



**IGC Bihar Growth Conference
July 19-20, 2014
Hotel Maurya (Patna)**

DAY 1 – 19 July 2014

Welcome Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)

Anjan Mukherji (IGC & NIPFP)
Shaibal Gupta (IGC& ADRI)

Inauguration (10:15 – 11:15)

Chair: Jonathan Leape (LSE & IGC)

Keynote Address: Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Honourable Chief Minister of Bihar

Guest Speakers: Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Honourable Minister, Finance (Bihar)

Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Honourable Minister, Water Resources (Bihar)

Tea Break (11:15 – 11:30)

Session 1: (11:30 – 13:00)

Chair: Pratyaya Amrit, Secretary, Department of Energy, Government of Bihar

IGC Project 1: 'Lighting up Bihar' by Nicholas Ryan (Harvard University)- **(30)**

IGC Project 2: 'The Benefits of Solar Technology Adoption: Preliminary findings' by David Szakonyi (Columbia University) **(30)**

Discussion (20)

Sourabh B Paul (IIT Delhi)

Question & Answer (10)

Lunch (13:00- 14:30)

Special Lecture I (14:30 – 15:30)

Chair: Gulrez Hoda, Member, Planning Board, Government of Bihar

Special Lecture: 'Politician Identity and Religious Violence in India' by Lakshmi Iyer (Harvard University) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Session 2: Innovations in Government: Experience of other states (15:30 – 17:30)

Chair: Sandeep Poundrik, Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Bihar

Presentation 1: 'Challenges in Solid Waste Management' by G. P. Mohapatra (Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad)

Presentation 2: 'Relative State of Public Finance in Bihar, West Bengal, and Orissa' by Abhirup Sarkar (ISI Kolkata)

Discussion: (20)

Rathin Roy (NIPFP)
P. P. Ghosh (ADRI)

Question & Answer (10)

Tea Break (17:30 – 17:45)

Special Lecture II (17:45 – 18:45)

Chair: Navin Verma, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Bihar

Co-Chair: B. Rajender, Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar

Special Lecture: 'Public-Private Partnerships and their challenges' by K. Jairaj (Centre for Public Policy, IIM-Bangalore) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Reception Dinner (20:00 onwards)

DAY 2 – 20 July 2013

Session 3: (09:30 – 11:00)

Chair: S. M. Raju, Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of Bihar

Presentation 3: ‘Short Term Migration and Rural Employment Guarantee: Evidence from India’ by Clement Imbert (Oxford University) **(30)**

IGC Project 3: ‘The Changing Face of Internal Circular Migration in Bihar: A Qualitative Exploration’ by Indrajit Roy (University of Oxford) **(30)**

Discussion (10*2=20)

Alakh Narayan Sharma (IHD)
Mritiunjoy Mohanty (IIM Kolkata)

Question & Answer (10)

Tea Break (11:00-11:15)

Session 4: Innovations in Government: Bihar (11:15 – 01:15)

Chair: Anjani Kumar Singh, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar

Speakers:

S.K. Negi (Development Commissioner), **Rameshwar Singh** (Principal Secretary, Finance Department), **Brajesh Mehrotra** (Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat), **Amarjeet Sinha** (Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department), **Amrit Lal Meena** (Principal Secretary, Agriculture), **Sanjay Kumar** (Secretary, Labour Resources Department), **S. Siddharth** (Secretary, Rural Works Department), **N. Vijaylakshmi** (Divisional Commissioner, Patna)

Question & Answer (15)

Lunch (01:15 – 14:30)

Session 5: (14:30 – 16:00)

Chair: E.L.S.N Balaprasad, Department of Commercial Taxes, Government of Bihar (TBC)

IGC Project 4: 'Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar' by Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut) (30)

Presentation 4: 'Leakage in Fuel Subsidy: Evidence from Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG Policy in India' by Prabhat Barnwal (Columbia University) (30)

Discussion (10*2=20)

Sisir Debnath (ISB)
Rathin Roy (NIPFP)

Question & Answer (10)

Tea Break (16:00-16:30)

Special Lecture III (16:30 - 17:30)

Chair: TBA

Special Lecture: 'Payments Infrastructure and the Performance of Public Programs: Evidence from Biometric Smartcards in India' by Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD) (40)

Discussion: (20)

Vote of Thanks (17:30- 17:45)

Anjan Mukherji (NIPFP & IGC)