



QPR – #30, 2025

Progress Report: July to September 2025

This Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) captures the progress of CUTS International Global Affairs, and provides an overview of activities (research and outreach) that have been undertaken. This Report covers the July-September, 2025 (Q30) 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, Strategic Issues, Energy and Climate, Geo-Politics and Geo-Economics, in the context of Indo-U.S. relations, Indo-Pacific and QUAD with an ‘Editor’s Note’ on a trending and critical issue of the month. (<https://bit.ly/32gl0sF>)
2. **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. (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)

During this quarter, one ONWs were prepared and disseminated.

a) [Modi’s Global Sprint to Five Nations](#)

3. **Compendium on Indo-Pacific Perspectives:** The compendium “[The Innovative Route to Development: Indo-Pacific Perspective](#)” aims to capture the complexity and dynamism of the Indo-Pacific by presenting diverse perspectives from experts and thought leaders. It

seeks to explore the multifaceted dimensions of this critical region through a collection of insightful articles spanning four pillars of the CUTS International Global Affairs Centre - trade, defence & security, climate, and technology & innovation. This compendium is organised into four broad themes, each of which addresses a critical aspect of the Indo-Pacific's development trajectory.

EVENT

1. [South Asia in a Perpetual Conundrum: Navigating Challenges in a Shifting Landscape](#) | Tuesday, July 01, 2025
2. Innovative Route to Development: *The Indo-Pacific Perspective* | Virtual Launch of CUTS Indo-Pacific Compendium | Thursday, July 17, 2025
3. [Securing the Indo-Pacific's Digital Arteries: India-Australia Collaboration for Cyber and Maritime Resilience](#) | Wednesday, August 27, Wednesday
4. [Are We Setting Sail Without Checking the Weather? Implications for the Australia-India FTA Under Trump 2.0](#) | Thursday, September 11, 2025
5. [Decoding the Global Power Play in AI Regulation](#) | Thursday, September 18, 2025

OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website is being regularly updated (<https://cuts-global.org/index.htm>)
2. **Email Forum:** 5345 Members and counting....
3. **Social Media:** 591 Followers on [Twitter](#), 894 Followers on [LinkedIn](#) and 370 Followers on [Facebook Page](#).
4. **CUTS Adda:** 185 subscribers (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdRDpd4XauhweL_h0GSCLsg)
A video series on India-Pakistan conflict was recorded:
 - a) [Truth Buried in the Fog: A Video Series on India-Pakistan Misinformation War](#) – Presented and Introduced by Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
 - b) [Diplomacy & Deterrence: Navigating India-Pakistan Conflict](#) – Amb. Ajay Bisaria, former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Canada, Poland, and Lithuania
 - c) [Taliban's Chess Game: Navigating India-Pakistan Tensions in the New Afghanistan](#) – Sumeer Bhasin, Geopolitical Analyst and Founder & CEO, Anaar Group
 - d) [Aftermath of Disinformation in the India-Pakistan Conflict](#) - Lt Gen Arvinder Singh Lamba, former Vice Chief of Army Staff and Distinguished Fellow, CUTS International Global Affairs

IN MEDIA

1. [The WTO moment: Why India must lead the reform agenda for a rules-based global order](#) – The Economic Times, July 24, 2025
2. [Why Tariff Threats By Trump's USA Could Be Wake-up Call For New Delhi](#) - The Asian Age, August 24, 2025
3. [How Israel strengthens India's strategic play](#) | Jewish News Syndicate, September 14, 2025
4. [How India was lost: A colossal White House blunder](#) | The Economic Times, September 23, 2025

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://tinyurl.com/45e32xyd>)