bring government closer to people

Ajay Chhibber | Business standard | April 21, 2023

Express Delivery Services are a key component of trade facilitation

Arpita Mukherjee | TPCI | April 18, 2023

Benchmarking adoption of e-commerce across the G20 members

Tanu Goyal and Peter Morgan | Hindustan Times | April 13, 2023

Close trade ties with France and Italy will promote Indian exports

Arpita Mukherjee | Mint | April 13, 2023

Quest for value chains and exports

Shankar Acharya | Business Standard | April 13, 2023

Our foreign trade policy bets on e-commerce for an export jump

Arpita Mukherjee | Mint | April 3, 2023





Trade, Investment and External Relations (TIER)

Op-eds:

This is how India's new Foreign Trade Policy can make trade work for women

Nisha Taneja, Sanjana Joshi and Pawani Dasgupta | Economic Times | April 10, 2023



India's Foreign Trade Policy misses out on addressing women's contribution in trade

Nisha Taneja and Shravani Prakash | Economic Times | April 4, 2023



Agriculture Policy, Sustainability and Innovation (APSI)

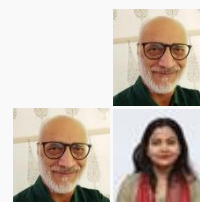
Op-eds:

From Plate to Plough: Beating food inflation

Ashok Gulati | Financial Express/Indian Express | April 17, 2023

Weather vagaries, wheat woes

Ashok Gulati and Raya Das | Indian Express/Financial Express | April 3, 2023

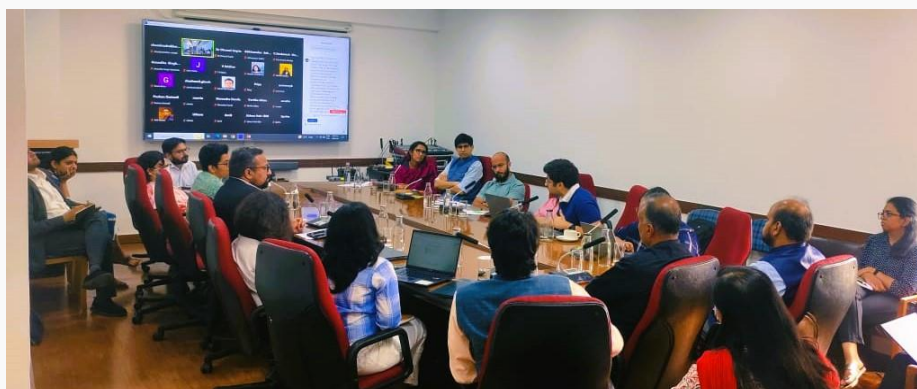


Digital Economy, Start-ups and Innovation (DESI)

Events:

Scoping a new law for India's digital economy: A joint roundtable on the proposed Digital India Act

April 28, 2023



Workshop | Web3: Prospects and Challenges

April 14, 2023

Participants: Deepak Mishra, A Damodaran, Anna Roy, V Raghunandan, Rama Devi Lanka, Rajkumar Upadhyay, Harsha Bhowmik, Manoj Jain, Anil K. Sagar, Fabien Aufrechter, Benoit Sauveroché, Vidya Soundarajan, Abhishek Acharya, Rupa Chanda, Jessica Stanford, Rishant

Kumar, Rajesh Bansal, Henri Arslanian, Nitin Sharma, Santhosh C. Kurup, Manoj A. S, Arpit Sharma, Pranav Khanna, Bhawna Sangwan, Shikha Agrawal, Sristhi Assudani, Sundeep Narwani, R Chandrashekhar, G. Muthuraja, Aruna Sundararajan, Anjana Sinha, Sreedhara Narayanaswamy, Sunil Abraham, Rama Vedashree, Deepak Maheshwari. Mansi Kedia



Op-eds:

[The third-gen web is about public good](#)

A. Damodaran | The Hindu | April 27, 2023



Publications:

[Beyond the Stocktake \(Part II\): Clean Energy Technologies](#)

Authors: Amrita Goldar, Diya Dasgupta

[Beyond the Stocktake \(Part I\): Strategies for Leveraging Clean Energy Technology Finance](#)

Authors: Amrita Goldar, Sajal Jain, Poulomi Bhattacharya



Op-eds:

[Just vs unjust transition](#)

Somit Dasgupta | Financial Express | April 19, 2023



[Hydro policy in a flux](#)

Somit Dasgupta | Financial Express | April 11, 2023



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