

IGC Bihar Growth Conference

December 14-15, 2011

Hotel Maurya, Patna

Provisional Agenda

DAY 1 – 14 December 2011

Welcome Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)

Anjan Mukherji (IGC & NIPFP)

Mark Henstridge (IGC)

Session 1: Building an Effective Bihar (10:15 – 11:15)

Chair - Maitreesh Ghatak (IGC & LSE)

Key Note Address – Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Bihar

Lead Speaker – Shaibal Gupta (IGC & ADRI)

Session 2: Education Sector Reform in Bihar: The Road Ahead (11:20 – 13:25)

Chair: Ravikant, Cabinet Secretary, Government of Bihar

Special Lecture 1: Rohini Somanathan (IGC & DSE) - *The Privatization of Child Learning in Rural India*

IGC Project 1: Nishith Prakash (Cornell University) and Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD) - *Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar*

IGC Project 2: Priya Ranjan (University of California, Irvine) and Nishith Prakash (Cornell University) - *Education Policies and Practices: What have we learnt so far and the road ahead?*

Discussion

Rajesh Bhushan, State Director, Bihar Education Project Council, Government of Bihar

Prabhat P. Ghosh (ADRI)

Rukmini Banerji (PRATHAM)

Question & Answer

Session 3: Strengthening Water Resources Management in Bihar (14:15 – 16:05)

Chair: Robin Burgess (IGC & LSE) - TBC

Special Lecture 2: E. Somanathan (ISI Delhi) - *Are Embankments a good flood-control strategy - case study of the Kosi River*

Special Lecture 3: Claudia Sadoff (World Bank) and N. Harshdeep (World Bank) - *Ganges Basin Strategic Assessment Study*

Discussion

Deepak Prasad, Secretary, Minor Water Resources, Government of Bihar
Arunabha Ghosh (Council on Energy, Environment and Water)

Question & Answer

Session 4: Promoting Agricultural Growth in Bihar (16:05 – 18:10)

Chair: N. Vijaylakshmi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar

Special Lecture 4: Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India

Special Lecture 5: Andrew Foster (Brown University) - *Are Indian Farms Too Small? Mechanization, Agency Costs, and Farm Efficiency*

IGC Project 3: Areendam Chanda (Louisiana State University) - *Evaluating the Performance of the Kisan Credit Card Scheme in Bihar*

Discussion

Chiranjib Sen (Azim Premji University)
Mritiunjoy Mohanty (IIM Calcutta)

Question & Answer

Special Lecture Series I (18:25 - 20:00)

Chair: TBA

Special Lecture 6: Robin Burgess (IGC & LSE) - *Can Entrepreneurship Programs Transform the Economic Lives of the Poor?*

Special Lecture 7: Maitreesh Ghatak (IGC & LSE) and Sanchari Roy (University of Warwick) - *Motivating Agents to Spread Information: The Role of Explicit Incentives and Social Identity-Matching*

Special Lecture 8: Karthik Muralidharam (UCSD) - *Assessing the Scope for Cash Transfers in lieu of the Targeted Public Distribution System in Rural and Urban Bihar*

DAY 2 – 15 December 2011

Special Lecture Series 2 (10:30 – 11:30)

Chair: TBA

Special Lecture 9: Abhirup Sarkar (ISI Kolkata) – *Can Affirmative Action Affect the Targeted Population?*

Special Lecture 10: Adnan Khan (IGC) - *Testing the Role of Incentives on Tax Inspectors' Behaviour: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Pakistan*

Session 5: Health and Rural Development: Challenges and Opportunities (11:45 – 13:30)

Chair: Vijoy Prakash, Principal Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar

Opening Remarks: Amarjeet Sinha, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Bihar

Special Lecture 11: S. Selva Kumar (Government of Karnataka) on *Innovations in Rural Health Delivery in Karnataka*

Special Lecture 12: Vijayendra Rao (World Bank) - *Evaluation of the Jeevika Programme*

IGC Project 4: Santosh Kumar (Washington University) and Nishith Prakash (Cornell University) - *Women Reservation in Bihar and Children's Health Outcomes*

Discussion

Sanjay Kumar, Managing Director, State Health Society, Government of Bihar
Sujeet Ranjan (CARE India-Bihar)
Suneeta Krishnan (Research Triangle Institute)

Question & Answer

Session 6: Fiscal Policy and Financial Management in Bihar (14:30 – 16:15)

Chair: TBA

Special Lecture 13: M. Govinda Rao (NIPFP & PMEAC)

IGC Project 5: Sanjay Banerji (University of Nottingham), Sushanta Mallick and Krishna Gangopadhyay (AT Kearney) - *Financial Intermediation and Economic Growth in Bihar: A District-Level Analysis (20)*

IGC Project 6: Chirashree Das Gupta (Ambedkar University Delhi) and Pronay Sarkar (CEPPF, ADRI) - *Setting Commercial Tax Targets for FY 2011-12: An Experiment for Government of Bihar*

Discussion

Rajit Punhani, Principal Secretary, Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Bihar
Rajul Awasthi (World Bank)

Question & Answer

Session 7: Interactive Policy Session (16:30 – 17:45)

Chair: Navin Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar

Discussion

Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Cabinet Minister, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar
P.K. Shahi, Cabinet Minister, Human Resources Development Department, Government of Bihar
Nitish Mishra, Cabinet Minister, Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar
N.K. Singh, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Amarjeet Sinha, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Bihar
Rajit Punhani, Principal Secretary, Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Bihar

Valedictory Address (17:45 – 18:15)