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The June 2019 Issue of the Newsletter provides a quick recap of ICRIER's research and policy engagements during the month of May 2019. Our 11th Annual International G20 Conference on "Global Cooperation for Inclusive Growth: Views from G20 countries" was organized on 30th and 31st May. Mr. Subhash Chandra Garg, Secretary, Ministry of Finance delivered a stirring Inaugural Address on India's Roadmap to 2022. India assumes Presidency of the G20 in 2022. The Inaugural address was complemented by an equally inspiring Annual G20 Dinner lecture by Richard Baldwin, Professor of International Economics, The Graduate Institute, Geneva on the rising protectionism being witnessed globally. The video link to the conference is [Video 1](#) | [Video 2](#).

ICRIER also organised the India launch of Professor Baldwin's new book 'The Globotics Upheaval' on 31st May to a rousing reception. A Roundtable discussion on "Current Trade Issues for Developing Countries" was held on 9th May. Consultations with experts on three studies being conducted for the MoF were organised during the month. These included Universal Health Coverage, Society 5.0 and Artificial Intelligence with a Human Face, and Financing Resilience against Natural Disasters.

Prof. Geetam Tiwari, MoUD Chair Professor for Transport Planning at the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi delivered a talk on "Challenges of Mobility in Delhi" on 14th May as part of our 'Conversations in Urbanisation' series in collaboration with the IHC. This was the 21st talk in the series.

Dr. Isher Ahluwalia delivered the convocation address and was the Guest of Honour at Shiv Nadar University's Convocation Ceremony held on May 18th. Rajat Kathuria spoke on the 'Macros with Mythili' show on ET Now telecasted on May 25th discussing the hard economic challenges for the new government.

During the month, ICRIER scholars published several articles in leading newspapers and other media on a variety of contemporary issues such as the growing relevance and challenges of the data economy, the growing agrarian crisis, ease of doing business jobs gender and growth. As you can see, it has been a very productive month at ICRIER. We hope you will take a few moments to glance through these updates and engage further with anything that interests you. As always, we welcome your valuable feedback.

BOOKS, REPORTS, WORKING PAPERS AND POLICY BRIEFS

20 Years of G20: From Global Cooperation to Building Consensus

Rajat Kathuria and Prateek Kukreja

What explains India's poor performance in garments exports: evidence from five clusters?

Saon Ray

Inclusive Growth in India – Learning from Best Practices of Selected Countries

Suresh Chand Aggarwal, Divya Satija and Shuheb Khan

Strategy for Financial Inclusion of Informal Economy Workers

Seema Sharma, Arnab Bose, Himanshu Shekhar and Rohit Pathania

SEMINARS, LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

India Launch of the book titled: THE GLOBOTICS UPHEAVAL

31 May 2019

11th Annual International G20 Conference Global Cooperation for Inclusive Growth: Views from G20 countries

30 May 2019

Presentation on Facilitating Trade through Promoting Ease of Doing Business in India's Food Sector – Streamlining Imports and Reducing Compliance Burden

29 May 2019

IHC – ICRIER Urban Conversations Series: Challenges of Mobility in Delhi

14 May 2019

G20 Stakeholder Consultation on Universal Health Coverage

10 May 2019

Stakeholders' Consultation on Society 5.0 and Artificial Intelligence with a Human Face

10 May 2019

Roundtable discussion on Current Trade Issues for Developing Countries

09 May 2019

Stakeholders' consultation on Financing Resilience against Natural Disasters

03 May 2019

OUR PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

तत्काल दूर करना होगा कृषि संकट

सिराज हुसैन। *राजस्थान पत्रिका* | 31 मई, 2019

जलवायु परिवर्तन की वास्तविक परेशानियां नेताओं के लिए परेशानी का सबब नहीं है जबकि आम जनता इन परेशानियों को झेल रही है।

In his Second Term, Modi can Ensure better Urbanisation

Isher Judge Ahluwalia | *The Indian Express / The Financial Express* | 29 May, 2019

State governments have the principal responsibility for urban development. But in order to deliver, they can and should ensure that city governments are sufficiently empowered to get the job done. The state governments need to decentralise, devolve and empower the cities.

Data, Data Everywhere: Some to Use, Some to Abuse

Rajat Kathuria | *The Financial Express* | 27 May, 2019

Trust has been a scarce commodity in the Indian ecosphere and within the AI-data combine its premium will rise exponentially.

With Victory in his Pocket, what should PM Narendra Modi Deliver to the Nation?

Ashok Gulati | *The Indian Express /The Financial Express* | 27 May, 2019

Agri-marketing reforms should be the top priority in the government's agriculture agenda. Three years have passed and one does not see any acceleration in farmers' incomes compared to the trend line of 3.7 per cent during 2002-03 to 2015-16.

Agrarian Crisis one of the Biggest Challenges for new Govt

Siraj Hussain | *Down to Earth* | 24 May, 2019

Sustainability, more than anything else is agriculture's biggest challenge. Whoever can manage water can claim to be Indian agriculture's

PM-Kisan Allocation Unlikely to be increased if Modi Comes to Power

Siraj Hussain | *CNBC 18 News* | 22 May, 2019

PM-Kisan allocation unlikely to be increased if Modi comes to power, says former agriculture secretary Siraj Hussain

Reforming FCI not a Piece of Cake

Sandip Das | *The Financial Express* | 23 May, 2019

The NDA's PDS reforms have been half-hearted measures.

Easing Regulatory Constraints: A Panacea to Female Labour Force Participation Rate?

Surbhi Ghai | *Law School Policy Review* | 21 May, 2019

Protective legislation for females, with their stereotyped perceptions, are inhibiting their labour force participation rates. They must be revamped.

India's Draft e-Commerce Policy Inspires Comparisons with Discredited ...

Rajat Kathuria | *The Financial Express* | 20 May, 2019

The draft e-commerce policy inspires comparisons with the discredited protectionist model of yore.

From Doubling Farmers Income to Higher MSPs, had BJP Over Promised?

Ashok Gulati | *The Financial express / The Indian Express* | 13 May, 2019

From doubling farmers income to higher MSPs, had BJP over promised?

How Express Mobility can Improve the Ease of Doing ...

Arpita Mukherjee & Angana Parashar Sarma | *Moneycontrol* | 10 May, 2019

As India strives to improve its rank in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business from 77 among 190 countries in

Populous Asia: A 40 Year Retrospect

Shankar Acharya | *Business Standard* | 9 May, 2019

In 1980, Indonesia was the most prosperous. Today, China is streets ahead of the rest.

Why the MSP is not Lifting Agricultural Prices

Wheat Crop should See Record High Procurement this Year, Says Former ...

Siraj Hussain | *CNBCTV18* | 4 May, 2019

Talking about the rabi arrivals, Hussain said, "Actually the prices of most of the rabi crops touch low rates because the arrivals peak around this time. Presently, in many states, the officers are busy with the elections.

It will not Rain Enough in 2019 & that's more Important than Who Comes ...

Shweta Saini | *The Print* | 3 May, 2019

There is an alarming need to acknowledge and prepare for the upcoming monsoons. And it can't wait for the formation of a new government.

RBI's Sandbox Rules Need more Clarity

Saon Ray | *The Financial Express* | 3 May, 2019

The Reserve Bank of India has come up with draft guidelines on "Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox" for the financial sector.

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