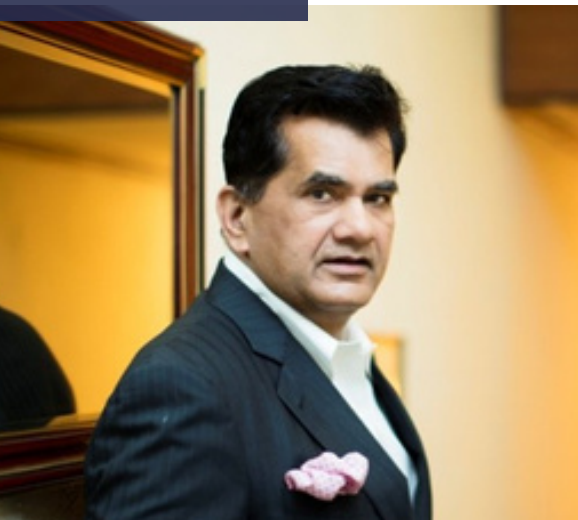


## SPOTLIGHT

**ICRIER Welcomes Amitabh Kant to its Board of Governors**

Mr. Amitabh Kant is a distinguished leader in public policy and one of India's finest administrators. As India's G20 Sherpa, he played a critical role in making India's G20 presidency a resounding success. Mr. Kant has spearheaded transformative initiatives such as Start-up India, Make in India and Incredible India. Known as a decisive thinker and clear speaker with a 'can do' attitude, Mr. Kant has worked across various ministries in the state and the Centre. His work has been pivotal in repositioning India on the global stage – aligning nicely with ICRIER's mission of linking India with the World – particularly in terms of ease of doing business and economic development. We are honoured and delighted to welcome Mr. Kant to ICRIER's Board.

**32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists**

ICRIER recently hosted two insightful lectures during the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists, which brought together economists from around the world to exchange knowledge aimed at achieving global food and nutritional security. On 5th August, Dr. Shenggen Fan, Lead Chair Professor at China Agricultural University, shared lessons from Chinese agriculture for smallholder economies. The following day, 6th August, Prof. Joachim von Braun, Director at the University of Bonn, discussed food and nutritional security in the G20 and the bioeconomy.

**TUNE IN @ ICRIER PODCASTS****Why the World is Worried About Big Tech's Monopoly Power**

In the fifth episode of the ICRIER Podcast, Payal Malik, Professor (Visiting) and Puja Mehra, Senior Fellow (Consultant) discuss Big Tech's monopoly power and efforts to regulate it, especially in view of the Google antitrust court ruling in the US.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED



### A COMPETITION OF THE INDIAN CLOUD COMPUTING MARKET

**Author(s):** Payal Malik, Bhargavee Das, and Harishankar Thayyil Jagadeesh

This policy brief examines the dominance of a few large cloud providers in the global and Indian markets, driven by economies of scale and network effects. It highlights competition concerns like egress fees, bundling, and limited interoperability raised by authorities worldwide. Through research and consultations, the brief discusses these challenges in India and proposes strategies to enhance competition in the cloud computing sector.



### SYNERGIES AND CONVERGENCE IN SCHEMES TO PROMOTE WOMEN-LED DEVELOPMENT: THE KARNATAKA STORY

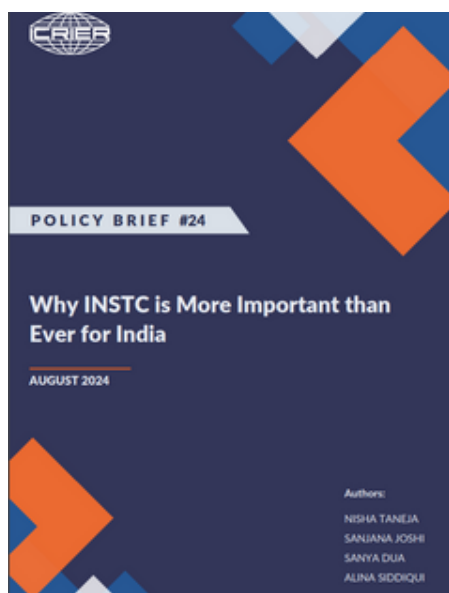
**Author(s):** Deepak Mishra, Shabana Mitra, Shravani Prakash, Cledwyn Fernandez, and Havishaye Puri

This policy brief explores how government programs can be fiscally responsible, efficient, and impactful in promoting women-led development. It highlights successful women-led schemes in Karnataka, like Koosina Mane and Gruha Jyoti, and emphasizes the importance of convergence and leveraging local governance for operational efficiency. Additionally, it calls for policymakers to adopt a more holistic approach to enhance women's participation.

**Synergies and Convergence in Schemes to Promote Women-led Development: The Karnataka Story**

Recommendations from the Second Roundtable of the Network on Economic Policies for Women-led Development (EPWD)

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### WHY INSTC IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER FOR INDIA

**Author(s):** Nisha Taneja, Sanjana Joshi, Sanya Dua, and Alina Siddiqui

This policy brief highlights the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) as a vital alternative route for global trade amid geopolitical disruptions such as rising shipping risks in the Red Sea. The INSTC presents opportunities for significantly enhancing India's trade in the region and achieving the US\$ 2 trillion export target by 2030. The policy brief explores India's export potential to INSTC countries and addresses challenges in fully operationalizing the corridor.

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD



### Exploring Agrivoltaics: APSI Team's Visit to SunMaster Plant Unveils Key Insights

The APSI team—Subhodeep Basu, Laxmi Sharma, Bidisha Banerjee, and Soham Roy—visited the SunMaster Plant in Najafgarh, Delhi on September 2, 2024. They explored SunMaster's Agrivoltaics model, discussing its economic viability, revenue generation, operational challenges, and policy adjustments for better success in India.



Ashok Gulati

### International Conference of Agricultural Economists: A chance to cement India-Africa partnership in food security

Aug 06, 2024 | The Indian Express



Joachim von Braun

### The path to Viksit Bharat runs through fields

Aug 19, 2024 | The Indian Express



Ashok Gulati

### A push to pulses

Aug 26, 2024 | India Today



Arpita Mukherjee

### Lessons from e-commerce policies for MSMEs in APAC

Aug 23, 2024 | ET Edge

## WHAT'S BREWING AT ICRIER

We are excited to launch SustainAnalytics, the new webpage for our Climate Change, Urbanization, and Sustainability (CCUS) vertical. The page features four innovative models designed to tackle key climate policy issues: Samriddhi Global Trade CGE Model, Sampada Regional Waste Input-Output Model, ICRIER Unnati Regional CGE Model, and Prakriti Disaster Management Model. Visit our [website](#) to know more.