



# CUTS International Global Affairs

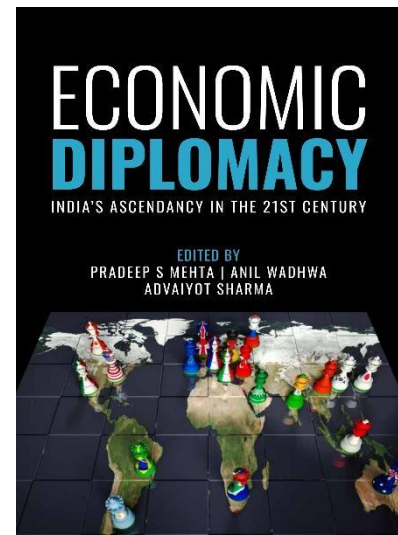
Book Discussion on  
**ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY**  
**INDIA'S ASCENDANCY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

**Friday, 14 February, 2025 • 1230-1400 (IST)**  
**Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur**

**In-Person Event**

## **Background and Context**

India's role as a rising global power in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been significantly shaped by its economic diplomacy. The book "*Economic Diplomacy: India's Ascendancy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" Edited by Pradeep S Mehta, Amb Anil Wadhwa and Advaiyot Sharma offers a comprehensive narrative of India's evolving economic policies, trade negotiations, and strategic engagements. The book underscores how economic diplomacy serves as a vital tool for advancing national interests in an interconnected world. It provides insights into key challenges and opportunities for India in areas such as global trade systems, strategic partnerships, technology cooperation, and regional cooperation. The publication also explores India's role in reshaping global governance frameworks while achieving sustainable growth objectives.



This discussion event brings together an illustrious panel of contributors to the book, comprising senior diplomats and policymakers who have played pivotal roles in shaping India's foreign and economic policies.

**Dr. Sriparna Pathak**, Associate Professor, China Studies and International Relations, OP Jindal University (**Moderator**)

## **Panellists:**

**Amb. Anil Trigunayat**, former Ambassador of India to Jordan, Libya, and Malta  
**Amb. D.B. Venkatesh Varma**, former Ambassador of India to Russia, and Spain.  
**Mr Pradeep S Mehta**, Founder Secretary General, CUTS International

**Amb. Satish C. Mehta**, former Ambassador of India to Kuwait and Bhutan

This rich discussion and insights will provide attendees with a nuanced understanding of India's ascension on the global stage through economic diplomacy.

The event is co-organised by **CUTS International** and the **Rajasthan International Centre**, highlighting Rajasthan's commitment to fostering intellectual discussions on policy, trade, and global affairs.

## Discussion Points

### *Moderator:*

- **Dr Sriparna Pathak:** *Setting the Introduction and Context of the Book*

### *Panellists/Flow of session with thematic areas:*

- **Mr Pradeep S Mehta:** *India's Path to Leadership in Global Trade and Governance*
- **Amb Anil Trigunayat:** *Shifting Global Dynamics and Challenges for Economic Diplomacy in a Post-COVID World*
- **Amb D.B. Venkatesh Varma:** *Role of interregional partnerships, sanctions and the significance of India's engagement with the Russian Far East as a driver for deeper economic collaboration*
- **Amb Satish C Mehta:** *India's humanitarian approach to international relations, emphasising human-centered development as a core element of its foreign policy*

## Flow of Session

12:30 – 12:35	<b>Opening Remarks and Introduction</b>
12:35 – 13:35	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
13:35 – 13:55	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>
13:55 – 14:00	<b>Release of MOU between CUTS and RIC</b>
1400 Onwards	<b>Lunch (for panelists and Special invitees)</b>