

CUTS CRC Activity Report

October-December, 2023

ONGOING PROJECTS



Empowering Women Journalists against Misinformation in the Indo-Pacific

CUTS International with support from the US Consulate, Kolkata implemented a project entitled “Support for Women Journalists in Countering Misinformation and Disinformation in the Indo-Pacific Region”. Under this project, a series of webinars and capacity-building workshops will be organised in six locations for a media literacy drive with a focus on the capacity-building of local media house representatives.

The project aims to train media practitioners and journalists from local media houses to discern and respond to deceptive, biased, or false news and to combat disinformation across borders.

During this quarter, three consecutive capacity-building workshops were organised at different locations, namely, Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) on October 10, 2023; Gangtok (Sikkim) on December 11, 2023; and Agartala (Tripura) on December 27, 2023. In Jamshedpur, Gangtok, and Agartala a good number of local media practitioners attended and got training on various themes like information literacy, countering online trolling and workplace harassment, debunking print and visual disinformation/misinformation, innovative storytelling using modern techniques and tools, etc. Also, the capacity-building workshops receive good media coverage.



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Building Capacity of Women (Students & Entrepreneurs) on Cyber Security

CUTS International is implementing a project entitled “Capacity Building of Women on cyber security in select districts of West Bengal” with support from the US Consulate Kolkata. These capacity-building workshops on cyber security will be organised in six selected districts of West Bengal, namely, Purulia, Jhargram, Howrah, Siliguri, South 24 Parganas, and North 24 Parganas.



At Harishpur, Basirhat, North-24-Parganas on October 18, 2023

The project aims at building capacities of adult women on various cyber security threats and equips them with the required knowledge on available technologies, and good practices to help them reduce their vulnerabilities to cyber-attacks.

In a series of workshops, the fourth workshop was organised at Harishpur, Basirhat, North-24-Parganas on October 18, 2023, in collaboration with Atghara Sanhati Kendra. About 75-80 women of various age groups participated in this workshop. In continuation, the fifth workshop was organised at Gobardhanpur, Kakdwip, South 24-Parganas on December 14, 2023, in collaboration with Deepalaya. In the workshop, around 85-90 students were attended especially from class XI & XII.



At Gobardhanpur, Kakdwip, South 24-Parganas on December 14, 2023



Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defence Partnership

With support from the U.S. Consulate Kolkata, CUTS International is implementing a “Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership” project. Under this project, CUTS will organise a series of workshops for training 100-120 informed journalists, storytellers, media professionals, social media influencers, and community leaders from India, on the recent developments in the U.S.- India’s defense cooperation through inking bilateral agreements, conducting joint military exercises, defense procurement, etc.

This project aims to create a group of informed stakeholders (journalists from India in particular) who would strengthen the information-sharing circuit related to the importance of a robust U.S.–India defense partnership, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.

In a series of workshops, the third workshop was organised in Mumbai, Maharashtra on November 21, 2023. There were around 65-70 participants from various stakeholder categories like – business chambers, defense manufacturing companies, journalists, think tanks, professors, ex-defense personnel, etc. Also, the workshop got good media coverage.





- Baishali Lodh Chowdhury and Rageshree Bose attended a webinar on “Transforming the Logistics Sector Across G20 Nations,” organised by Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) on October 17, 2023. “The Green Logistics Playbook: Sustainable Supply Chain Best Practices for G20 Leaders” developed by RMI was also launched.
- Mihir Shekhar Bhonsale participated at the 8th World Investment Forum organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) in Abu Dhabi, UAE from October 16-20, 2023. He also attended TERI’s Virtual Dialogue on SDG Charter on October 31, 2023.
- Rageshree Bose, Bijaya Roy, and Deepmala Ghosh participated in a workshop on “Trade and SDGs” (online course), organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific-Institute of Developing Economies (ESCAP-IDE) on November 24-29, 2023. The objective of this workshop was to enhance the general public and policymakers’ understanding of the relationship between trade and SDGs.
- Sohini Nayak, Rageshree Bose, and Bijaya Roy attended the subregional capacity building workshop, “Supporting Policies on Low Carbon and Resilient Transport Infrastructure: *Promoting Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Countries*” organised by ESCAP with the support of the Government of Meghalaya on November 22-24, 2023.
- Veena Vidyadharan and Sucharita Bhattacharjee participated in the Rivers, Rights and Resilience Forum (RRRF) organised by Oxfam Novib in Nepal from December 04-08, 2023. RRRF is a platform under the project Rivers, Rights, Resilience wherein project partners share the key learnings from the Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna basins and plan interventions for the next year.