



Progress Report: July to September 2019

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 Report covers the July-September, 2019 (Q6) period.

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: Trade, Energy and Strategic Issues, with an 'Editor's Note' on a trending and critical issue of the month (http://cuts-wdc.org/monthly_briefs.htm)
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. **Natural Gas: A Strong Enabler for Indo-US Energy Partnership** - PN#13 (<https://bit.ly/2IAS3OS>)
 - b. **Balancing the Seesaw of Indian Tech Policies and US Tech Businesses** - PN#12 (<https://bit.ly/2M5lc7f>)
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 quarter: (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)
4. **Briefing Paper:** Brief yet nuanced analysis of around 2500-3000 words on contemporary issues with respect to the Center's focus work areas published during the reporting period:
 - a. **Trade Tensions: India – USA trade in the Pharmaceutical Sector-Briefing Paper#2** (<https://bit.ly/2lXIbGH>)

OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
2. **Number of Website Hits:** Unique Visits – 213; Returning Visits – 77
3. **Email Forum:** 3876 Members and counting...
4. **Social Media:** 131 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 108 Likes on [Facebook Page](#)

IN MEDIA

1. [Have the Building Blocks Been Put in Place for an Indo-US Pact on Bilateral Trade?](#)- The Wire, October 02, 2019
2. [Can India's Multi-Polar Commitments in the Indo-Pacific be a Game-Changer for the U.S.?](#) -The Wire, September 21, 2019
3. [The World Trade Organization could still prove itself effective](#)- Live Mint, August 21, 2019
4. [Trump's Trade Wars Are a Trap, Not a Solution](#)-The Wire, August 12, 2019
5. [Positive signals from G-20 meet as diplomacy triumphs over rhetoric](#) -The Asian Age, July 02, 2019

PLANNED ACTIVITY

1. Policy Volume: The Innovation Route to Development - Indo-US Perspective, 2019

(i) [Call for Papers/Articles](#)

The Volume, to be released in early December 2019, will be an anthology of essays/articles/opinion pieces by industry leaders, thought leaders, government and non-government officials and thematic experts. The objective is to look at the role of innovation in accelerating growth and development in key sectors between India and the U.S., and the pain points towards their uptake from policy and regulatory perspective.

(ii) [Call for Advertisements](#)

CUTS invites companies, institutions and development partners to advertise in the Policy Volume. The Volume will work as a resource material for policy makers, trade bodies, inter-governmental organisations, businesses, think tanks, academia, media, civil society and informed public in the Indo-Pacific region. CUTS will disseminate print and electronic versions of the Volume.

2. Indo-US Innovation Roundtables, Fall 2019, Washington DC and Winters 2019, New Delhi:

CUTS [Indo-US Innovation Roundtable](#) is being organised on **30th October 2019** in Washington DC (in partnership with U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum) and **3rd December 2019** in New Delhi. Representatives from industry, academia and civil society will attend and deliberate on issues pertinent to Indo-US innovation partnership across Defence and Aerospace, Data and Technology and Energy. In addition, CUTS intends to release the above mentioned Policy Volume at the New Delhi roundtable.

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