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ICRIER-PROSUS Third Annual Conference 2025

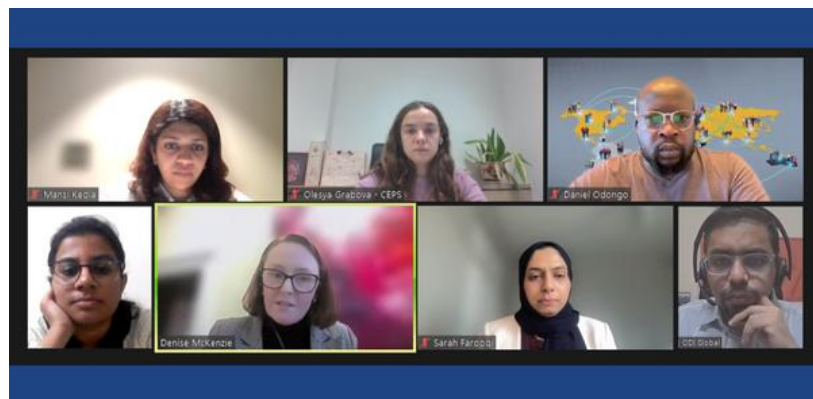
February 28, 2025 | New Delhi

The ICRIER-Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy (IPCIDE) successfully hosted its Third Annual Conference, marking the launch of the much-anticipated State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2025 report. The conference included insightful discussions, expert perspectives, and a forward-looking roadmap for India's digital future. It brought together policymakers, academics, and industry experts to discuss the evolving contours of India's digital economy.



CoP DPI4D 6: Beyond the tipping point: How climate data can decide our future

February 11, 2025 | Online



As part of the webinar series for the Community of Practice on DPI for Development, we hosted a critical discussion on unlocking data for climate action," focusing on collaborative efforts to enhance climate data sharing. The dialogue underscored the need for robust governance and collaboration to leverage data for impactful climate action.

PUBLICATIONS

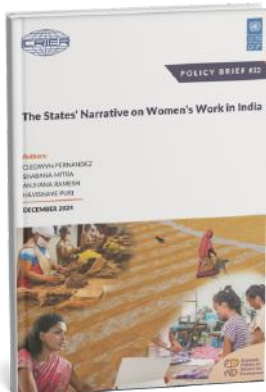


Digital Technology as an Instrument to Bridge the Gender Gaps in Access to Labour Markets

Author(s): *Cledwyn Fernandez, Shrivani Prakash and Havishaye Puri*

Limited digital access hinders female labour force participation in India. Using NSSO 2020-21 data, this brief explores how mobile coverage boosts rural employment, while exclusive access and home internet aid urban women. Digital literacy enhances the impact of mobile phone use on FLPR, but only in urban India. The study proposes actionable steps for joint efforts from the government, private sector, and NGOs to bridge the gap.

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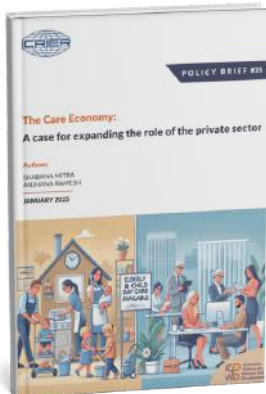


The States' Narrative on Women's Work in India

Author(s): *Cledwyn Fernandez, Shabana Mitra, Anjhana Ramesh and Havishaye Puri*

For India to be a developed country by 2047, narrowing the gender gap in labour markets is indispensable. With 45% of the workforce in agriculture but 55% of GDP from services, bridging sectoral and regional disparities is crucial for growth. This brief examines gender gaps over the past five years and analyses how narrowing the gender gap at the sectoral and state level can boost economic progress.

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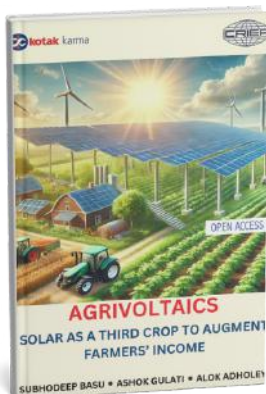


The Care Economy: A case for expanding the role of the private sector

Author(s): *Shabana Mitra and Anjhana Ramesh*

As India's demographic shifts over the next three decades, the demand for elderly and child care will rise. Currently, women spend 30% of their day on unpaid care work, limiting their participation in paid labor. Expanding care infrastructure is crucial to narrowing gender inequalities and boosting workforce participation. This brief examines gender gaps in unpaid care work, the state of India's care infrastructure, and the role of private sector investment in fostering a more inclusive labor market.

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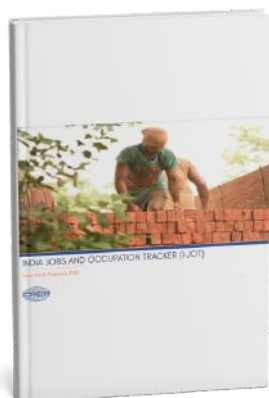


Agrivoltaics: Solar as a Third Crop to Augment Farmers' Income

Publisher(s): *AF Press*

Editors: *Subhadeep Basu, Ashok Gulati and Alok Adholeya*

Agrivoltaics (APV) offers a solution to the growing land competition between agriculture and industry by integrating solar power with farming. As India pushes for net-zero targets, APV can help expand solar energy while ensuring stable farmer incomes, turning solar into a lucrative "third crop." With 60% of India's land under agriculture and nearly half the workforce engaged in farming, APV can ease land pressures, enhance food and energy security, and support climate resilience. As global interest in APV rises, India has a unique opportunity to lead this transition.

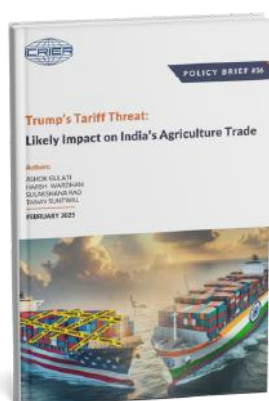


India Jobs and Occupation Tracker (I-JOT): Issue No. 2

Author(s): *Deepak Mishra, Cledwyn Fernandez and Havishaye Puri*

The second edition of ICRIER's India Jobs and Occupations Tracker (I-JOT) highlights key labour market trends from Q3:2024. Urban labour force participation reached a record high, with a shift towards salaried employment, though only half of urban workers receive a regular salary. The PLFS effectively reflects economic changes, showing regional diversity in employment trends across states. However, real wages have remained stagnant for six years, with no signs of convergence across states, indicating limited worker mobility.

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Trump's Tariff Threat: Likely Impact on India's Agriculture Trade

Author(s): *Ashok Gulati, Harsh Wardhan, Sulakshana Rao and Tanay Suntuwal*

Trump's proposed reciprocal tariffs, aimed at reducing the U.S. trade deficit, could significantly impact India's agricultural exports, potentially erasing its trade surplus. With India's high tariffs under scrutiny, retaliatory measures may limit market access. To mitigate risks, India must shift from protectionism to competitiveness by reducing select tariffs, investing in agricultural R&D, and strengthening value chains to sustain export growth and trade stability.

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State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) Report, 2025

Author(s): *Deepak Mishra, Mansi Kedia, Aarti Reddy, Krithika Ramnath and Sruthi Vanguri*

Global indices often underestimate the digital potential of emerging markets, favoring developed nations. However, countries like Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Nigeria are driving innovation because of their large user base and scale of their markets. Traditional rankings overlook unique digital advancements in these regions. To address this, the State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) report introduced the CHIPS framework (Connect–Harness–Innovate–Protect–Sustain), offering a more accurate assessment of digital transformation in large emerging economies.

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FIELD VISITS



Visit to the ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN)

Growth, Employment and Macro-Economy

Our team visited the ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition in Telangana for research discussions on health and nutraceuticals. They engaged with experts at ICMR-NIN such as Bharati Kulkarni, SubbaRao M Gavaravarapu, G. Bhanuprakash Reddy, and the entire ICMR-NIN team for their invaluable insights and guidance.

EPWD team visited Hindustan Zinc's Baroi Mines

Economic Policies for Women-Led Development

The Gender Vertical of ICRIER visited Hindustan Zinc's Baroi Mines in Udaipur, where they interviewed Sandhya Rasakatla, India's first underground mine manager, for the podcast series Uncharted Waters. During the visit, the team explored the underground mines, engaged with employees, and gained insights into both male and female perspectives in the mining sector. The discussions focused on how collaborative efforts are shaping a more inclusive and supportive work environment for women in mining.



OP-EDS

 **The Indian EXPRESS**

Stopping short of the farm

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Raya Das | Feb 03, 2025

Time for India to blaze the trail further on UPI: Build guardrails for data privacy

Author(s): Payal Malik and Harishankar Thayyil Jagadeesh | Feb 07, 2025

Can India replicate the Amul success story for the food and vegetables' sector?

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Raya Das | Feb 17, 2025

Parties must beware lure of cash transfers

Author: Shabana Mitra, Cledwyn Fernandez and Anjhana Ramesh | Feb 10, 2025

Why mandating renewable power buys is not working

Author: Somit Dasgupta | Feb 25, 2025

Can India stay unscathed as Trump's trade wars escalate?

Author(s): Arpita Mukherjee and Aahana Srishti | Feb 13, 2025

Union Budget: Focus on pulses, NIFTEM for Bihar

Author: Arpita Mukherjee | Feb 19, 2025



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Climate change is nobody's baby

Author: Somit Dasgupta | Feb 20, 2025

Delhi's gender budget: its decline and impact

Author(s): Shabana Mitra, Cledwyn Fernandez and Anjhana Ramesh | Feb 04, 2025

A step forward, but missed opportunity for transformation

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Ritika Juneja | Feb 02, 2025

India needs to ensure affordable Vitamin D testing and treatment for all

Author(s): Aashish Chaudhry, Arpita Mukherjee and Latika Khatwani | Feb 05, 2025

Learn elderly care system from Kerala. Their population will double by 2050

Author(s): Aashish Chaudhry, Arpita Mukherjee and Latika Khatwani | Feb 05, 2025

WHAT'S BREWING @ICRIER

Deepak Mishra, Director & CE, Mansi Kedia, Senior Fellow, and Puja Mehra, Senior Fellow (Consultant) had the privilege of meeting Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. They presented the State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2025 report to the Hon'ble FM, and discussed India's digital footprint and related policy implications.

The team is excited for the State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2025 Roadshow, where it will visit various organizations to meet policymakers, academicians, and researchers to discuss the report, the CHIPS technique, and the findings from SIDE 2025.



MEET THE TEAM

This year marks a significant milestone for Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, who completes 25 years at ICRIER in March! A distinguished Economic Policy Researcher, Dr. Mukherjee has worked extensively with governments and multilateral organizations across India, the United Kingdom (UK), Australia, the European Union (EU) and its member states, ASEAN, and the United States (US). Leading large-scale research projects, she has shaped critical policy discussions in areas including sustainable trade and investment, retail and food supply chains, trade infrastructure, start-ups and entrepreneurs, e-commerce, and more. Her expertise spans sector and product-specific market trends, go-to-market strategies, and government policies.



Dr. Mukherjee has been an excellent mentor for young researchers at ICRIER and we are grateful for her invaluable contributions to ICRIER and the policy research community. Congratulations on this incredible milestone!