

Delhi Dialogue XI, New Delhi, 13–14 December 2019



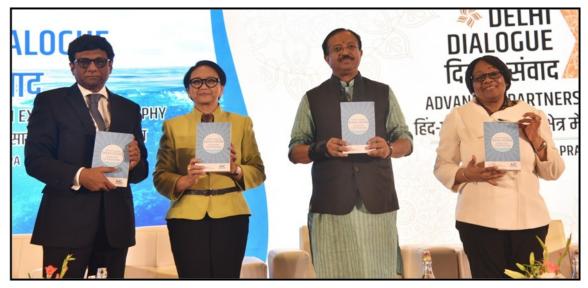
Group photo of Delegates with Dr.S. Jayasankar, External Affairs Minister of India.

fairs (MEA), Government of whereas, H.E. Ms. Retno L.P. tem for Developing Countries Address in the Ministerial (RIS), New Delhi organised the Keynote Session, respectively. logue (DD) on 13-14 December Delhi of the 11th Delhi Dialogue was Maritime Cooperation" was "Advancing Indo-Pacific". Hon'ble Dr S. Dr. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, External Jaishankar, Minister of India delivered the Thanks in the Ministerial Key-Valedictory Address. Mr. V. note Session. About 200 dele-State for External Affairs; and ministers from the ASEAN

The Ministry of External Af- ered the Special Remarks, India in partnership with the Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Research and Information Sys- Indonesia delivered the Special 11th edition of the Delhi Dia- The Proceedings of the 10th Dialogue entitled 2019 in New Delhi. The theme "Strengthe-ning India-ASEAN Partnership in released at Delhi Dialogue XI. Affair RIS extended the Vote of Muraleedharan, Minister of gates including several senior H.E. Dr. Nomvuyo Nokwe, countries along with senior Secretary General, IORA deliv- level officials, subject experts,

eminent scholars, practitioners, diplomats, academicians, researchers, business people and industry leaders attended the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Delhi Dialogue. The Delhi Dialogue XI was a two-day event, which included five Plenary Sessions and a Ministerial Keynote Session. The five Plenary Sessions were (i) Building Bridges in Indo-Pacific, (ii) Indo-Pacific Construct: Emerging Architecture, (iii) Regional Connectivity in Indo-Pacific, (iv) Industrial-Revolution 4.0 and Indo-Pacific, and (v) Future of Multilateral Trading System.

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Release of the Proceedings of 10th Delhi Dialogue by Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs with H.E. Dr. Nomvuyo Nokwe, Secretary General, IORA, H.E. Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia and Dr. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS.

Dialogue ended with the Vale- sor and Special Envoy of the dictory Session focusing the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Way Forward. Mr. Vikas Swa- Thailand; H.E. U Soe Han, Perrup, Secretary (CPV & OIA), manent Secretary, Ministry of Ministry of External Affairs Foreign Affairs, Myanmar; and hosted the Reception and Dr. S. H.E. Mr. Somchith Inthamith, Jaishankar, External Minister of India hosted the Industry and Commerce, Lao Dinner Banquet on the 13 De- PDR. The session discussed cember 2019.

Plenary Session I was themed avenues of the partnership in on connecting the Indo-Pacific the emerging Indo-Pacific arregion. The session was chaired chitecture. Speakers emphaby Dr. Le Luong Minh, Former sized on the ASEAN centrality Secretary General of ASEAN. and acknowledged the impor-The panelists of the session tance of 'ASEAN Outlook on were H.E. Mr. Robert Matheus Indo-Pacific' and also men-Michael Tene, Deputy Secre- tioned the convergence of the tary-General of ASEAN for ideas with India's Act East Policy. Community and Corporate Af- In the next Ministerial Keynote fairs, ASEAN Secretariat; H.E. Session, H.E. Mr V. Mura-Mr. Norng Sakal, Under Secre- leedharan, Minister of State for tary of State, Minister of For- External Affairs (MEA), India eign Affairs, Cambodia; H.E. welcomed the guests and par-Ms. Emaleen binti Abdul Rah- ticipants of the Delhi Dialogue man Teo, Permanent Secretary XI and delivered his Remarks. of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Nomvuyo Nokwe, Brunei Darussalam; H.E. Ms. Secretary General, IORA made

Affairs Deputy Minister, Ministry of shared perspective and new her Remarks. H.E. Ms. Retno

The 11th edition of the Delhi Pornpimol Kanchanalak, Advi- L.P. Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia delivered the Special Address. The proceeding of 10th Delhi Dialogue (DDX) was released. Vote of Thanks was extended by Dr. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS.

> The Plenary Session II was devoted on Indo-Pacific Construct: Emerging Architecture. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi chaired the session. Dr. Alyssa Ayres, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Washington D.C.; Dr. David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow, National Security College, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Australia National University (ANU), Canberra; Dr. William Choong, Shangri-La Dialogue Senior Fellow for Asia-Pacific Security, IISS, Singapore; Dr. Tomohiko Satake, National Institute for Defense

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Studies (NIDS), Tokyo; and Industrial Revolution 4.0 and Prof. Dmitry Mosyakov, Insti- Indo-Pacific was the title of the tute of Oriental Studies, Rus- Plenary Session IV. sian Academy of Sciences Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science (RAS), Moscow were the panel- Diplomacy Fellow, RIS chaired ists of the session. Speakers suggested that though there are special address was delivered diverging issues among the by Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, Vice-Indo-Pacific countries, coun- Chancellor, D Y Patil Internatries could design a common tional agenda to work forward.

The Plenary Session III was Economist, themed on regional connec- ment Bank (ADB), Manila; tivity in Indo-Pacific. The ses- Prof. U Dinesh Kumar, Profession was chaired by Amb. sor in Decision Sciences and Sudhir Devare, Chairman, Re- Information Systems, Indian search Advisory Council, RIS. Institute of Management, Ban-Mr. Rajat Nag, Distinguished galore & President of Analytics Fellow, NCAER, New Delhi Society of India, and Former Managing Director Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar, Head, General, Asian Development The Centre for Excellence in Bank (ADB) made the special Artificial Intelligence, Indian address in this session. The Institute panelists of the session were Kharagpur; and Mr. Vivek Dr. Naoyoshi Noguchi, Head, Saha, Director and Head, Digi-Bangkok Research (BRC), Japan External Trade try 4.0, National Association of Organization (JETRO), Bang- Software and Services Compakok; Arjun Dr. Head, Regional Cooperation Excellence, New Delhi were and Integration, Asian Devel- the panelists of this session. opment Bank (ADB), Manila; Speakers argued that in this Dr Zaw Oo, Executive Director, changing world with changing Centre for Economic and Social dynamics of technological and Development (CESD), Yangon; industrial revolution, Indo-Mr. Seshadri Chari, Member, Pacific countries should con-Governing Council, RIS, New tinue to work closely to unlock Delhi; and Dr. Ganeshan Wig- the potential of IR 4.0 for the Executive Director, region. naraja, Lakshman Kadirgamar Insti- The Plenary Session V was on tute (LKI), Colombo. Speakers future of multilateral trading of this session discussed various issues such as connective chaired by Dr Mohan Kumar, finance, infrastructure, digital Chairman, connectivity and security.

Amb. the session. In this session, University, Akrudi, Pune. Dr. Jayant Menon, Lead Asian Develop-Bengaluru; Technology, of Centre tal Transformation and Indus-Goswami, nies (NASSCOM) - Centre of

> system. The session was RIS. Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secre

tary, Government of India made the special address in this session. The panelists were Dr. Carlos Maria Correia, Executive Director, South Centre (SC), Geneva; Mr. John Hancock, Senior Counselor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva; Dr. Harsha Vardhan Singh, Former Deputy Director-General, WTO; and Dr. Vo Tri Thanh, Senior Advisor, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Hanoi. Speakers of this session highlighted various challenges being faced by multilateral trading and urged for reviving WTO's strength with require modification. Speakers also mentioned that multilateralism should not be neglected, as it is the strength of world development.

The DD XI ended with a Valedictory Address made by Dr S Jayshankar, External Affairs Minister of India. Dr. Jayasankar summarised the two-day event and called for more cooperation in Indo-Pacific region. The Delhi Dialogue XI came out very effective in drawing several new ideas and an action plan to on the Indo-Pacific Viwork Over 200 participants sion. attended the Delhi Dialogue XI. Ministry of External Affairs thanked the organisers for organising the programme. The next edition of Delhi Dialouge will be held in the second half of 2020.

# Third ASEAN-India Workshop on Blue Economy, Bangkok, 12 September 2019

the Ministry of External Affairs on Blue Economy on 12 Sep- India to Thailand. The Workthe National Maritime Founda- of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of tion (NMF), New Delhi and the Foreign Affairs of Thailand Research and Information Sys- delivered the Opening Retem for Developing Countries marks. The Keynote Address

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (RIS), New Delhi organised the was delivered by H.E. Ms. Su-

(MFA) of Thailand, jointly with third ASEAN-India Workshop chitra Durai, Ambassador of (MEA) of India, the Economic tember 2019 in Bangkok. Dr. shop was attended by ASEAN Research Institute for ASEAN Suriya Chindawongse, Direc- Member States, senior officials and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, tor-General of the Department and about 100 participants from ASEAN and India.

> The workshop was divided into four sessions to facilitate an in-depth discussion on Blue



Group photo of Third ASEAN-India Workshop on Blue Economy

were (i) Development in the sources. and sustainable

Economy and to identify spe- new pillar of economic activity ners in taking further the cific areas where ASEAN and in the coastal areas and linked agenda of the Blue Economy. India can cooperate and work hinterlands through sustain- With a view to promoting the together. The four sessions able tapping of oceanic re- development of Blue Economy Blue Economy; (ii) Sustainable knowledge intensive with ex- ASEAN-India cooperation in Harnessing of Marine Re- pertise required from many Blue Economy, participants sources; (iii) Maritime Connec- resources, and, thus, there is a suggested several policy rectivity, and (iv) Maritime Safety need for collaboration between and Diplomacy. The Third India and ASEAN in terms of ASEAN-India Workshop on pooling in expertise. As mari-Blue Economy raised an in- time neighbours sharing a depth discussion on the blue common maritime domain, a economy, which is increasingly common dependence on the seen as a driver of inclusive oceans and seas and a common economic understanding of the imporgrowth and development. In tance of sustainable utilization ASEAN and India, Blue Econ- of ocean resources, ASEAN omy has been identified as a and India are the ideal part-

Blue Economy is in the region and enhancing ommendations.

> The first session was themed on Developments in the Blue Economy. The session was moderated by Dr. Fauziah Zen, Senior Economist, ERIA, Jakarta. The panelist of the session were Dr. Piti Srisangnam, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University Continued on page 5

andran, Vice Chancellor at Ker- biotechnology; offshore and ala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi. The session broadly discussed the conceptual development of Blue Economy in the context of ASEAN-India partnership.

nessing of Marine Resources third session of this workshop. was chaired by Dr. Suriya The session was chaired by Chindawongse, Director Gen- Amb. Pradap Pibulsonggram, eral of the Department of Advisor, ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Dr. Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Yuttana Theparoonrat, Techni- The panelists of the session cal Expert, Southeast Asian were Dr Prabir De, Professor, Fisheries Development Center Research and Information Sys-(SEAFDEC); Mr. Supawat Kan- tem for Developing Countries atireklap, Marine and Coastal (RIS); Resources Research and Devel- Chawawiwat, Faculty of Comopment Institute; Ms. Maria merce Corazon Ebarvia, Project Man- Thammasat University; Mr. ager of the State of Oceans and Twinchok Tanthuwanit, Thai Coasts Project of PEMSEA, Partnership in Environmental and Ibrahim Kholilul Rohman, Management for the Seas of Ph.D, Head of Economic Re-East Asia (PEMSEA); and Dr. N. Vedachalam, National Instiof Ocean Technology tute (NIOT), Chennai were speakers of the session. A special presentation was made by Dr. Savanit Boonyasuwat, Division Manager, Sustainability Strategy & Policy, PTT Global Chemical Public Company Limited (PTTGC). This session covered the progress and achievements made by ASEAN and India in sustainable harnessing of marine resources including marine aquaculture,

and Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramach- deep sea/long line fishing and D&ISA Division, Ministry of deep-sea mining: human resource development; among others. Speakers also identified the specific activities that can undertaken jointly by be ASEAN and India.

Session II on Sustainable Har- Maritime Connectivity was the Department of Supoj Assoc. Prof. and Accountancy, Shipowners Association (TSA); search, PT Samudera Indonesia. Speakers of the session emphasised on strengthening maritime connectivity and facilitate international trade and cooperation.

> The fourth session was on Maritime Safety and Diplomacy. Vice-Admiral Pradeep Director-General, Chauhan, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi was the moderator of this session. Commodore Somen Banerjee, Military Affairs, Director

External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi; Dr. Arron Honniball, Research Fellow, Ocean Law and Policy, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore; Mr. Basilio Dias Araujo, Assistant Deputy for Maritime Security and Sovereignty, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, Indonesia; Mr Thanatip Jantarapakde, Chief of Vessel Traffic Control Section, Vessel Traffic Control and Maritime Security Office, Marine Department of Thailand; and Captain Wachiraporn Wongnakornsawang, Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center were the panelist of the session. In this session, speakers discussed threats and challenges of maritime connectivity and also emphasised towards enhancing maritime diplomacy, maritime safety between ASEAN and India.

Finally, Mr. Asi Mamanee, Deputy Director General of the Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand delivered the Closing Remarks. Mr. Nikhilesh Giri, Joint Secretary, Indo-Pacific Division, Ministry of External Affairs, India delivered the Valedictory Address. Prof. Yasuhiro Yamada, Special Assistant to the President of ERIA gave Special Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.

## Visit of Delegation from the Institute of Trade and Development (ITD) and Indian Study Centre of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, 15 July 2019



Group photo with Thailand Delegates.

About 12 members of delega- korn University was leading tion of ITD and the Indian the delegation from Thailand. Study Centre of Chulalongkorn Delegation interacted with us University from Thailand vis- on BIMSTEC and India's apited AIC at RIS on 15 July 2019. proaches to Bay of Bengal co-Dr Surat Horachaikul, Director, operation. Dr. Prabir De made Indian Studies Center, Faculty a presentation on "BIMSTEC: of Political Science, Chulalong- Current Status and Opportuni-

ties", followed by an interaction with the delegation members on Thailand perspectives on BIMSTEC and other global issues. Mr. Mahesh Arora, Director (Finance and Administration), RIS also participated the discussion.

### Visit of Delegation of Yunnan University, 9 August 2019

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three-member delegation А from Yunnan University, China visited AIC at RIS on 9th August 2019. Visitors discussed several bilateral and regional topics of mutual interests, particularly BIMSTEC, ASEAN-India cooperation, and India-China Cooperation. Delegation was headed by Dr. Li Chenyang, Professor and Vice President, Yunnan University, and other members were Dr. Lu Guangsheng, Professor, Center for China's Neighbor Diplomacy Studies, Yunnan University; Dr. Liu Peng, Associate



Group photo with Delegation of Yunnan University.

Professor, Institute of Myanmar Studies, Yunnan University, Yunnan Province, China; and Mr. Zhang Liang, Counselor, Head of Policy Planning Section, Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China in In-

dia, New Delhi. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS made a presentation on Indian foreign policy and highlighted the potential areas of cooperation between India and China.

Organised a Plenary Session on "ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific, **Opportunities and Challenges for Future Economic** Development", UNESCAP, Bangkok, 9 December 2019



Session on ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific, Opportunities and Challenges for Future Economic Development' at UNESCAP, Bangkok on 9 December 2019

Universiti Kebangsaan Malay- session was aimed to generate sion were Mr. Naoyoshi Nogusia (UKM) organised the 4th deeper understanding of the chi, Head, Bangkok Research ASEAN Economic Integration Indo-Pacific Forum at Bangkok on 9 - 10 ASEAN Outlook of Indo-December 2019. As part of the Pacific (AOIP) and to identify Centre for Economic and Social event, ASEAN-India Centre shared perspectives, new ave-(AIC) at RIS assisted UNES- nues CAP to organise a Plenary Ses- ASEAN, sion on 'ASEAN in the Indo- relations. Dr. Surat Horachai-Pacific, Opportunities Challenges for Future Eco- tre, Chulalongkorn University, Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn nomic Development' at Bang- Thailand moderated the Ses- University, Thailand.

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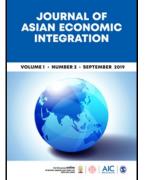
from Centre, JETRO, Thailand; Dr. Zaw Oo, Executive Director, Development, Myanmar; Dr. for Prabir De, Professor, ASEAN-India Centre, RIS, India and Dr. Piti Srisangnam, Director, Academic Affairs, **ASEAN** 

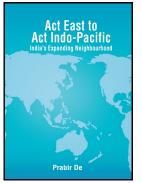
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- ♦ De, Prabir and Kumarasamy, Durairaj (2019) "ASEAN-India Energy Cooperation: Current Status and Future Scope of Cooperation". (unpublished monograph)
- De, Prabir; Kumarasamy, Durairaj and Pan, Sreya (2019) "Assessing ACMECS MGC Linkages and India's Role as Development Partner". (unpublished monograph)
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# AIC Publications (July – December 2019)







#### **Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation**, 2019

This is the Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Delhi Dialogue on "Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation", held on 19-20 July 2018 in New Delhi. This report includes Addresses of External Affairs Minister of India, Head of Delegations of ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretariat and also the transcripts of papers presented. This report brings several useful ideas and suggestions emerged from the deliberations at the 10th Delhi Dialogue. The Proceeding was edited by Dr Prabir De, AIC

#### Journal of Asian Economic Integration, Vol.1, No.2, November 2019

- Evaluating the Trade, Revenue and Welfare Implication of Agricultural Products under AIFTA: an Application of Smart Model by Subhash Jagdambe and Shaikh Mohd Mouzam
- Survey of literature on Measuring Logistics cost: A Developing Country's Perspective by Sanjib Pohit, Devendra B Gupta, Devender Pratap and Sameer Malik
- Market Orientation and Export Performance under ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement: The Case of India's Rubber and Rubber Products by Joby Joseph and K. S. Hari
- Services Export and Economic Growth in ASEAN Countries by Sineenat Sermcheep
- GMS Economic Corridors under the Belt and Road Initiative by Masami Ishida

#### Act East to Act Indo-Pacific: India's Expanding Neighbourhood, Prabir De, Knowledge World, 2019

This book presents several key aspects of India's economic relations and the challenges faced by India in the post-AEP period under several broad themes. Ten broad themes are analysed in this book: BBIN, BIMSTEC, SAARC, ASEAN, MGC, Act East-North East, BCIM, BRI, Act Far East and Indo-Pacific. This book highlights what, in author's best judgement, should be the direction for India's expanding neighbourhood. It is an economist's insight and field experience based analysis that offers guidelines for international cooperation.

## **Research Projects: Ongoing**

ASEAN-India Develop- ment and Cooperation Report 2020	India's engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is
	at the heart of its Act East Policy. As a regional bloc, ASEAN has developed much
	faster than any of the other blocs in the Asia-Pacific. AIC at RIS has produced the
	first issue of the AIDCR in 2015. In last four years, ASEAN-India relations have
	went through several challenges. This is a time we analyse the new challenges and
	come out with possible responses and solutions. In this background Report on
	AIDCR 2020 will provide a comparative analysis of the global and regional econo-
	mies; examine the impact and implications of India-ASEAN integration in view of
	emerging Indo-Pacific; assess policy priorities, effectiveness, implementation im-
	peratives and challenges; and discuss themes central to the economic sustainability
	of the region, including public and foreign policy. The Report will be written with
	the help of both internal and external experts.
ERIA Study on Trilateral Highway	Trilateral Highway (TH) has the potential to become an economic corridor. At the
	same time, completion of TH assumes high significance for ASEAN-India coopera-
	tion. Chairman's Statement of ASEAN-India Summit, held at Singapore 2018, sug-
	gested to complete a study on how to make Trilateral Highway an economic corri-
	dor, and requested ERIA to conduct the study. AIC at RIS has been taken on-board
	by ERIA to do the India country study of the TH.

Research Projects: Ongoing		
Emerging Production Networks between India and ASEAN	This study explores the possibilities to build cross-border networks within those industries on which India has manufacturing capacities and complementarities that match with the demand or supply capacity of ASEAN and vice versa. Besides, this study also makes an attempt to identify the challenges in building the produc- tion networks. In particular, the study identifies the gaps in connectivity and trade facilitation in promoting the production networks between ASEAN and India, and provides the possible remedies.	
Implications of ASEAN Economic Community 2025	The establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 is a major milestone in the regional economic integration agenda in ASEAN. The AEC Blue- print 2025, adopted by the ASEAN Leaders, is aimed towards achieving the vision of having an AEC by 2025 that is highly integrated and cohesive; competitive, in- novative and dynamic; with enhanced connectivity and sectoral cooperation; and a more resilient, inclusive, and people-oriented, people-centred community, inte- grated with the global economy. ASEAN member states aim to complete the AEC by 2025. The implementation of AEC carries economic and strategic implications for India. This study being carried out with aim to analyse the economic implica- tions of AEC for India with particular reference to regional connectivity.	
Forth coming Exonto		

### **Forthcoming Events**

- ♦ 4th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation, Chennai, 6-7 February 2020
- 6th ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT), Bangkok
- 3rd ASEAN-India Cultural and Civilisational Links (AICCL), Hanoi

### **About RIS**

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# **About AIC**

Considering the work of the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (AIEPG), and its Report with recommendations for forging a closer partnership for peace, progress and shared prosperity, the Heads of the State/ Government of ASEAN and India at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit 2012, held at New Delhi on 19 -20 December 2012, recommended the establishment of ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) using existing resources at New Delhi. AIC was formally inaugurated by the Honorable External Affairs Minister of the Government of India on 21 June 2013 at RIS. AIC serves as a resource centre for ASEAN Member States and India to fill the knowledge gaps that currently limit the opportunities for cooperation. The AIC is closely working with both the ASEAN Divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to undertake and disseminate policy research and provide analytical policy recommendations. For more information please visit <u>http://www.ris.org.in/aic</u>



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