



IGC Bihar Growth Conference
July 25-26, 2015
Hotel Maurya (Patna)

(Draft Programme)

DAY 1 – 25 July 2015

Welcome Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)

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

Inauguration (10:15 – 11:45)

Chair: Anjan Mukherji (JNU, IGC & NIPFP)

Inaugural Speeches:

Vijay Kumar Chaudhary (Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources, Agriculture and Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Bihar)

Bijendra Prasad Yadav (Hon'ble Minister, Energy Department, Govt. of Bihar)

Prashant Kumar Shahi (Hon'ble Minister, Department of Education, Govt. of Bihar)

Keynote Address: *"Democracy and the Political Management of Primitive Accumulation"* by Partha Chatterjee, Columbia University

Tea Break (11:45 – 12:00)

Session 1: Education (12:00 – 13:30)

Chair: Rahul Singh (Managing Director, BELTRON, Government of Bihar)

IGC Project 1: *"Outlays to Outcome"* by Yamini Iyer (Accountability Initiative) **(30)**

IGC Project 2: *"Choice and cost: the role of household decision making and spending on secondary education in rural Bihar"* by Rukmini Banerjee (Pratham) **(30)**

Discussion (20)

Saumyajit Bhattacharya (Kirori Mal College)

Sukanya Bose (NIPFP)

Question & Answer (10)

Lunch (13:30– 15:00)

Special Lecture I (15:00 – 16:00)

Chair: Dr. Deepak Prasad (Principal Secretary, Planning and Development)

Special Lecture: "*On the Alleged Inclusiveness of India's Economic Growth*" by S. Subramanian (MIDS) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Session 2: Innovations in Government: Ideas for Bihar (16:00 – 17:30)

Chair: Sanjay Kumar (Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Jharkhand)

Speakers:

"*Land Acquisition: Balancing Development and Justice*" by Parikshit Ghosh (DSE)

"*Better implementation design for policy effectiveness*" by Ashwini Kulkarni (Pragati Abhiyan)

Question and Answer

Tea Break (17:30 – 17:45)

Special Lecture II (17:45 – 18:45)

Chair: Amit Khare (Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand)

Special Lecture: "*Skilling an Industrial Workforce*" by Madhav Chavan (Pratham) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Reception Dinner (20:00 onwards)

DAY 2 – 26 July 2015

Session 3: (09:30 – 11:00) Agriculture and Migration in Bihar

Chair: A. K. Chauhan (State Election Commissioner, Bihar State Election Authority)

IGC Project 3: “*Promoting balanced use of Chemical Fertilizers*” by Avinash Kishore (IFPRI) **(30)**

IGC Project 4: “*The changing face of internal circular migration in Bihar: A Qualitative Exploration*” by Indrajit Roy (University of Oxford) **(30)**

Discussion (10*2=20)

Sisir Debnath (ISB)

Dr. P.P. Ghosh (ADRI)

Question & Answer (10)

Tea Break (11:00-11:15)

Session 4: Implications of recommendations of 14th Finance Commission (11:15 – 12:30)

Chair: Ravi Mittal (Principal Secretary, Department of Finance)

Presentation: Pinaki Chakraborty (NIPFP) (30)

Discussion: (30)

Rathin Roy (Director, NIPFP) (15)

Sugata Marjit (CSSS) (15)

Question & Answer (15)

Lunch (12:30 – 13:40)

Session 5: (13:40 – 15:00) Energy

Chair: Pratayaya Amrit (Principal Secretary, Department of Energy) **TBC***

“*Lighting up Bihar: Electrification to Sustain Economic Growth*” by Nicholas Ryan (Yale University), 30 mts

“*Caste connections and Government transfers: The Mahadalits of Bihar*” by Hemanshu Kumar (Delhi School of Economics) 30 mts

Discussion(10)

Abhinav Alakshendra (University of Florida)

Question & Answer (10)**Special Lecture IV (15:00 to 16:00)**

Chair: Rameshwar Singh (Director General, Centre for Good Governance)

Speaker: “*Clientelism in Indian Villages*” by Patrick Francois (UBC)

Session 6: What next for Bihar: The Political Dimension (16:00 – 17:00) TBC

Chair: Shaibal Gupta (IGC& ADRI)

Speakers:

Abdul Bari Siddiqui (Former Minister & Senior leader, Rashtriya Janata Dal)

Ashok Chaudhary (President, Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee)

Pavan Kumar Varma (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, JD(U)

Mangal Pandey (State President, BJP, Bihar)

Maitreesh Ghatak (LSE and IGC)

Q& A (15 mts)**Session 7: What next for Bihar: For Inclusive Sustainable Growth (17:00 – 18:15)**

Chair: Anup Mukerji (Former Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar)

Speakers:

10 minutes each

Brajesh Mehrotra (Principal Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Bihar)

Chanchal Kumar (Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Bihar)

Tripurari Sharan (Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Government of Bihar)

Anjani Kumar Singh (Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar)

Ashok Kotwal (UBC and IGC)

Question & Answer (15)**Vote of Thanks**

Anjan Mukherji (JNU & IGC)