



**IGC Bihar Growth Conference: Programme**  
**July 20-21, 2013**  
**Hotel Maurya, Patna**

**DAY 1 – 20 July 2013**

**Welcome Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)**

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

**Inauguration (10:15 – 11:15)**

**Chair:** Robin Burgess (LSE & IGC)(20)  
**Chief Guest:** Pavan Kumar Varma (Cultural Advisor to Chief Minister) (20)  
**Inaugural Lecture:** Hari Kishore Singh (Deputy Chairman, Bihar State Planning Board)(20)

**Tea Break (11:15 – 11:30)**

**Session 1: (11:30 – 13:00)**

**Chair:** Amarjeet Sinha (Principal Secretary, Department of Education)

**IGC Project1:** ‘Quantitative Baseline Assessment of Child Nutritional Status and Performance of ICDS Supplementary Nutrition in Bihar’ by Neil Buddy Shah (IDinsight) and Ronald Abraham (IDinsight) (25)

**IGC Project 2:** ‘Improving Child Health and Schooling: An Evaluation of the Government of Bihar’s Nayi Pidhi Swasthya Guarantee Yojana’ by Anjini Kochar (Stanford University) (25)

**Discussion (10\*3=30)**

Rajit Punhani (Secretary, Social Welfare Department)  
Prachi Mishra (Ministry of Finance, Government of India)  
Sanjay Kumar (Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare)

**Question & Answer (10)**

**Lunch (13:00- 14:30)**

**Special Lecture I (14:30 – 15:30)**

**Chair:** Anthony Venables (University of Oxford)

**Special Lecture:** Kaivan Munshi (Cambridge University)- ‘Networks and Misallocation- Insurance, Migration, and the Rural-Urban Wage Gap’ (40)

**Discussion (20)**

## **Session 2: (15:30 - 17:25)**

**Chair:** Prabhat P.Ghosh (Director, ADRI)

**IGC Project 3:** 'Cash versus Kind: Understanding the Preferences of the Bicycle Programme Beneficiaries in Bihar' by Maitreesh Ghatak (IGC & LSE), Sandip Mitra (ISI Kolkata), and Chinmaya Kumar (IGC) **(25)**

**IGC Project 4:** 'Incorporating Public Good Availability into the Measurement of Poverty' by Rohini Somanathan (IGC & DSE) **(25)**

**Presentation:** 'Cash or Food Security Through the Public Distribution System? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Delhi, India' by Shubhashis Gangopadhyay (India Development Foundation) **(25)**

### **Discussion (10\*2=20)**

Sanjay Jain (University of Cambridge)

Sripad Motiram (IGIDR)

### **Question & Answer (20)**

## **Tea Break (17:25 - 17:45)**

### **Special Lecture II (17:45 - 18:45)**

**Chair:** Rohini Somanathan (IGC & DSE)

**Special Lecture:** Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University & IGC)-'From Land Reform to Land Acquisition in West Bengal: State Policy and Agrarian Challenges' **(40)**

### **Discussion (20)**

### **Special Lecture III (18:45 - 19:30)**

**Chair:** Anjani Kumar Singh (Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Government of Bihar)

**Special Lecture:** Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD)-'Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrolment for Girls in Bihar' **(30)**

### **Discussion (15)**

## **Reception Dinner (19:30 onwards)**

## **DAY 2 – 21 July 2013**

### **Session 3: (09:30 – 11:00)**

**Chair:** Anil Kumar Sinha (Vice Chairman, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority)

**IGC Project 5:** ‘Strengthening the Institutional Framework for Flood and Water Resources Management in Bihar: Developing a Strategy for Reform - Phase Two’ by Ghanshyam Tiwari **(25)**

**IGC Project 6:** ‘Schematic Natural Hazard Zonation of Bihar using Geoinformatics’ by Tuhin Ghosh (Jadavpur University) and Anirban Mukhopadhyay (Jadavpur University)**(25)**

**Discussion (20)**

**Question & Answer (20)**

### **Tea Break (11:00-11:15)**

### **Session 4: Innovations in Government (11:15 – 13:15)**

**Chair:** Adnan Khan (LSE & IGC)

**Speakers:** Amitabh Verma (Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj), Amarjeet Sinha (Principal Secretary, Department of Education), Pratyaya Amrit (Secretary, Road Construction Department), Bandana Preyashi (Director, ICDS), Chanchal Kumar (Secretary, Building Construction Department), N. Vijayalakshmi (Secretary, Backward Classes and Extremely Backward Classes Welfare Department), B. Rajender (Secretary, Rural Works Department)

**Discussion: (15)**

Rathin Roy (NIPFP)

Rajesh Chakrabarti (ISB)

**Question & Answer (15)**

### **Lunch (13:15 – 14:30)**

### **Special Lecture IV (14:30 – 15:30)**

**Chair:** Chanchal Kumar (Secretary, Building Construction Department)

**Special Lecture:** Anthony Venables (Oxford University)- ‘Urbanisation for Development’ **(40)**

**Discussion: (20)**

### **Tea Break (15:30-15:45)**

**Special Lecture V (15:45 - 16:45)**

**Chair:** Sandeep Poundrik (Secretary, Energy Department)

**Special Lecture:** Robin Burgess (LSE & IGC) and Nicholas Ryan (Harvard University)- 'Lighting up Bihar' **(40)**

**Discussion: (20)**

**Vote of Thanks (16:45- 17:00)**

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