

## **Prof Ashwini Chhatre**

- **Swapping crops could help India save water, improve nutrition: Study**

The team, including Ashwini Chhatre from the Indian School of Business, wants to study Indian food preferences, to see if people would be willing to incorporate more of these alternative cereals into their diets. [Read more](#)

- **How Green Is My Forest? There's an App to Tell You**

A web-based application that monitors the impact of successful forest-rights claims can help rural communities manage resources better and improve their livelihoods, according to analysts. Data can be entered offline on the app, and then uploaded to the server when the device is connected to the internet. Data is stored in the cloud and accessible to anyone, said Ashwini Chhatre, an associate professor at ISB. [Read more](#)

- **Coarse cereals have disappeared from Indian diets, leading to iron deficiencies among the population**

Between 1983 and 2011, the total iron intake in India has reduced by 21% in rural areas and 11% in urban areas, says new research. New [research](#) by Ruth DeFries, Ashwini Chhatre and others used consumption data from over eight lakh households to calculate the intake of iron and other micronutrients from 84 food items over the 28 years. [Read more](#)

- **Create Templates, Not Blueprints": How to Do Policy with Impact**

Why policy blueprints are a bad idea for a country like India and how to increase grassroots involvement in governance: Professor Ashwini Chhatre, Academic Director of the Bharti Institute of Public Policy, explains. [Read more](#)

- **Sustainability, development poles apart'**

Talking about the basis of socio-economic setup in India, Ashwini said: "Agriculture is the base of this pyramid. Climate is bound to affect it. Farmers need choices to switch to sustainable farming, incentives instead of diktats to avoid burning crop stubble." [Read more](#)

- **Forest Rights Act can give tribal communities their due**

The Forest Rights Act of 2006 could help ensure rights for tribal and other forest-dependent communities. As many as 600 claims have been filed by the ISB's project for Upscaling Community Forest Resource Rights, Recognition and Governance in India. The only way to move forward to secure land rights of these communities is to enter into dialogue. Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the conference, Academic Director - Digital Identity and Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Prof. Ashwini Chhatre explained that physical resources, i.e. forests, are best managed collectively but should not be privatised. [Read more](#)

- **Can trade save forests?**

Export-oriented manufacturing and service activity as well as foreign direct investment, are the surprising ingredients of an economic trajectory that promotes forest growth in developing economies, Professor Ashwini Chhatre and his colleagues find. [Read more](#)

- **Impact of Historical Changes in Coarse Cereals Consumption in India on Micronutrient Intake and Anemia Prevalence**

We assess impacts of changes in cereal consumption in India on intake of iron and other micronutrients and whether increased consumption of coarse cereals could help alleviate anemia prevalence. [Read more](#)

- **In India, making the business case for community forest rights**

"If we collect this data at high frequency, as it is happening in a large number of communities, then we should be able to develop diagnostics in terms of what works and what doesn't work, by combining it with external sources of data," said Ashwini Chhatre, associate professor of public policy at the Indian School of Business. [Read more](#)

- **Aadhaar linking boosts NREGS: Modi's JAM trinity fast tracks workers' payment disbursements**

Narendra Modi government's apparent insistence on mandatory linking with Aadhaar may have drawn criticism from various quarters with people raising eyebrows, but the project has given a big boost to rural employment by aiding assured jobs and quicker disbursements of payments under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).

"The interesting part of NREGS is that it does not have the biometric authentication requirement because the job card is directly linked to the Aadhaar and the bank account, the wages are paid directly into the bank, so there is no need for biometric authentication," said professor Ashwini Chhatre, Executive Director, Indian School of Business. [Read more](#)

- **India Saved "Over 90,000 Crore With Use Of Aadhaar": UIDAI Chairman**

Ashwini Chhatre, Executive Director, DIRI, set the context for the international conference, in which around 150 researchers on digital identity from India and abroad are participating. [Read more](#)

- **How India Could Cut Irrigation Water By 33% – And Reduce Anaemia, Zinc Deficiency**

Rainwater used for agriculture on rainfed lands reduced from 300 cu km to 219 cu km. This fall expresses both the expansion of the irrigated area and the decline in average rainfall in recent decades, Ashwini Chhatre, co-author of the present study and associate professor of public policy and academic director at the Bharti Institute of Public Policy at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, told IndiaSpend. [Read more](#)

- **Swap rice for maize, millet and sorghum to save water and boost nutrition - experts tell India**

There are alternative cereals that are high in nutrients but in order to supply them, we need to produce more of them," said Ashwini Chhatre, associate professor at the Hyderabad-based Indian School of Business and a co-author of the study.

Maize, finger millet, pearl millet or sorghum are less harmful to the environment and already produced in India but in smaller numbers, Chhatre told the Thomson Reuters Foundation by phone, adding public investment could be channeled towards their production. [Read more](#)

- **Delhi PDS server hits capacity issues despite high Aadhar reliability**

"We found that the PDS entitlement off-take in Delhi is characterised by abrupt surge in authentications attempts in the first half of each month. Any disruption of services by PDS server during this period aggravates the inconvenience caused to beneficiaries," says the study by Siddharth Sekhar Singh and Ashwini Chhatre of ISB. [Read more](#)

- **Infrastructure issues marred Aadhar-enabled PDS in Delhi**

That there is exclusion happening in Aadhar is known, but two Indian school of Business (ISB) researchers have delved deep into the issue to find out what causes this exclusion. The duo, who looked at Delhi PDS to study the issue (Delhi stopped using Aadhar for PDS after reports of exclusion), found out that a large number of authentications in Delhi failed because of outdated PDS servers. [Read more](#)

- **Gondia, Gadchiroli CFR models part of study to double farmer**

Chhatre says in future farm land is not going to increase and hence alternative sources of income like bee-keeping, bamboo growing, tendu etc are sources which could help improve the lives of

farmers. [Read more](#)

- **Want to Push Clean Energy in India? Here's How Your Idea Can Help Drive Policy Impact**

Nonprofit organisations working to advance the clean energy sector in India need support ecosystems to create policy impact.

**The Better India** spoke to Professor Ashwini Chhatre of the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, who took us through the process of how a policy action helped make the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 come into existence. He also explained why there is a need for a support ecosystem for non-profits in India in the clean energy sector. [Read more](#)