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South Asia Centre for
Policy Studies (SACEPS)

BACKGROUND NOTE

The South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) is a network organisation engaged in addressing regional issues of common concern in South Asia. Having a well-established institutional base, SACEPS aims to promote cooperation for peace and development amongst the countries and people of South Asia. The core strength of the centre lies in its ability to network with various organisations, institutions and civil society. A number of leading educational institutions and Think-Tanks in the South Asian region are associated with SACEPS as collaborating institutions. The founding institutions include: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh; Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India; Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi, India; Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), Kathmandu, Nepal; Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan; Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Marga Institute (MI), Colombo, Sri Lanka. Recently, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu, Nepal have also joined the SACEPS Network.

SACEPS is an independent, non-profit, regional and non-governmental organisation working at the intersection of research and policy and is engaged in promoting policy dialogue, based on research. The objective is to create a meeting space that facilitates interaction not only between policymakers, business community and civil society but also with a wider

constituency of people, concerned citizens, committed to promote regional cooperation in South Asia.

A recent publication titled, *Manufacturing and Jobs in South Asia: Strategy for Sustainable Economic Growth*, edited by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha aims to examine the structural factors that underlie the persistent mass poverty and extreme inequality in South Asian countries. The book highlights the fact that the supposed trade-off between output growth and job creation is a false dilemma. Increased employment and better jobs would mitigate the problems arising from a widening inequality gap. It argues that policies focused on employment generation, mostly through industrialization, are the way forward in terms of providing livelihoods, sustaining growth and reducing inequality. Divided into two parts, in Part A the book explores cases in selected countries in South Asia in detail, primarily focusing on the opportunities and challenges of job creation in the manufacturing sector, as well as related issues, including constraints on manufacturing-sector growth in South Asia, exports and trade linkages, participation in value chains and the role of investment. Part B addresses a number of aspects that can promote a deeper understanding of strategies for industrialisation and employment creation in the South Asian context, including structural transformation, skill development, and industrial competitiveness. Gathering contributions from some of the region's top minds, this book should be of interest to scholars, researchers, policymakers and industry analysts alike.

SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST 2019

<p>15.00-16.30 (Juniper Hall)</p> <p>SACEPs Panel on South Asia</p>	<p>Welcome Remarks: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p>Chair: Professor Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p> <p>Launching of the SACEPS Volume on ‘Job Creation in Manufacturing Sector as a Strategy for Sustainable Growth in South Asia’ (published by Springer) by Professor V. K. Malhotra, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)</p> <p>Brief Outcome of Country Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor S. K. Mohanty, RIS• Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh• Dr Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka• Dr Posh Raj Pandey, President, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal <p>Expert Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh• Ambassador Dago Tshering, Former Ambassador, Bhutan• Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Professor and Director, Institute for Human Development, Delhi <p>Comments by Publisher: Ms. Nupoor Singh, Editor-Business/Economics, Law and Statistics, Springer</p> <p>Vote of Thanks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS
<p>16.30</p>	<p>High Tea</p>