

EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS

24th Neemrana Conference

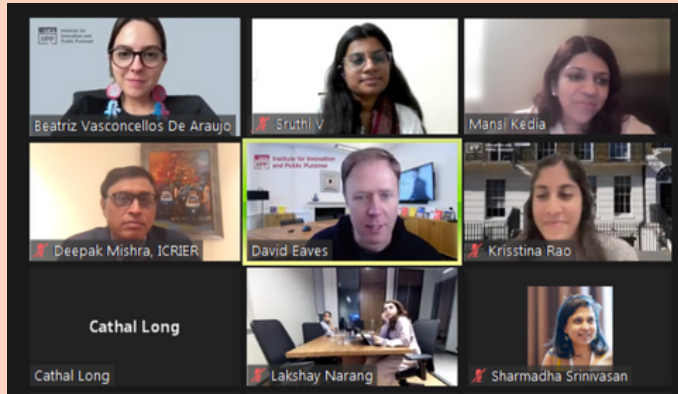
December 20-22, 2024 | Rajasthan

ICRIER, in collaboration with NCAER, hosted the 24th Neemrana Conference from December 20–22, 2024. Featuring an excellent line-up of speakers and guests, the conference brought together more than 50 renowned academics, economists, policymakers, and private sector leaders to discuss contemporary topics of national importance such as dollar hegemony, the middle-income trap, India's development models, exchange rate management, India's strategy toward China, the digital economy, and the reform of the Indian statistical system, among others.

Glimpses from the three-day conference!



Global Community of Practice on “Digital Public Infrastructures for Development (DPI4D)”



Third Event: Unpacking the “public” in DPI and exploring country examples using the DPI map

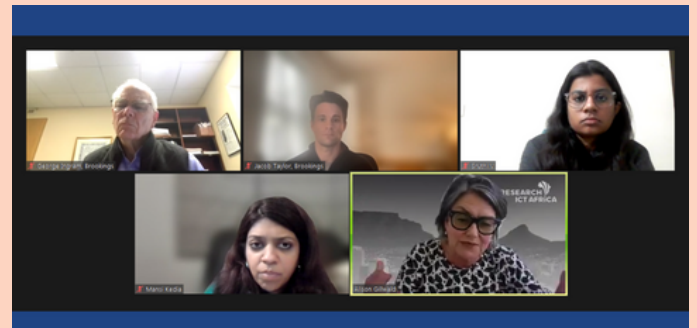
December 10, 2024 | Online

This session explored the “publicness” of the Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) with presentations by Beatriz Vasconcellos, Research Fellow, UCL IPP and Kristina Rao, Research Fellow and Project Manager- DPI Map, UCL IIPP. Topics included public value in DPI and exploration of country examples using the DPI Map. Followed by an interactive Q&A segment that allowed for in-depth discussions.

Fourth Event: Role of DPI in advancing progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

December 17, 2024 | Online

Jacob Taylor, Fellow and George Ingram, Senior Fellow, from the Global Economy and Development, Brookings Centre for Sustainable Development spoke to highlight DPI's role in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They gave presentations on topics ranging from digital cash transfers to resilience-building in fragile contexts. Group discussions enriched the dialogue on how DPI can drive progress on SDG1 and beyond.



AI | Markets | Competition: Webinar Series



Assessing the Competitive Dynamics of AI Partnerships

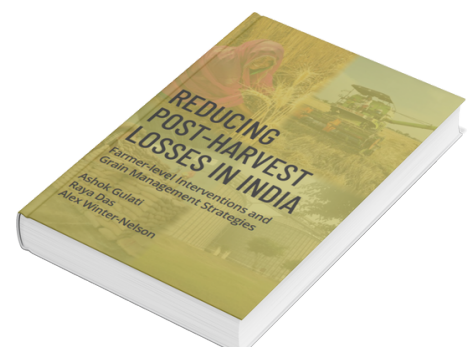
December 18, 2024 | Hybrid

Christophe Carugati is a senior economist and founder of an advisory firm, Digital Competition. Carugati delved into the dynamics of AI partnerships, followed by a Q&A session. The session offered actionable insights for those navigating the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

WHAT'S BREWING @ICRIER

Book Launch: Reducing Post-harvest Losses in India

Globally 30 percent of the food produced never reaches a human stomach (FAO, 2021). Edited by Ashok Gulati, Raya Das, and Alex Winter-Nelson, this book tackles the critical issue of food loss in India. According to FAO 2021, 13.2 percent of the world's food is lost from harvest to the retail stage. Drawing on global insights, it talks about the SDG 12.3 aims to halve per capita global food waste and reduce food losses substantially by 2030.



PUBLICATIONS RELEASED



Navigating SEP Licensing: Insights from Indian Jurisprudence

Author(s): *Payal Malik, Aman Sinha and Harishankar Jagadeesh*

This policy brief explores the evolution of Indian jurisprudence on licensing and enforcing Standard Essential Patents (SEPs), which are crucial for technologies like mobile phones and IoT. SEPs enable seamless connectivity and are vital to India's technological ambitions. The brief highlights challenges in SEP licensing, including power imbalances between patent holders and implementers, and reviews how Indian courts emphasize good-faith negotiations while upholding SEP holder rights. It suggests the need for guidelines or mechanisms to support startups in enforcing their IPR, fostering innovation.



Policy Landscape for Transition Towards Carbon Neutral Steel Sector

Author(s): *Amrita Goldar, Md Sarwar Ali, Malay Kotal, Poulomi Bhattacharya, Ismail Haque*

In 2018, India's iron and steel sector contributed 9% of national greenhouse gas emissions. Achieving carbon neutrality by 2070 requires green steel strategies and policy frameworks for supply, demand, and export promotion, which are still underdeveloped. This study reviews G20 decarbonization policies and prioritizes strategies for India through stakeholder input. Key interventions include technological upgrades, energy efficiency, green procurement, and improved financing for low-carbon technologies, outlining a unified pathway for a sustainable steel sector transition.

FIELD VISITS

Bridging Borders: Insights from India-Bhutan Trade Corridors

Team Trade, Investment, and Economic Relations (TIER)

ICRIER's TIER team embarked on a field visit to Jaigaon, West Bengal, and Phuentsholing, Bhutan from December 17 - 19, 2024. The visit offered valuable insights into cross-border trade dynamics. Key consultations included discussions with the Jaigaon Land Customs Station team, the Indian Consulate in Phuentsholing, and local experts.

Bhupinder Kumar and his team at the Indian Consulate provided critical perspectives on trade, while Pasang Doma Bhutia, Assistant Commissioner of Customs and the Superintendents, Jaigaon LCS highlighted the strides made in digitizing customs operations and the ongoing trade facilitation measures.





Exploring the Boost in Supply of Scrap Steel

Climate Change, Urbanisation, and Sustainability (CCUS)

The CCUS team conducted stakeholder consultations in Mumbai and Pune, Maharashtra, from December 2–7, 2024. The discussions revolved around strategies to enhance the domestic supply of scrap steel as a vital resource for decarbonizing India's steel sector. Experts from diverse domains shared insights on improving domestic recovery systems to ensure a larger supply of scrap steel.

MEDIA MENTIONS

 **The Indian EXPRESS**

All is not well with soil

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Ritika Juneja | Dec 09, 2024

Farms as sites of nurturing

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Ritika Juneja | Dec 23, 2024

Manmohan to Muhammad Ali, with humility

Author(s): Ashok Gulati and Ritika Juneja | Dec 28, 2024

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Mauritius is a strategic gateway for our collaboration with Africa

Author(s): Arpita Mukherjee | Dec 03, 2024



Hindustan Times

Can ICJ deliver climate justice to Global South?

Author(s): Somit Dasgupta | Dec 10, 2024

Making India's medical value travel sector more resilient

Author(s): Nisha Taneja, Sanjana Joshi, Nirlipta Rath and Vasudha Upreti | Dec 18, 2024

 **THE ECONOMIC TIMES**

Building an inclusive cybersecurity ecosystem requires trust and accessibility across demographic

Interview of Pramod Bhasin, Chairperson, ICRIER | Dec 02, 2024

Turning Trump's tariffs on China into opportunities: These are the Indian products with additional export potential

Author(s): Nisha Taneja | Dec 09, 2024

 **businessline**

Ease care burden on women

Author(s): Shabana Mitra, Havishaye Puri and Anjhana Ramesh | Dec 20, 2024

Business Standard

India's economic revolution of 1991: Manmohan Singh's lasting legacy

Author(s): Shankar Acharya | Dec 29, 2024

 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**
Read to Lead

Placing Indian agriculture on the global map

Author(s): Arpita Mukherjee and Ketaki Gaikwad | Dec 19, 2024



AI: The hype and reality

Pramod Bhasin, Chairman of ICRIER, delves into the topic of Artificial Intelligence: The Hype and Reality. In this discussion, he explores critical aspects such as the impact of AI on jobs, the level of investment in AI, its potential benefits, the challenges associated with AI adoption, and India's role in shaping AI development. The conversation provides valuable insights into the evolving landscape of AI and its implications for the future.

The Neemrana Diaries.

As part of the Neemrana Conference, ICRIER's Senior Fellow (Consultant), Puja Mehra, engaged in insightful conversations with esteemed guests, including D. Subbarao, Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Prof. Hélène Rey, Lord Bagri Professor of Economics at the London Business School; Ila Patnaik, Chief Economist at the Aditya Birla Group; Viral Acharya, Former Deputy Governor of the RBI; and Rajeswari Sengupta, Associate Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR). These conversations provided valuable perspectives on some of the most pressing issues in economics and policy today.



UPDATES FROM THE TEAM



Prof. Ashok Gulati wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Prof. Ashok Gulati, distinguished professor at ICRIER has been honored with the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the fertilizer sector. The award is instituted by IFFCO in the name of U.S. Awasthi and given by Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers, and Health and Family Welfare.