



Progress Report: July to September 2021

This Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) 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. This Report covers the July-September, 2021 (Q14) period.

Your comments/inputs are welcome!

RESEARCH

1. **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: Trade, Energy, Technology & Innovation, and Strategic Issues, in the context of Indo-U.S. relations with an ‘Editor’s Note’ on a trending and critical issue of the month. (<https://bit.ly/32gl0sF>)
2. **Occasional News Wrap (ONW):** A synopsis of news stories and opinions on specific yet trending issues of geo-economic, geo-political and geo-strategic importance has been introduced as ONW. (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)
During this quarter, three ONWs were prepared and disseminated.
 - a) [Secretary Blinken’s Maiden India Visit: Why Democracies Can, and Will Deliver](#)
 - b) [The Return of Taliban in Afghanistan](#)
 - c) [India’s Presidency of the United Nations Security Council \(UNSC\)](#)
3. **Briefing Papers:** Brief yet nuanced analysis on contemporary issues with respect to the Center’s focus work areas published during the reporting period. Two Briefing Papers were prepared and disseminated during this quarter.
 - a) [Leveraging India-Israel-US Trilateral Cooperation](#)
 - b) [A Quantum Leap for the Quad](#)

OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
2. **Email Forum:** 4978 Members and counting....
3. **Social Media:** 263 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 241 Likes on [Facebook Page](#).

IN MEDIA

1. [Vaccination without discrimination: Equitable access now, for equal opportunities later](#) - The Economic Times, August 17, 2021
2. [India's new rules for drones a welcome move](#) - The Economic Times, August 04, 2021
3. [The world requires a trust-based model of governance](#) - Live Mint, July 21, 2021
4. [Indian defence sector waking up to the call of hour](#) - The Economic Times, July 15, 2021
5. [Can the US underwrite regional stability against emerging Chinese threats?](#) - South Asia Monitor, July 02, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A list of **International Advisory Board** members can be accessed at - (<http://bit.ly/2CAJ25H>)
2. A list of **Management Board** members can be accessed at - (<https://bit.ly/2MU2u2j>)
3. The **past Quarterly Progress Reports** can be downloaded from this link - (<https://bit.ly/2K0NOiI>)
4. The Center has been duly incorporated with the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division. (<https://bit.ly/2YvRvlc>)
5. The Employer Identification Number has also been received (<https://bit.ly/3fTxixz>). Further process for non-profit status is underway.