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Since its launch in September 2011, PIC has conducted more than 200 programmes and has crafted more than a dozen policy briefs and research papers on various issues such as Climate Change and Environment, Nurturing Gifted Children, Containing Black Money and Good Corporate Governance. Two of PIC's flagship programmes, Pune Dialogue on National Security (PDNS) and National Conference on Social Innovation (NCSI) have been contributing to both -- discourses and policymaking -- on national security and social innovation, respectively.

PIC's platform has been graced by stalwarts such as the late President, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Fareed Zakaria, Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Mr. Piyush Goyal, Dr. Sam Pitroda, Gen. Bipin Rawat, Lord Meghnad Desai, Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Mr. Prithviraj Chavan, and many others. Additionally, with the endeavour to engage with the society at large, PIC also conducts a mentoring programme for social innovators and organises an essay competition for the rural children of Maharashtra.

One of the fundamental objectives of PIC is to contribute intellectually to the overall progress of contemporary society. The Centre regularly engages with distinguished experts and academics to formulate and analyse policies on various issues of national and international importance. Apart from the issues mentioned above, PIC has generated policy briefs and research papers on important issues of the day, such as Goods and Services Tax (GST), Sanitation, Technology, E-Waste, Make in India, Trade and National Security, NGO Sector Governance, Social Entrepreneurship and Innovating India: Road map for 2019-24.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GoI), in partnership with national think tanks, organizes three big conferences every year: The Raisina Dialogues, The Geo-Economic Conference and the Global Technology Summit. Since 2020, MEA has chosen to partner with Pune International Centre (PIC) to conceptualise, plan and organize Asia Economic Dialogue (AED), India's flagship conference on Geo-Economics.

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