

*National Conference on*

**GROWTH AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA:**

**Recent Experiences and Emerging Perspectives**

**13-15 May 2019**

**PROGRAMME**

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*Organised by:*

**Institute for Human Development (IHD), Delhi**

*Venue:*

**Seminar Room I& II  
Kamladevi Complex, India International Centre (IIC)  
Lodhi Estate, New Delhi**

## PROGRAMME

### Day 1: Monday, 13 May 2019

- 0830-0930 hrs** : TEA AND REGISTRATION
- 0930-1030** : **INAUGURAL SESSION**
- Welcome and Opening Remarks** : **Professor Alakh N. Sharma**  
Director  
Institute for Human Development (IHD)
- Introduction to the Conference** : **Professor Sudipto Mundle**  
Distinguished Fellow, NCAER  
and Member, IHD Board of Governors
- Address by the Chairman** : **Dr. Bibek Debroy**  
Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the  
Prime Minister, and Member, NITI Aayog
- Inaugural Address** : **Shri N.K. Singh**  
Chairman, Fifteenth Finance Commission,  
Government of India
- Vote of Thanks** : **Ms. Priyanka Tyagi**  
Administration and Programme Manager, IHD
- 1030-1210** : ***Session 1: Growth Performance and Poverty  
Reduction: Inter-state Variations***
- Chair** : **Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia**  
Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
- Presentations** : **Professor Sabyasachi Kar**, Professor, Institute of  
Economic Growth, Delhi; and **Dr. Debajit Jha**,  
Assistant Professor, Jindal Global University  
*States of Growth in Indian States*

**Professor R. Radhakrishna**, Chairman and Honorary Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad and Dr. Brajaraja Mishra, Assistant Professor, CESS  
*Growth and Well-being: Regional Variations*

**Discussants** : **Dr. Ajit Ghose**, Hon. Professor, Institute for Human Development, Delhi

**Dr. Rinku Murgai**, Lead Economist, World Bank

**1210-1230** : TEA

**1230-1400** : **Session 2: Regional Pattern of Employment and Migration**

**Chair** : **Professor Deepak Nayyar**  
Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Former Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University

**Presentations** : **Professor Sandip Sarkar**, Professor, Institute for Human Development (IHD), Delhi; and Dr. Balwant Mehta, Fellow, IHD  
*Trends and Patterns of Regional Employment in India*

**Professor Ravi Srivastava**, Director, Centre for Employment Studies, Institute for Human Development, Delhi

*Inter-State Migration in India: Too Little or Too Much and Does it Need a Paradigm Shift in Policy?*

**Discussants** : **Dr. Himanshu**, Associate Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Dr. S.K. Sasikumar**, Senior Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida

**1400-1445** : LUNCH

**1445-1615** : ***Session 3: Regional Variations in Agricultural Performance***

**Chair** : **Dr. T. Haque**, Chairman, Special Cell on Land Policy, NITI Aayog and former Chairman, Commission of Agricultural Cost and Prices, Government of India

**Presentations** : **Professor S. Mahendra Dev**, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai; **Dr. A. Ganesh Kumar**, Professor, IGIDR; and **Mr. Varun Kumar**, Research Scholar, IGIDR

*Regional Variations in Agricultural Development in India: Dimensions, Determinants and Policies*

**Dr. Anjani Kumar**, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia Office, New Delhi; and **Dr Raka Saxena**, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NIAP, New Delhi

*Agricultural Growth and Regional Disparities in India*

**Discussants** : **Dr. Suresh Pal**  
Director, ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi

**Professor N. Chandrasekhara Rao**  
Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

**1615-1630** : TEA

**1630-1800** : ***Session 4: Regional Pattern of Industrial Location***

**Chair** : **Dr. Nitin Desai**  
Former Under-Secretary General, United Nations

**Presentations** : **Dr. K.V. Ramaswamy**, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai  
*Growth and Concentration of Sub-National Manufacturing Activity in India, 2004-05 to 2015-16*

**Professor B.N. Goldar**, Former Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi; Professor Suresh Aggarwal, Former Professor, University of Delhi and Mr. Yashobanta Parida, Research Fellow, Institute of Rural Management Anand  
*Regional Dimensions of Manufacturing Sector Growth and Job Creation in India*

- Discussants** : **Dr. Ajit Ranade**  
Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group
- Professor Aditya Bhattacharjea**  
Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics
- 1800-1930** : ***Session 5: Urbanisation and Growth of Metropolises***
- Chair** : **Dr. Anoop Singh**  
Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission, Government of India
- Presentations** : **Professor Amitabh Kundu**, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System, New Delhi  
*Urbanisation and Mobility in India: Issues of Labour Market Integration and Exclusion*
- Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi  
*Diya Tale Andhera (Darkness under the Lamp)*
- Discussants** : **Professor Arup Mitra**  
Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
- Dr. Anant Maringanti**  
Director, Hyderabad Urban Lab, Hyderabad
- 1930** : **DINNER**

## Day 2: Tuesday, 14 May 2019

**0930-1140** : ***Session 6: Regional Variations in Investment and Financial Flows***

**Chair** : **Dr. M. Govinda Rao**  
Former Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi and Former Member, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission

**Presentations** : **Dr. Deepak Sethia**, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Indore  
*Fiscal Federalism and Interregional Financial Flows in India*

**Dr. S.L. Shetty**, Advisor, EPW Research Foundation, Mumbai  
*Inter-State and Inter-Regional Disparities in Bank Credit and Other Financial Flows in the Post-Reform Period*

**Discussants** : **Dr. Lekha S Chakraborty**  
Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

**Mr. K.G.K. Subba Rao**  
Former Adviser, Reserve Bank of India

**1140-1200** : TEA

**1200-1345** : ***Session 7: Panel Discussion on Inter-State Variations in Infrastructure and Social Service Delivery***

**Chair** : **Dr. Shekhar Shah**  
Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi

**Panelists** : **Professor Sudipto Mundle**, Distinguished Fellow, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Former Member, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission

**Professor N.R. Bhanumurty**, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

**Professor Achin Chakraborty**, Director, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

- 1345-1430** : LUNCH
- 1430-1600** : ***Session 8: Contrasting Patterns of Development: Case Studies of Selected States – Bihar and Odisha***
- Chair** : **Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama**  
Country Director, Asian Development Bank, India Office
- Presentations** : **Dr. P.P. Ghosh**, Director, Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna  
*Dynamics of Development Trajectory in Bihar*
- Dr. Narayan Chandra Nayak**  
Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur  
*Nature and Pattern of Development in Odisha*
- Discussants** : **Professor Alakh N. Sharma**  
Director, Institute for Human Development, Delhi
- Dr. Manoj Panda**  
Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
- 1600-1620** : TEA
- 1620-1830** : ***Session 9: Contrasting Pattern of Development: Case Studies of Selected States - Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Gujarat***
- Chair** : **Dr. Rajat Kathuria**  
Director & Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi

**Presentations**

: **Dr. Vijaybaskar**, Professor, Madras School of Development Studies, Chennai

*Combining Human Development with Structural Transformation: A Dravidian Legacy*

**Dr. A.V. Jose**, Honorary Visiting Professor, Centre for Development Studies and Former Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram

*Endogenous Forces in the Development of Kerala*

**Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia**,  
Chairman, Committee on Sub-National Accounts, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Member, Monetary Policy Committee, Reserve Bank of India

*Economic Growth and Development in Gujarat*

**Discussants**

: **Dr. J. Jeyaranjan**  
Director, Institute for Development Alternatives, Chennai

**Professor Sunil Mani**  
Director, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum

**Dr. Jeemol Unni**  
Professor, Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University

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: HIGH TEA



## Day 3: Wednesday, 15 May 2019

**0900-1100** : ***Session 10: Fiscal Federalism and Role of Finance Commissions***

**Chair** : **Dr. Ashok Lahiri**  
Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission

**Presentations** : **Professor Govinda Rao**, Former Director,  
National Institute of Public Finance and Policy  
(NIPFP), and former Member, 14th Finance  
Commission  
*Reforming the Fiscal Transfer System in India*

**Professor Atul Sarma**, Visiting Professor, Institute  
for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi  
and Former Member, 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission;  
and Dr. Manish Gupta, Assistant Professor, NIPFP  
*Role of Finance Commission-Constitutionally  
Assigned and Beyond*

**Professor Pinaki Chakraborty**  
Chief of Social Policy for Tamil Nadu and Kerala,  
UNICEF, Chennai and Economic Adviser,  
Fourteenth Finance Commission of India  
*Finance Commission Transfers: Is there a Fiscal  
Space for Conditional Grants?*

**Discussants** : **Professor Tapas Sen**  
Adviser, PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS and  
former Professor, National Institute of Public  
Finance and Policy

: **Mr. G.R. Reddy**, Advisor, Finance, Government of  
Telangana

: **Mr. V. Srinivas, IAS**  
Additional Secretary  
Department of Administrative Reforms and  
Public Grievances  
Government of India

**1100-1115** : TEA

- 1115-1300** : ***Session 11: Panel Discussion: Uneven Regional Development and Issues in Federalism***
- Chair** : **Professor Abhijit Sen**  
Former Member, Planning Commission
- Panelists** : **Dr. Yamini Aiyar**, President, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
- Professor D.K. Srivastava**, Chief Policy Adviser, Ernst Young and Former Member, 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, Government of India
- Professor Balveer Arora**, Professor Emeritus and Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi & Former Professor of Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 1300-1400** : **Valedictory Session**
- Chair** : **Dr. Ramesh Chand**  
Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India
- Valedictory Address** : **Dr. Shankar Acharya**  
**Former Member, Twelfth Finance Commission and former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India**
- Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks** : **Professor Alakh N. Sharma**  
Director, IHD
- 1400 : LUNCH