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Leading experts of the subject participated in the round table. The roundtable was inaugurated by Dr. **Bibek Debroy**, Member, NITI Aayog and the keynote address was delivered on behalf of Dr. **Arvind Subramanian**, Chief Economic Advisor, **Government of India**.

The Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, is a leading research Institute in the country headed by Professor **Alakh Sharma**. Introducing the Conference, Professor Sharma said, "The concept of Universal Basic Income as alternative to present approaches (of poverty alleviation) has become a major subject of debate in the discourse on inclusive development strategies. It is being thought to be a possible effective measure to tackle unemployment and inequality."

Renowned academics, policy makers, government officials, and dignitaries graced the event. These included, N. K. Singh, Former Member of the **Planning Commission**; Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Ayog; **Pranab**

Bardhan, leading economist; **Nitin Desai**, Former Under-Secretary at the **united nations**. Four Technical sessions were held at the event in which the various debates and proposals surrounding Universal Basic Income were deliberated upon by the panelists. The overview of the deliberations was presented by Prof. **Sudipto Mundle** at the Concluding Session of the Round Table event.

The inaugural address by Dr. Bibek Debroy, set the tone of the discussions for the daylong event. He elaborated on the social and economic constituents of UB and the pros and cons of this form of social security in his address.

A keynote address on behalf of Dr. Arvind Subramanian was delivered at the session on the Economic Survey Proposal. His keynote speech discussed the feasibility and fiscal aspects of UBI and how it can be adjusted with the already existing welfare schemes in the country.

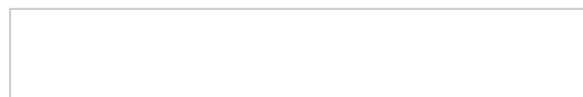
Professor Sudipto Mundle (Emeritus Professor, **National Institute** of Public Finance and Policy, also Member of the **IHD Board of Governors**) deliberated upon the conjecture on UBI that was generated at the Round Table, further fueling the debates upon this social security scheme. He concluded his address by stressing on the importance of development that is inclusive.

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The MoU was signed in presence of **Raman Singh**, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and **Mahesh Lingareddy-Founder** and Chairman, Smartron.

A collaborative initiative, the agreement will bring smart technology and product ecosystem to elevate the technological framework of the state.

Through this partnership, Smartron will bring in their expertise in the area of developing smart devices like smartphones, laptops and other products that offer highly customised, personalised experience to users.

This, in turn, will help create more opportunities for jobs and provide better technological infrastructure.

"The Chhattisgarh SKY scheme has given a big boost and created huge opportunity in electronic manufacturing in the state. I would like to congratulate all the entrepreneurs and expect these companies to start execution of the projects at the earliest," said Raman Singh.

"Smartron is building India's first global technology OEM brand with focus on innovation led product ecosystem around tronX, an AI powered IOT platform delivering intelligent experiences through range of smart devices to various verticals. We strongly believe that this association will bring in number of smart technologies, jobs and manufacturing and product ecosystems to the state," said Mahesh.

"With our strong R&D led product portfolio that includes the tphone, tbook, the srtphone and a number of smart devices from tabs to wearables to laptops to smart home devices in the pipeline, we look forward to partnering with the government of Chhattisgarh to transform the state's technological infrastructure and deliver highly intelligent and personalised services in the areas of health, home, education, governance, infrastructure, agriculture and energy," he added.

Through this collaboration with the state, Smartron will be participating in various government initiatives like the Smart City project, the SKY program. The company will be able to fulfil the state's requirements for smart products and technologies on an ongoing basis.

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