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The February 2018 Issue of the Newsletter features ICRIER's research and policy engagement during the month of January 2018. You will be happy to know that once again, ICRIER has been ranked amongst the top 3 Indian Think Tanks in the world in the 2017 [Global Think Tank Index](#) published by the University of Pennsylvania.

ICRIER hosted the 2nd China-India Dialogue: Opportunities for Economic Growth and Climate Action, attended by leading Chinese and Indian economists, policy makers and thought leaders. The discussions were enriching, with both delegations agreeing to continue the dialogue. Other key events included, the IHC – ICRIER Urban Conversations Series: Water: Rethinking Service Delivery in India. ICRIER's presence in research and public policy was also reflected in a host of media articles published in leading newspapers by our staff besides blogs on a variety of issues ranging from WTO, urbanization, jobs, organic food, agri-innovations to the larger concerns of India's economic slowdown and the changing dynamics of a multi-polar international order. We hope you take a few moments to glance over these and also dig deeper into anything that interests you. As always, we welcome your valuable feedback.

ICRIER Ranked India's No.1 Think Tank for Domestic & International Economics Policy

According to the 2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report by the University of Pennsylvania, ICRIER continues to be among the top 3 Indian Think Tanks World Wide. While retaining its position as No. 1 in India, ICRIER is ranked 18th globally and is now among the top 20 think-tanks in the world for international economics. ICRIER stands ahead as India's leading Think Tank in 'Domestic Economic Policy' and is placed 3rd in India for 'Best New Idea or Paradigm Developed by Think Tank'.

Category	Rank in India	Rank Globally
International Economics	1 st	18 th
Domestic Economic Policy	1 st	68 th
International Development	2 nd	47 th

BOOKS, REPORTS, WORKING PAPERS AND POLICY BRIEFS

[2nd India-Pakistan: Trade Perception Survey](#)

Nisha Taneja, Mohammad Usman Khan, Isha Dayal, and Samridhi Bimal

[Trade Facilitation Measures to Enhance Women's Participation in Cross-border Trade in BBIN](#)

Nisha Taneja, Sanjana Joshi, Shravani Prakash and Samridhi Bimal

[Demonetisation – A Golden Opportunity for Widening the Taxpayer Base](#)

Rajiva Ranjan Singh and Anandita Bagchi

SEMINARS, LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2nd China-India Dialogue Opportunities for Economic Growth and Climate Action

28 Jan 2018

IHC – ICRIER Urban Conversations Series: Water: Rethinking Service Delivery in India

29 Jan 2018

OUR PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

Budget 2018: Fix Farmers Woes by Going the Telangana Way

Ashok Gulati & Siraj Hussain | *The Financial Express / The Indian Express* | 29 Jan, 2018

Budget 2018: Farm distress is likely to be one of the major focal points of the Union Budget 2018-19, as the growth in agri-GDP as well as farmers' (real) incomes has fallen to around 2% per annum during the first four years of the Modi government.

Jobs Euphoria May be Misplaced

Radhicka Kapoor | *Business Standard* | 24 Jan, 2018

The discourse on India's inability to create productive formal jobs for its rapidly rising young workforce has been injected with positivity after a recent study Towards a Payroll Reporting in India. Combining enrolment numbers from multiple administrative datasets — the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the Employees' State Insurance Corporation and ...

From Plate to Plough: Challenges from the farm

Ashok Gulati | *The Indian Express* | 16 Jan, 2018

Doubling farmers' income by 2022 will require the Modi government to do much better than it has done in the past four years. The present government lags behind its predecessors in agricultural growth.

From Modi, Manmohan, Vajpayee to Rao, Here is who Generated the ...

Ashok Gulati | *The Financial Express* | 15 Jan, 2018

Although there is still one more year for the *Modi* government before the elections, the flavour of first four years is now available. The *agri*-GDP growth has plunged to just 1.9%, exactly half of 3.8% achieved in the first four years of the Manmohan *Singh* era (UPA-1).

Global Disorder vs Economic Progress

Shankar Acharya | *Business Standard* | 11 Jan, 2018

The past year has been a bad one for the underlying global political and economic order. Consider the following events and trends: Despite apocalyptic threats from the Donald Trump administration, North Korea's nuclear and missile capability increased demonstrably to high levels, significantly raising...

Swachh Bharat: A Public Health Crisis is Upon Us

Isher Judge Ahluwalia | *Business Standard* | 10 Jan, 2018

A campaign for Swachh Bharat Mission says 'put away your waste, make your city clean', but where should it be put away? A proper disposal mechanism is the only way forward.

Budget and Beyond: This is the Modi Moment, if He Gets this Right ...

Ashok Gulati | *Firstpost* | 9 Jan, 2018

Previous budgets of this government have given huge amounts for irrigation, but of the 99 projects that were to be completed by 2019, only 10 have been completed.

From Plate to Plough: Left Behind on the Farm

Ashok Gulati & Siraj Hussain | *The Indian Express* | 02 Jan, 2018

Farmers have suffered in the last three-and-a-half years. For the prime minister and the BJP, agricultural reforms make both economic and political sense.

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