

5th West Bengal Growth Conference

(Organised by Sampling and Official Statistics Unit and International Growth Centre)

Venue: PJA Auditorium and NAB1

Day 1 : 26th December, 2015

- **Keynote Speaker** (10.00am-11.00 am): **Bhaskar Dutta** (University of Warwick and Ashoka University): *Measuring Social Welfare and Growth*.
Chair: Kaushik Basu (Cornell University and Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, World Bank)

- **Tea** (11.00am-11.15am)

- **Technical Session 1** (11.15am-1.45p.m): 30 mins (including Q & A) for each speaker.
Chair: Ajitava Raychaudhuri (Jadavpur University)

Partha Pratim Pal and Manisha Chakrabarty (Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta): *A Comparative Study of Special Economic Zones of India with Special Reference to SEZs Operating in West Bengal*.

Saikat Sinha Roy (Jadavpur University) and Simontini Das (Rabindra Bharati University): *How Difficult Is It to Export from West Bengal? An Analysis Based on a Field Survey*.

Sisir Debnath (Indian School of Business, Hyderabad): *Voting Machines and Electoral Fraud: Evidence from India*.

Souvik Dutta (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): *Informal Insurance under Individual Liability Loans: Theory and Evidence*.

Tanika Chakraborty, Reema Kumari (IIT, Kanpur), Anirban Mukherjee (Calcutta University) and Sarani Saha (IIT, Kanpur): *A Study on Courts and Start-ups in West Bengal*.

- **Lunch** (1.45p.m-2.45p.m)

- **Keynote Speaker** (2.45 p.m-3.45 p.m): **Partha Chatterjee** (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and Columbia University): *When Victims Become Rulers: Partition, Caste and Society in West Bengal and Tripura*.

Chair: Achin Chakraborty (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)

- **Technical Session 2** (3.45p.m-5.45p.m): 30 mins (including Q & A) for each speaker.
Chair: Sarmila Banerjee (Calcutta University)

Paul Fritjers (University of Queensland), Asadul Islam (Monash University) and **Debayan Pakrashi** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur): *Can We Select the Right Peers in Indian Education?*

Sarmistha Sen (Shyamsundar College): *Subcontracting and Productivity Improvement of the Unorganized Textile Enterprises: An Impact Evaluation in Selected Indian States*.

Subhasish Dey (University of Manchester) and Arjun Bedi (Erasmus University): *Falling Clientelism or Regime Change? Benefit Incidence of India's Employment Guarantee Programme - Household Panel Data Analysis from West Bengal*.

Vivekananda Mukherjee (Jadavpur University) and Jayanta Kumar Dwivedi (BKC College, Kolkata): *Efficient Utilization of Funds in Rural Local Governments: The Case of West Bengal*.

- **Tea**

End of day 1

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Day 2: 27th December, 2015

- **Keynote Speaker** (10.00am -11.00 am): Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India: *The Chakravyuha Challenge of Indian Capitalism*.
Chair: Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University)
- **Tea:** (11.00am-11.15am)
- **Technical session 3** (11.15 am -1.15 p.m): 30 mins (including Q & A) for each speaker.
Chair: Maitreesh Ghatak (London School of Economics)

Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics): *Half the Sky? Women in the West Bengal Labour Force*.

Rohini Somanathan (Delhi School of Economics): *The Murky Path to Clean Air in Kolkata*.

Jyotsna Jalan (CTRPFP and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta) and Karla Hoff (World Bank): *Empowering Women - Evaluation of a Socio-cultural Intervention in South 24 Parganas*.

Sabyasachi Das (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): *Council Composition and Public Good Provision - Evidence from Kerala*.

- **Lunch** (1.15 p.m-2.15 p.m)
- **Keynote Speaker** (2.15p.m-3.15p.m): **Tirthankar Roy** (London School of Economics): *The Transfer of Economic Power - Corporate Kolkata in the 1960s*.
Chair : Dipankar Dasgupta (Formerly Indian Statistical Institute)
- **Panel Discussion** (3.15 p.m to 5.30 p.m): 15 mins for each speaker, excluding discussion.
Topic: Industrialisation in West Bengal.
Chair - Pranab Bardhan (University of California, Berkeley)

Abhirup Sarkar (Indian Statistical Institute and Chairman, West Bengal State Finance Commission and Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation)

Arvind Subramanian (Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India)

Ashok Lahiri (Chairman, Bandhan Bank)

Partha Chatterjee (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and Columbia University)

Rudrangshu Mukherjee (Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University)

Suparno Moitra (Secretary, Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industries)

- **Tea**

End of Conference