



Progress Report: October to December 2018

This Quarterly Progress Report captures the progress of CUTS WDC, since its launch in April 2018, and provides an overview of activities (research and outreach) that have been undertaken, along with an insight into future plan. This Second Report covers the October-December (Q3) period.

Your comments/inputs are welcome!

RESEARCH

1. **CUTS Washington Monthly Brief:** Each month, the Center disseminates a monthly brief, which is a collation of global news stories and opinions with respect to its focus work areas, with an 'Editor's Note' on a trending and critical issue of the month (http://cuts-wdc.org/monthly_briefs.htm)
2. **Policy Notes:** We have identified contemporary issues with respect to the Center's focus work areas and have developed the following notes using in-house/external resources:
 - a. Emerging Technologies and the Imperative of Indo-U.S. Cooperation - #7 (<http://bit.ly/2Tdcx38>)
 - b. Geopolitical Instruments of U.S.-India Stances in the Indo-Pacific - #6 (<http://bit.ly/2Q4TbLM>)
 - c. SIMP versus Shrimp: Changing Dynamics of US-India Shrimp Trade - #5 (<http://bit.ly/2GQkDh0>)
 - d. India's possible take on U.S. Sanctions on Iran - #4 (<http://bit.ly/2Q2V8by>)

OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website has been launched and is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org/>)
2. **Number of Website Hits:** Unique Visits – 206; Returning Visits - 63
3. **Email Forum:** 2895 Members and counting...
4. **Social Media:** 64 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 80 Likes on [Facebook Page](#)

MEDIA ARTICLES

1. **Busting myths: 'Make in India' to 'Design in India'** - The Asian Age, December 19, 2018
2. **What Stops India From Being Asia's Next Big Factory?** - The Wire, November 22, 2018
3. **Are we prepared for the rise of AI?** – The Hindu Business Line, November 7, 2018
4. **Who will lead India's transition in adopting electric vehicles?** - Deccan Chronicle and The Asian Age, October 30, 2018

PLANNED EVENTS

1. **Advancing United States and India Relations: Mission US\$500bn Bilateral Trade, February 2019, New Delhi:** This will be a half-day session that would deliberate on some thought-provoking ideas about bolstering U.S.-India economic relations to achieve the target of US\$500bn. Speakers would include prominent thought-leaders from the Indian diaspora based in the U.S., think tanks and industry chambers. A tentative agenda is being discussed internally.
2. **Mainstreaming Trade in the United States and India Relationship: A Roadmap to Achieve US\$500bn Bilateral Trade, April 2019, Washington DC:** This will be a half day conference that will advocate for a more comprehensive approach for addressing bilateral concerns between both nations, allowing politically challenging trade-offs resulting in a mutually beneficial trade and politically viable deal for both countries. Both countries have agreed to enhance their bilateral trade from the current level of US\$115bn to US\$500bn over the next decade or so. A tentative agenda has been drafted and partnership opportunities are being explored.

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