



## Progress Report: January to June 2020

**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 January-March, 2020 (Q8) and April-June (Q9) periods.**

**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 and Strategic Issues, with an 'Editor's Note' on a trending and critical issue of the month. (<https://bit.ly/32gl0sF>)
  
- 2. Policy Notes:** Two page Policy Notes on contemporary issues with respect to the Center's focus work areas published during the reporting period:
  - a. Building Blocks for an Indo-U.S. Innovation Alliance – A U.S. Perspective - PN#16** (<https://bit.ly/2FPnaaR>)
  - b. Does the U.S.-China confrontation present a commercial opportunity for India? - PN#15** (<https://bit.ly/2Eu9qls>)
  - c. Prospects for Indo-U.S. defence cooperation - PN#14** (<https://bit.ly/3jfx7qr>)
  
- 3. Occasional News Wrap:** 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. In total, 08 ONWs were developed during the reporting period: (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)

**4. The Innovation Route to Development-Indo-U.S Perspective, 2020:** The Volume was released in April 2020. It is an anthology of essays/articles/opinion pieces by industry leaders, thought leaders, government and nongovernment officials and thematic experts. It covers areas in which mutual partnerships can be recalibrated to make economies and people at both the sides resilient to shocks, such as Covid-19. (<http://cuts-wdc.org/research.htm>)

## OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
2. **Email Forum:** 4027 Members and counting....
3. **Social Media:** 196 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 140 Likes on [Facebook Page](#)

## IN MEDIA

1. [Data localisation: roadblocks and the way forward](#) - The New Indian Express, June 29, 2020
2. [A US-India Trade Deal Can Only be Sealed if Both Move Past Clearly Defined Red Lines](#)– The Wire, February 22, 2020
3. [Data localisation may cause cyber-attacks, hurt privacy, business competitiveness, says CUTS International](#) - Financial Express, January 19, 2020

## MISCELLNEOUS

1. Nishith Desai, Founder, Nishith Desai Associates (NDA) joined the [CUTS Washington DC Founders Circle](#) as Mentor.
2. The complete list of **International Advisory Board** members can be accessed at - (<http://bit.ly/2CAJ25H>)
3. The complete list of **Management Board** members can be accessed at - (<https://bit.ly/2MU2u2j>)
4. The **past Quarterly Progress Reports**, can be downloaded from this link - (<https://bit.ly/2K0NOiI>)
5. 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>). The further registration process is underway.

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