

#### **EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

## <u>Announcing the launch of Digital Public Infrastructure for Development (DPI4D)!</u>

September 19, 2024 | Online

ICRIER, in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is excited to launch the Digital Public Infrastructure for Development (DPI4D) — a community of practice bringing together 25 leading institutions from across five continents, all focused on building secure and inclusive digital infrastructures. During the inaugural meeting on September 19th, participants shared valuable insights from their ongoing DPI research, highlighting the breadth of work in this space. Stay tuned for exciting updates on collaborative projects and upcoming events!

#### Members of DPI4D – A Community of Practice for Digital Public Infrastructure for Development































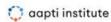






















## Roundtable Discussion on "Navigating Growth Amidst **Growing Global Uncertainties**"

September 30, 2024 | Delhi

in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation, hosted a discussion between Lawrence H. Summers and N. K. Singh, titled "Navigating Growth Amidst **Growing Global Uncertainties"** 



## Release of Policy Brief on India's Carbonated **Beverages Industry**

September 30, 2024 | Delhi

Released by Sh. Praveen Khandelwal, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Deepak Mishra, Director, ICRIER; Mr. Jagadish Prasad Meena, Secretary General, IBA; Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Director, BEDF, APEDA; Mr. Gaurav Sishodia, Vice-President, Invest India; Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor; and Eshana M., External Consultant, ICRIER.











## Closed-Door Stakeholder Consultation on "Making Turmeric a Global Hub"

September 06, 2024 | Delhi

The consultation focused on strengthening India's position as a global leader in turmeric production and exports. Experts shared valuable policy inputs, which will be incorporated into our ongoing study to identify challenges and provide recommendations to unlock the full potential of turmeric exports.

## **PODCASTS @ ICRIER**



## Agri Roundups with Dr. Ashok Gulati Agri-Rural Steps in first 100 days of Modi 3.0

September 21, 2024

Dr. Ashok Gulati discusses the significant actions taken by the Modi 3.0 government in the agriculture sector, and says that real test would lie in effective implementation. Tune in to watch the podcast on ICRIER's YouTube channel.

#### **PUBLICATIONS RELEASED**



#### SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND INDIA'S TRADE AGREEMENTS

#### Author(s): Arpita Mukherjee, Anusha Pal, and Ketaki Gaikwad

Agriculture is crucial for inclusive growth and employment in India, but the sector faces significant sustainability challenges, including fragmented supply chains and high pesticide use. While food security has been achieved, nutrition security remains a pressing issue, marked by widespread malnutrition and over-nutrition. This policy brief provides a strategic vision for a sustainable food system, offering actionable recommendations to enhance production quality, increase farmers' earnings, and improve India's trade engagement.



## CARBONATED BEVERAGES INDUSTRY IN INDIA: TAX POLICY TO PROMOTE **GROWTH, INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT**

#### Author(s): Arpita Mukherjee, Eshana Mukherjee, and Aryan Bisoi

Carbonated soft drinks (CSDs) represent a significant segment of the beverage industry, generating over 44% of global revenue in 2023. India's CSD market, valued at USD 18.25 billion in 2022, faces challenges due to a high 40% tax on all CSDs, including healthier options. This policy brief proposes a layered-sugar tax to align with global best practices, enhance government revenue, reduce sugar intake, and stimulate investment in healthier beverage options, ultimately fostering growth in India's CSD sector.









A negative price pickle Sept 06, 2024 | Financial Express

Somit Dasgupta



Payal Malik



Harishankar Thayyil **Jagadeesh** 

## India's Digital Public Infrastructure: How to ensure healthy competition

Sept 11, 2024 | The Indian Express



**Arpita** Mukherjee



Trishali Khanna

## Adding spice to the value of Indian turmeric

Sept 12, 2024 | The Hindu Businessline



Giving farms their due Sept 16, 2024 | The Indian Express

## **Hope for agriculture** Sept 16, 2024 | Financial Express











How to find the right price for the food crop

Sept 26, 2024 | Financial Express



**Anwarul Hoda** 

## **Co-operation or contention? An agreement on lowering** emissions

Sept 27, 2024 | Financial Express



Ashok Gulati

## What India can do to reduce food wastage

Sept 30, 2024 | The Indian Express



Raya Das

## **Curb post-harvest losses**

Sept 30, 2024 | Financial Express



**Arpita** Mukherjee



Latika Khatwani

## Rickets on the Rise: The Growing Concern of Vitamin D **Deficiency**

Sept 30, 2024 | The Economic Times

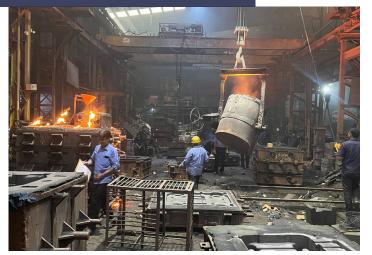








#### **FIELD VISITS**



# Strengthening India's Scrap Steel Supply: Field Consultations in Ahmedabad

Climate Change, Urbanisation, and Sustainability Team (CCUS)

The team conducted a field visit to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 8th to 13th September 2024, for stakeholder consultations aimed at enhancing the supply of scrap steel to support the decarbonization of India's steel sector. Engaging with a diverse group of experts, the discussions focused on strategies to boost domestic scrap steel recovery and secure a larger, sustainable supply.

#### WHAT'S BREWING @ ICRIER

# Bretton Woods at 80: Priorities for the Next Decade



9:00-10:30 AM EST | 6:30-8:00 PM IST



Oct 23, 2024 | Hybrid



CGD's DC Office, 2055 L Street NW Washington, DC

## Bretton Woods at 80: Priorities for the Next Decade

The Center for Global Development and ICRIER are organising a discussion with leading experts and former high-level policymakers on how the World Bank and IMF can address today's global challenges and position themselves for the future. Speakers include **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs and Member of Parliament, Government of India; **Carlos Cuerpo**, Minister of Economy, Trade, and Business, Spain; and **Lawrence H. Summers**, Charles W. Eliot University Professor and President Emeritus, Harvard University, and Chairman of the Board, CGD

#### MEET THE TEAM



## DR. SULAKSHANA RAO, SENIOR FELLOW, ICRIER

We are excited to welcome Dr. Sulakshana Rao as a Senior Fellow at ICRIER! With a rich background in agri-food systems, resource economics, and sustainability assessments, Dr. Rao brings valuable expertise to our team. She holds a PhD in Natural Resource Economics from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and has previously worked as a senior consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. A recipient of the INSPIRE Doctoral Fellowship, her research has been widely published in both national and international journals.







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