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You are cordially invited to the 4th West Bengal Growth Workshop organised by the Sampling and Official Statistics Unit (SOSU), Indian Statistical Institute to be held on 26th and 27th December, 2014 at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

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Programme Overleaf

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Day 1: Friday, December 26 (2014)

- 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.: **Key Note Address 1** : Venue - Auditorium, Chair: **Satyajit Ranjan Chakravarty**, Indian Statistical Institute

Speaker: **Maitreesh Ghatak** (London School of Economics)- *Theories of Poverty Traps and the Design of Antipoverty Policies*

- 11.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.: **Tea/Coffee break**

- 11.45 a.m.-1.45 p.m.: **Technical Session 1** (Education, Health) : Venue - NAB 1, Chair: **Jyotsna Jalan** (CSSS)

4 papers (20 mins presentation + 10 min discussion for each)

Arijita Dutta and Montu Bose (Calcutta University) - *Health Equity in Access and Benefit Incidence: A tale of two states in India*

Pranab Das (CSSS) and Bibhas Saha (University of East Anglia) - *Determinants of drop outs in rural economies: Results from a large-scale survey in West Bengal.*

Sarmistha Pal (Surrey University) and Pushkar Maitra (Monash University) - *Why There Is A Gender Gap in Private School Enrolment?*

Arpita Ghosh and Amrit Bhanja (Jadavpur University) - *Interdistrict Variation of Efficiency of Elementary Education*

- 1.45 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. : **Lunch**, Venue - ISI Guest House
- 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. : **Key Note Address 2** : Venue - Auditorium, Chair: **Maitreesh Ghatak** (London School of Economics)

Speaker: **Debraj Ray**, Julius Silver Professor of Economics (New York University) - *Uneven Growth, Aspirations and Social Conflict*

- 4.15 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. : **Technical Session 2** (Trade and Industry) : Venue - NAB1, Chair : **Ajitava Raychaudhuri**, Jadavpur University

4 papers (20mins presentation + 10 min discussion for each)

Partha Pratim Pal (IIM, Kolkata) - *Pattern of International Trade through West Bengal*

Sujata Bera (Raja N.L.Khan College) - *The Impact of the Micro-Credit Programme*

Alok Kar (ISI and formerly in UN and MOSPI, Govt. of India) and Mrinal Bhaumik (ISI and formerly in MOSPI, Govt. of India) - *Manufacturing Sector of West Bengal*

Bivas Chaudhuri, Saikat Sarkar and A.K Panigrahi (Central Statistical Organisation, Govt. of India) - *Chronic problems in industrialization in West Bengal*

- 6.15 - 6.30 p.m. : **Tea/Coffee break**

Day 2: Saturday, December 27 (2014)

- 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.: **Key Note Address 3** : Venue - Auditorium, Chair: **Dipankar Dasgupta** (ISI-Retired)

Speaker: **Kaushik Basu** (Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, The World Bank and C. Marks Professor, Cornell University) - *A New Approach to Law and Economics*

- 11.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.: **Tea /Coffee break**

- 11.45 a.m. - 1.45 pm: **Technical Session 3** (Land and Politics) : Venue - NAB1, Chair: **Raghavendra Chattopadhyay** (IIM-Retired)

3 papers (25 mins presentation + 15 min discussion for each)

Subhasish Dey and Kunal Sen (University of Manchester) - *Do Electoral Politics Matter in MGNREGS Implementation?*

Sonia Bhalotra, **Abhishek Chakravarty** (University of Essex), Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University), Francisco J. Pino (Université Libre de Bruxelles) - *Property Rights and Gender Bias: Evidence from Land Reform in West Bengal*

Neelanjana Sircar (Columbia University) - *A Tale of Two Villages*

- 1.45 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. : **Lunch**
- 3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. : **Technical Session 4** (West Bengal from External Perspective) - Venue - Auditorium, Chair: **Abhirup Sarkar**, Indian Statistical Institute

3 speakers (20 mins each and 30 mins for discussion at the end)

Ashok S. Lahiri (Economist formerly in ADB), **Sudipto Mundle** (Economist, Member- Fourteenth Finance Commission and formerly in ADB), **Kaushik Basu** (World Bank and Cornell University)

- 4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.: **Tea/Coffee break**

- 4.45 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. : **Technical Session 5** (Panel discussion) - Decentralisation and Local Governments : Venue - NAB1 Chair : **Dilip Mookherjee** (Boston University)

4 presentations (15 mins for each speaker and 30 minutes for concluding remarks)

Subrata Mukherjee and Achin Chakraborty (IIDS), **Jayanta kr Dwivedi** (BKC College) and Tushar Nandi (CSSS), **Swati Bhattacharya** (Ananda Bazar) and Raghavendra Chattopadhyay (IIM), **Sandip Mitra** and Kajal Dihidar (ISI)

Concluding Remark: **Dilip Mookherjee** (Boston University)

Vote of Thanks : **Nachiketa Chattopadhyay** (Head, SOSU)

- 6.15 - 6.30 p.m. : **Tea/Coffee break**