

Role of BIMSTEC: An Interaction with Secretary General

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On 24th August 2022, RIS and GDC in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organized an interaction meeting with Secretary General, BIMSTEC, H.E. Mr Lekphell on “Rejuvenating Growth through Partnership Role of BIMSTEC” at New Delhi. RIS is a founding member and nodal point for BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tanks (BNPTT) in India.

The meeting was attended by Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Ms Pattarat Hongtong, Ambassador of Myanmar H. E. Mr Moe Kyaw Aung and Ambassador of Bhutan H. E. Major General Vetsop Namgyel. They also shared their perspectives on regional cooperation in BIMSTEC. From the MEA, Mr Rudrendra Tandon, Additional Secretary (BIMSTEC and SAARC) took part in the meeting. Representatives from resident diplomatic missions of BIMSTEC countries in Delhi also attended the meeting, apart from key officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, some eminent subject experts and media persons. On this occasion, a joint RIS-IFPRI report on “*Developments in Agriculture Trade in the BIMSTEC Region*” was also launched.

GDC also briefed the participants about its role and possible opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with BIMSTEC countries.