

CUTS CCIER ACTIVITIES REPORT



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Socially Sensitive Sectors Need to be Prioritised



CUTS International and CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) in partnership with the BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and European University Institute (EUI) organised the 8th Biennial Conference on Competition, Regulation and Development in New Delhi, India on October 09-10, 2023.

The Conference deliberated upon some of the socially sensitive sectors and issues, from the perspective of the global south in its five technical sessions – Regulatory Deficit in Access to Healthcare; Food and Agriculture – Trade and Competition; Employment and Gig Economy – Role of Competition and Regulation; Climate Change and Competition Policy – What Global South has to offer?; and Responsible ICT and Inclusive Digital Economy.

In addition, there was an Inaugural Session featuring a Keynote Address by Bhubaneswar Kalita, Member of Parliament and Chairperson Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, India; and a Valedictory Session where thought leaders chalked out a way forward.

The Conference was graced by dignitaries including Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International and Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC); Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Frederic Jenny, Chairman, OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee; Willard Mwemba, Director and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission; Simeon Konan Koffi, Executive Director, ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority; Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority; Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russia; Vítor Oliveira Fernandes, Commissioner, Administrative Council for Economic Defence (CADE), Brazil; Hardin Ratshisusu, Deputy Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa; Marat Omarov, Chairman, Agency for Protection and Development of Competition, Republic of Kazakhstan; and Alexey Ivanov, Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre among others.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/8th-cuts-circ-biennial-conference-on-competition-regulation-and-development/>

Electrifying the Medium & Heavy-Duty Vehicle Industry



CUTS International organised a Roundtable Dialogue on 'Electrifying the Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicle Industry' in Jaipur, on October 19, 2023. The objective was to showcase the findings from the study to stakeholders from different sectors and deliberate upon the policy and market measures required to put the spotlight on the trucking industry and incorporate medium and heavy-duty vehicles into the transition to electric mobility.

The Dialogue was attended by Deb Mukherji, Adviser, Omega Seiki Mobility; Anshuman Gothwal, Co-founder and Director, Centre for

Energy, Environment, and People; Harsimran Kaur, Associate Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation; Ramakrishnan TS, Independent Consultant and Researcher; Abhishek Kumar, Founding Director, Indicc; Neha Sakka, Junior Engineer, Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited; Himanshu Tyagi, Senior Research Analyst, World Resources Institute; and Rohit Garg, Programme Officer, Centre for Science and Environment.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/roundtable-dialogue-on-electrifying-the-medium-heavy-duty-vehicle-industry/>

FDI, ESG, Inclusivity *Advancing Decent Work & Social Development*

CUTS International in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in the main event of World Investment Forum 2023 organised a side event on 'FDI, ESG and Inclusivity: Promoting Decent Work and Social Development' in Abu Dhabi, UAE on October 17, 2023. This session focussed on the critical importance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles in shaping the future of the global economy.

Speakers argued that there is a need to reckon with the value-creation aspect of recognising the long-term benefits of investments in employment including through the development of infrastructure. The session highlighted that focussing on the 'S'

gives companies the social licence for operations.

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International; Christoph Ernst, Senior Specialist, Informal Economy, ILO; Pranav Sharma, Co-founder and General Partner, Woodstock Fund; Shraddha Bhandari, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Confluence Consultants; Hannah Irfan Siddiqui, Managing Principal, Kaleidoscope Dei Consulting LLC; and Jean Shahdadpuri, Managing Director, Nikai Group of Companies and Founder, Ardent Consulting were the panellists in the session.

<https://cuts-international.org/world-investment-forum-2023/>

Addressing Gaps in Realising Just Energy Transition



CUTS International in collaboration with Sustainable Design Research Consortium (SDRC) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) conducted Workshop-cum-Consultation on 'Addressing Current Gaps in Realising Just Energy Transition' in New Delhi on October 30-31, 2023.

At the most recent Conference of Parties in 2022 (COP27), India communicated its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In keeping with this pledge, India's vision and approaches towards reaching net zero by 2070, were widely communicated. India's vision of low carbon development is based on the need to ensure India's high energy needs for development like energy security, poverty

eradication, worker rights, livelihood generation and sustainable economic growth.

The panellists were Richard Kaniewski, Deputy Country Director, FES, India; Sanjukta Mukherjee, SDRC; Kaushik Sanyal, Country Head, Tata Power; Yuvraj Sarda, Head, E-mob Solutions, Volvo Construction Equipment; NA Arivukkarasi, Madras School of Social Work; Neha Gupta, Lead, Centre for Clean Mobility; and Siddharth Goel, Senior Policy Adviser, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

<https://cuts-ccier.org/workshop-cum-consultation-on-addressing-current-gaps-in-realizing-just-energy-transition/>

Thriving in Transition *Skill Development in a Dynamic Labour Market*

CUTS International organised a webinar on 'Thriving in and from Transition – Importance of Skill Development in a Dynamic Labour Market' under its project on the Global Compact on Growth and Employment on November 09, 2023.

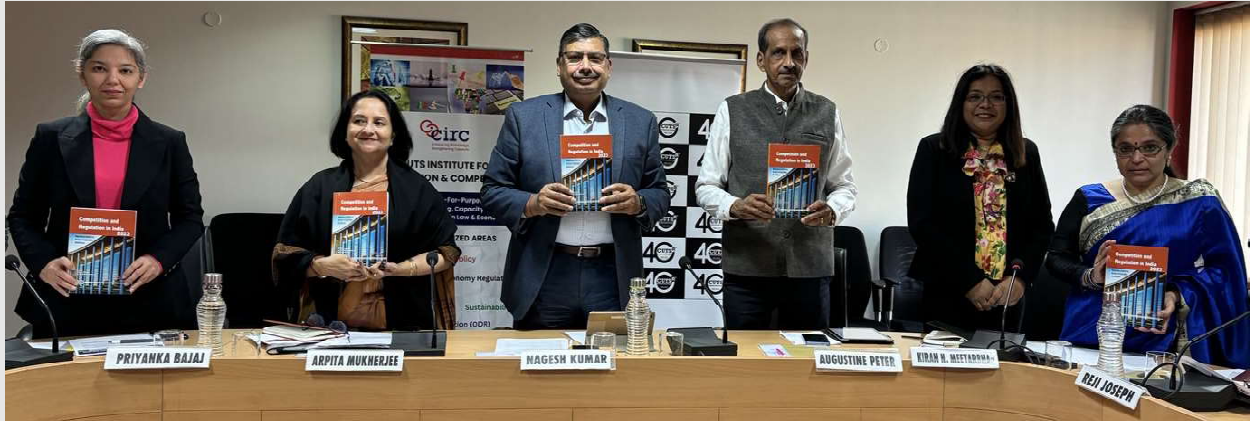
The discussions from the webinar emphasised the crucial need to prioritise a human-centric approach. The necessity of tackling various aspects of skill development, labour market dynamics, and country-specific challenges was highlighted.

Throughout the session, there was a consistent emphasis on recurring themes such as global collaboration and the necessity for systemic improvements in education. This involved stressing the importance of partnering with grassroots organisations, including civil societies, private agencies, and government initiatives.

The in-depth conversations presented in this webinar establish a solid groundwork for advancing global capital development and navigating the evolving intricacies of the dynamic labour market.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/thriving-in-and-from-transition-importance-of-skill-development-in-a-dynamic-labour-market/>

Regulatory Deficit in Access to Equitable Healthcare



CUTS International and CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC), in collaboration with the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) organised a Panel Discussion on 'Regulatory Deficit in Access to Equitable Healthcare' to commemorate World Competition Day, in New Delhi on December 05, 2023.

The Panel Discussion aimed to raise widespread awareness about the merits of robust competition regulations on a global scale. By highlighting the potential benefits of well-executed competition frameworks, the initiative strives to empower

consumers worldwide. It actively encourages consumer involvement in nurturing effective competition policies globally, emphasising the substantial advantages that these systems can bring.

On this occasion, a CUTS and CIRC's flagship biennial publication entitled 'Competition and Regulation in India, 2023: Regulatory Deficit in Access to Equitable Healthcare' was released.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/panel-discussion-on-regulatory-deficit-in-access-to-equitable-healthcare-and-release-of-india-competition-and-regulation-report-2023-icrr-2023/>

AI for Consumer Grievances in E-commerce

CUTS International, in collaboration with WeVaad and OpenNyAi, organised a virtual Panel Discussion on 'Employing AI for Consumer Grievance Redressal Mechanisms in E-commerce' in Geneva on December 06, 2023, during the 'UNCTAD eWeek 2023: Shaping the Future of the Digital Economy.'

The session delved into how Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a powerful tool with the potential to revolutionise consumer governance. It offers several benefits, including improved efficiency, scalability, response times, and justice delivery. By leveraging AI, consumer governance mechanisms can be enhanced, making them more effective in resolving disputes and ensuring

fair outcomes for consumers. Furthermore, AI can also facilitate the adoption of proper online dispute resolution systems, enabling consumers to access mechanisms for resolving conflicts promptly and effectively.

The panellists were Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD; Rashika Narain, Weaver at OpenNyAi; Ujjwal Kumar, Associate Director, CUTS International; Marilia Maciel, Head, Digital Commerce and Internet Policy, Diplo Foundation; and Kritika Sethi, Co-founder, WeVaad.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/unctad-eweek-2023-day-3/>

MSMEs, Jobs: Policy Lessons from Select Sectors

CUTS International jointly with the ISID conducted a Roundtable Discussion on 'Fostering MSMEs and Jobs: Policy Lessons from Experiences of Select Sectors and Clusters' in New Delhi on December 13, 2023.

The objective of this Roundtable was to take stock of the current policies and programmes aimed at addressing the blue-collar skills mismatch and ESG adoption and help relevant stakeholders build a work programme to meet the challenges.

The Roundtable was graced by eminent experts including Amar Patnaik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Gopal Krishna Agarwal, National Spokesperson, BJP; Ram Mohan Mishra, Chairman, Meghalaya Investment Promotion Board and former Secretary, Ministry of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Government of India; Aruna Sharma, former Secretary, Government of India, and CUTS Distinguished Fellow; Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International; Nagesh Kumar, Director, ISID; and Anil Bhardwaj, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) among others.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/fostering-msmes-and-jobs-december-13-2023/>

Building Fair Markets in the Algorithmic Age

CUTS International, in collaboration with The Dialogue, organised a Panel Discussion on 'Building fair markets in the algorithmic age' in Geneva on December 07, 2023, during the 'UNCTAD eWeek 2023: Shaping the Future of the Digital Economy.'

The session delved into the multifaceted landscape of digital transformation within global trade, unravelling key initiatives and discussions shaping this dynamic evolution. The call to action resonated strongly — businesses were urged to proactively embrace these transformative changes to remain competitive in the ever-evolving global market. The digital future of global trade promises not only growth

and collaboration but also heightened operational efficiency in a landscape marked by constant change.

The panellists were Suddha Chakravartti, Director, CUTS International, Geneva; Akari Yamamoto, Legal Officer, UNCTAD; Mariana Tavares, Senior Counsel, Cruz Vilaca Advogados; Gian Marco Solas, Leading Expert, BRICS Competition Law & Policy Centre; Isaac Tausha, Chief Economist, Research Policy & Advocacy Unit, COMESA Competition Commission; and Saksham Malik, Senior Programme Manager, Competition Law and Policy, The Dialogue.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/unctad-eweek-2023-day-4/>

Empowering Consumer Voices *Public Consultations for Effective Policies*

CUTS International in collaboration with Civis conducted an online workshop on 'Empowering Consumer Voices: Navigating Public Consultations for Effective Policies' on October 18, 2023.

MS Sahoo, former Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and Pramod

Rao, Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) spoke about the role of public consultations in enhancing policies and regulations by ensuring direct inputs and insights from the very individuals they are designed to safeguard.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-civis-virtual-workshop-on-empowering-consumer-voices-navigating-public-consultations-for-effective-policies/>



CUTS Comments on

TRAI Consultation Paper on Draft Registration of Consumer Organisations (Amendment) Regulations, 2023

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued a Consultation Paper seeking feedback on the draft Registration of Consumer Organisations (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, which was aimed to facilitate the registration of national-level consumer organisations.

CUTS submitted its comments on the paper and highlighted some important concerns. These included establishing predefined criteria for a consumer organisation to be a non-profit and non-political; reducing the requirement of experience from three years to one year; reconsidering the working experience of an organisation to 'two states or two UTs or one state and one UT or more' to facilitate broader participation and inclusivity; creating an online portal for registration; offering financial support; and fostering collaboration between registered consumer organisations, among others.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/cuts-submission-to-trai-on-registration-of-consumer-organisations-amendment-regulations.pdf>

CUTS Comments on

Draft Guidelines on Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns

CUTS expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs (MCA), Food and Public Distribution, and Department of Consumer Affairs for inviting comments on the draft guidelines on Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023 (draft guidelines).

CUTS presented its comments, such as supporting Consumer Interest Groups and Adoption of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Mechanisms, Effective Coordination Mechanism, Increasing the Scope of the Guidelines, Raising Consumer Awareness, adding more illustrations and few amendments in the definition clause of the guidelines was suggested by CUTS.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/comments-on-draft-guidelines-for-prevention-and-regulation-of-dark-patterns.pdf>

CUTS Comments on

Draft Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2023

CUTS expresses its gratitude to the TRAI for inviting comments and suggestions on the draft Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

In this regard, CUTS suggested adopting several measures to streamline the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) process for consumer convenience. These include introducing a single-step online process, extending the validity of UPC, shortening porting times, waiving porting charges, facilitating benefit transfers between operators, harnessing the advantages of eSIM technology, utilising advanced technologies such as AI and blockchain, and enhancing consumer awareness.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/comments-on-trai-consultation-paper-on-draft-telecommunication-mobile-number-portability-regulations-2023.pdf>



Publications

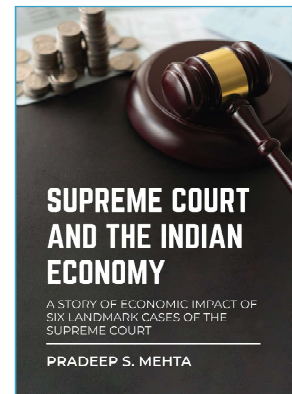
Reports

Supreme Court and the Indian Economy *A Story of the Economic Impact of Six Landmark Cases of the Supreme Court*

This Book innovatively analyses the impact of key decisions made by the Indian Supreme Court on economic matters. It assesses the direct effects of these rulings on relevant sectors and suggests that the Courts could have achieved comparable outcomes with less cost to both society and the economy. The author proposes that the Courts could have used expert advice to attain more balanced resolutions.

Highlighting a positive stance, the Book acknowledges the Supreme Court's forward-looking interpretation of the law. It initiates crucial research, prompting a reevaluation of the judiciary's role and legitimacy within society. This Book serves as a valuable resource for lawyers and academics who have an interest in the field of adjudication on economic matters.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/book-supreme-court-and-the-indian-economy.pdf>



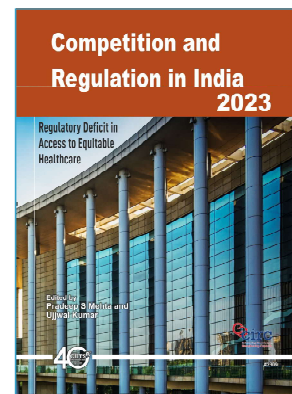
Competition and Regulation in India *Regulatory Deficit in Access to Equitable Healthcare*

Every two years, CUTS publishes a report on the Competition and Regulation situation in the country since 2007. One chapter in it is on the perception of people on the state of competition and regulation in the country. The good news is that it has shown to be positive.

While it has been reiterated several times that more investments in modernising the health infrastructure and improvements in health systems are needed, the role of regulations and competition in enhancing access to affordable healthcare has not been much talked about. This edition of the ICRR endeavours to fill this gap.

In its 22 chapters, the publication covers some contemporary regulatory issues from a wide range of segments in the healthcare sector, which includes healthcare services (including digital health), pharmaceuticals, medical devices, pathological labs, medical education, medical insurance and also issues related to road safety and food and nutrition safety.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/report-icrr2023.pdf>

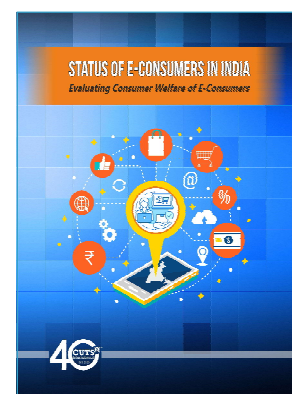


Status of E-Consumers in India

E-commerce has grown at a breakneck speed in India. Its market size has grown from US\$20bn in 2015 to US\$46.2bn in 2020 and is expected to grow to US\$111.4bn by 2025 (IBEF). According to Statista in 2021, the e-commerce market value in India will be US\$84bn and can go up to US\$200bn by 2027. The pandemic brought to the fore a transition that was predicted to accelerate by 2025. The inclusion of the needs and requirements of consumers will provide a roadmap for the government and e-commerce platforms alike for how to enhance total consumer welfare.

The Study assesses the welfare quotient of online consumers considering five parameters or factors, namely cost-effectiveness, convenience, consumer confidence, grievance redressal and competition. This study involved extensive consumer surveys carried out in both 2021 and 2022, each constituting the perception of 2,000 respondents from all over India.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/seci-consumer-welfare-index-summary-2.pdf>

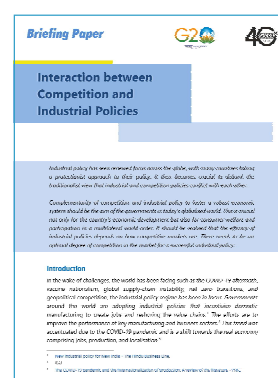


Interaction between Competition and Industrial Policies

Industrial policy has gained renewed attention worldwide, with many nations adopting protectionist measures. It's imperative to challenge the conventional belief that industrial policy and competition policy are at odds. Governments should instead strive for the harmonious coexistence of these policies to promote a strong global economy.

This is essential not only for a country's economic growth but also for the well-being of consumers in a globalised world. It's important to recognise that the effectiveness of industrial policies hinges on the level of competition in the market. A balanced degree of competition is necessary for a successful industrial policy.

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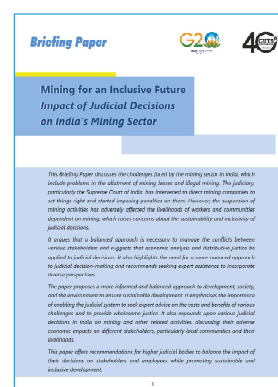


Mining for an Inclusive Future Impact of Judicial Decisions on India's Mining Sector

This Briefing Paper discusses the challenges faced by the mining sector in India, which include problems in the allotment of mining leases and illegal mining. The judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court of India, has intervened to direct mining companies to set things right and started imposing penalties on them. However, the suspension of mining activities has adversely affected the livelihoods of workers and communities dependent on mining, which raises concerns about the sustainability and inclusivity of judicial decisions.

It argues that a balanced approach is necessary to manage the conflicts between various stakeholders and suggests that economic analysis and distributive justice be applied to judicial decisions. It also highlights the need for a more nuanced approach to judicial decision-making and recommends seeking expert assistance to incorporate diverse perspectives.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/bp-mining-for-an-inclusive-future-impact-of-judicial-decisions-on-indias-mining-sector.pdf>



Representations

- **Sanobar Imam** participated in the Regional Science Policy Dialogue on 'Regional Cooperation on Adaptation to Cascading Climate Risks in the Hindu Kush Himalaya,' organised by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development along with the National Institute of Disaster Management (India) and Adaptation Without Borders (Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden), in Kathmandu on October 10-11, 2023.
- **Pradeep S Mehta** and **Mehak Sharma** participated in a Seminar 'World Bank Bi-Annual Flagship Economic Reports: South Asia Development Update & India' organised by the Centre for Social and Economic Progress in New Delhi on October 04, 2023. They also participated in the National Conference 'Towards Industrial Transformation of India' at ISID in New Delhi on October 04-06, 2023.
- **Ujjwal Kumar** and **Srajan Tambi** participated in the Brazil, Russia, India, China and Africa (BRICS) International Competition Conference in New Delhi on October 11-13, 2023.
- **Debashree Hazarika** and **Tasmita Sengupta** attended the 'Stakeholder Consultation for Migration Coalition for Social Dialogue' organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Rajasthan State Council in Jaipur on October 31, 2023.
- **Kiran Meetarbhan** and **Tasmita Sengupta** attended the Global Economic Policy Forum organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry in New Delhi on December 07-08, 2023.
- **Krishank Jugiani** attended the launch of the report 'Mapping the Blockchain Ecosystem in India and Australia: Case Studies Blockchain' at the Australian High Commission, New Delhi on December 06, 2023.
- **Pradeep S Mehta** was one of the speakers on a high-level session on 'eTrade for all leadership roundtable: Unlocking digital trade for inclusive development' during the UNCTAD eWeek on December 05, 2023.





Advocacy through Media

Stimulating International Investment for Development

The Economic Times, October 05, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta and Mihir Shekhar Bhonsale

Investment is the key to development. Investment fosters economic growth and employment generation, facilitates technology transfer, and enhances export capabilities, underscoring investment's multifaceted role in driving development. As per the latest UNCTAD World Investment Report 2023, developing countries face a widening annual investment deficit, as these nations work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The gap is now about US\$4 tn per year – up from US\$2.5 tn in 2015 when the SDGs were adopted, the report highlights.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/stimulating-international-investment-for-development/>

Cities Need Gender-Responsive Transportation Planning

Policy Circle, October 30, 2023

By Sanobar Imam

Need for gender-responsive transportation planning: Indian cities are witnessing a striking disparity in the way men and women travel. Women often exhibit what can be termed mobility of care, engaging in more journeys associated with non-work-related travel, unpaid household duties, and caregiving responsibilities. Their journeys tend to be shorter and spread across various locations, mainly due to their employment in informal sectors which are typically away from the city centre.

<https://www.policycircle.org/opinion/gender-responsive-transportation/>

Lateral Entries and Exits will Help Infuse Fresh Blood in India's Administration

Livemint, November 07, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta

The advocacy of institutional reforms in India would be incomplete without a push for administrative reforms. One key area of administrative reform is the introduction of lateral-entry appointments in the country's otherwise permanent civil services system of administrators. It is also undeniable that there has been a push at the Centre for such appointments in recent years, and some success stories have also emerged. But for the success of a lateral entry and exit system as a whole, a better design needs to be explored.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/lateral-entries-and-exits-will-help-infuse-fresh-blood-in-indias-administration/>

India's Evolving Electoral Landscape: Balancing Promises and Prudent Governance

Financial Express, November 09, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta and Shivendra Shekhawat

In the thriving Indian democracy, where the electorate wields remarkable influence, political parties have long harnessed the art of dazzling voters with a captivating array of electoral incentives. These incentives, classified into two categories, have been a cornerstone of political strategy: the enticing pre-election pledges and the lavish post-election bestowal of goods and services. Cash and liquor have long been the age-old darlings of this theatrical spectacle, but as the winds of change sweep across the political landscape, a captivating evolution in the world of electoral giveaways unfolds.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/indias-evolving-electoral-landscape-balancing-promises-and-prudent-governance/>

The Potential and Potholes in India's Journey Towards Green Mobility

Money Control, November 09, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta and Pracheta Acharya

India is gradually moving towards greening the transport sector by adopting electric vehicles (EVs) as a strategy to combat climate change, and meet its nationally determined commitments to reduce the environmental burden. However, a top-down approach of imposing EV quotas in the commercial sector, or forceful consumer adoption, is unlikely to work. Instead, a more thoughtful bottom-up understanding of the challenges and interventions is necessary.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/the-potential-and-the-potholes-in-indias-journey-towards-green-mobility/>



Advocacy through Media

Shifting Gears: Advancing from Ease of Starting to Ease of Running a Business

MoneyControl, November 17, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta and Mehak Sharma

It is imperative to maintain high industry standards to achieve the anticipated growth rate so that we can become a developed country by 2047, according to our policy mandarins. In the ongoing discourse, the predominant focus has revolved around simplifying the process of initiating a business. Considerable efforts have already been undertaken to improve the Ease of Doing Business and streamline business establishment procedures.

<https://cuts-ccier.org/shifting-gears-advancing-from-ease-of-starting-to-ease-of-running-a-business/>

Forest Management Policies Must Ensure the Equitable Involvement of Women

Policy Circle, December 27, 2023

By Pradeep S Mehta and Pracheta Acharya

Decentralisation and community participation have been foundational to India's development policies, particularly following the inadequacy of top-down technocratic models. Community forest management emerged as a result, focusing on a bottom-up approach to forest resource management and inclusive conservation. However, CFM has failed to integrate women effectively, resulting in a gender gap in forest management. To address this, India requires a revised policy framework that emphasises gender inclusivity under the broader community umbrella, prioritising women's active participation in CFM.

<https://www.policycircle.org/opinion/forest-management-women/>

The Demand for Green Transportation Looming the Future of Miners in Congo

ThePrint, December 28, 2023

By Sanobar Imam

Our sustainable aspiration of Greening transportation is exploiting the miners in Congo, let us talk about the Cobalt used for EV batteries. In the pursuit of a sustainable future, the Congo finds itself at the heart of a paradox. Despite possessing more cobalt than all other nations combined, the citizens of Congo pay a significant price for this abundant resource—in the form of modern slavery.

<https://theprint.in/yourturn/subscriberwrites-the-demand-for-green-transportation-looming-the-future-of-miners-in-congo/1903200/>