

EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS

Advancing India-Japan Economic Partnership – Imperatives, Opportunities and Challenges

April 9, 2025 | New Delhi

As Japan-India relations reach new heights, the seminar on “Advancing India-Japan Economic Partnership”—jointly hosted by ICRIER and RIS—brought together key voices from industry, academia, and policy to explore opportunities in trade, technology, and strategic collaboration. H.E. Keiichi ONO, Ambassador of Japan to India, highlighted the upcoming Japan-India Science, Technology and Innovation Exchange Year 2025 as a catalyst for deepened cooperation across sectors like space, oceans, healthcare, and energy. Amid shifting global dynamics, participants emphasized the need to strengthen India’s role as a key export and manufacturing hub for Japanese firms and boost joint initiatives in Asia and Africa. The dialogue reinforced the urgency of advancing a resilient and future-ready economic partnership.



Make Models in India: Introducing Sub-National Frameworks for Loss and Damage Assessment and Energy Efficiency

April 24, 2025 | New Delhi

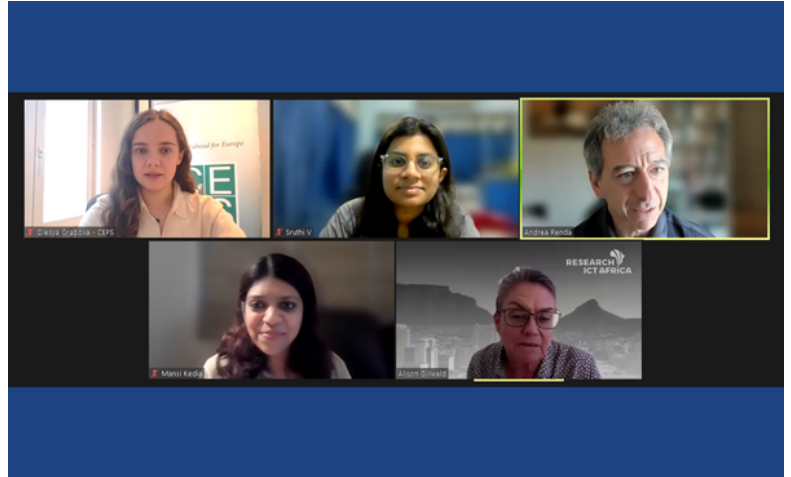
The event explored sub-national frameworks to assess loss and damage and estimate energy efficiency (EE) relevant employment through innovative models—**Prakriti** and **Unnati**. Discussions stressed leveraging open-source economic and climate models for district-level disaster planning, integrating SMEs in climate adaptation, and improving insurance coverage. India’s EE sector was shown to employ over 50 lakh people, with calls to strengthen both foundational and advanced skills in state-level industrial hubs. The event underscored the importance of data-driven, localized approaches to guide effective policy in both climate resilience and green employment.



CoP DPI4D 7: Building the European Digital Public Infrastructure: Rationale, Options, and Roadmap

April 03, 2025 | Online

A recent discussion unpacked the report “Building the European DPI: Rationale, Options and Roadmap” by Camille Ford, Marta Dell’Aquila, Olesya Grabova, Iris Muñoz, and Andrea Renda. It compared DPI efforts in Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and Ukraine, while analyzing the EU’s broader push for a unified “EuroStack.”



Roadmap to Address Vitamin D Deficiency in India

April 08, 2025 | New Delhi

ICRIER in collaboration with the ANVKA Foundation launched a report Vitamin D in the presence of Dr. Sesikeran Boindala, Dr. J C Chaudhry, Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Dr. Dr. Aashish Chaudhry, Trishali Khanna, Latika Khatwani and Dr. Pallavi Verma. The executive summary, which outlines the roadmap to a Vitamin D Kuposhan Mukh Bharat, is now available on our website.



A Manufactured Gender Bias: The State of Women in the Indian Manufacturing Sector

April 09, 2025 | New Delhi

ICRIER’s Economic Policies for Women-Led Development (EPWD) initiative hosted a roundtable on the persistent underrepresentation of women in India’s formal manufacturing sector—hovering around 20% for over a decade. Experts highlighted the sharp regional skew, with nearly 60% of female manufacturing workers concentrated in just three states: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh. The discussion emphasized the need to diversify employment opportunities beyond traditional sectors like textiles, apparel, and tobacco. Key takeaways included the importance of gender-sensitive skilling initiatives, better-designed apprenticeship programs, and workplace environments that enable women’s long-term participation on the shop floor.

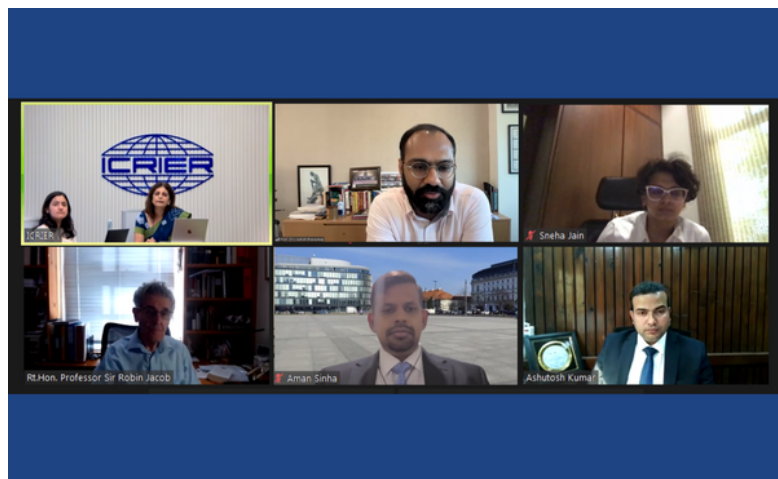
The roundtable called for policy interventions that recognize gender-specific barriers and promote inclusive growth in India’s manufacturing story.



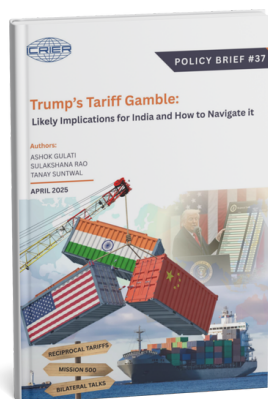
The Future of Standard Essential Patent Licensing: From Courts to National Regulators?

April 29, 2025 | Online

In this webinar Rt. Hon. Professor Sir Robin Jacob, Sir Hugh Laddie Chair of Intellectual Property Law at University College London shared insights on regulatory models for SEP licensing and their implications for both licensors' and implementers' incentive structures. The talk followed by brief comments from expert discussants.



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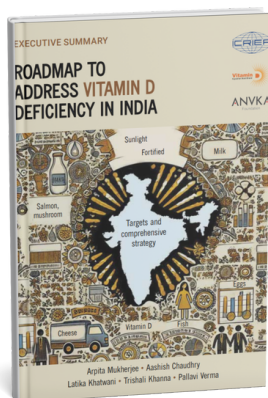


Trump's Tariff Gamble: Likely implications for India and How to Navigate it

Authors: Ashok Gulati, Sulakshana Rao and Tanay Surtwal

On April 2, 2025, US President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing baseline and reciprocal tariffs to address the US's \$1.2 trillion trade deficit. India faces a 26% reciprocal tariff, prompting concerns for its exports, particularly in agriculture. The brief assesses India's export competitiveness amid these tariffs and identifies sectors like textiles, telecom, leather, and machinery as potential areas for growth. India could strategically benefit from China's likely market exit in certain sectors. A constructive response through bilateral talks and diversification of export markets is advised. Strengthening trade ties with the US under "Mission 500" and fast-tracking FTAs with the EU and UK is critical.

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Roadmap to Address Vitamin D Deficiency in India

Authors: Arpita Mukherjee, Aashish Chaudhry, Latika Khatwani, Trishali Khanna and Pallavi Verma

India faces a silent epidemic of Vitamin D deficiency, affecting all demographics and contributing to serious health issues and reduced national productivity. The study aims to develop a roadmap to eliminate this deficiency by 2030, aligning with SDG 3 and SDG 2.2. Based on literature review, data analysis, key informant interviews, and stakeholder consultations, the report assesses India's current status, identifies root causes, and evaluates policy gaps. Drawing from global best practices, it recommends strengthening inter-ministerial coordination, affordable testing, food fortification, supplementation, awareness campaigns, and public-private partnerships. The goal: a "Vitamin D Kuposhan Mukht Bharat."

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