

**IGC Bihar Growth Conference
July 16-17, 2016
Hotel Maurya (Patna)**

(Draft Programme)

DAY 1 – 16 July 2016

Welcome Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)

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

Inauguration (10:15 – 11:30)

Chief Guest: Ram Nath Koivind (Hon'ble Governor of Bihar)
Chair: Vijay Kumar Chaudhary (Hon'ble Speaker, Bihar Legislative Assembly)
Guest of Honour: Ashok Choudhary (Hon'ble Minister, Government of Bihar)

Tea Break (11:30 – 12:00)

Session 1: Effective Public Services Delivery (12:00 – 13:30)

Chair: S. Subramanian (MIDS) **TBC**

IGC Project1: 'Cycle to empowerment: Long term effects of a one-time targeted program' Shabana Mitra (IIMB) **(30)**

IGC Project 2: 'No Free Lunch: Using Technology to Improve the Efficacy of School Feeding Programs' by Sisir Debnath (ISB) **(30)**

Discussion (20)

Manish Gupta (NIPFP)
Amlan Dasgupta (ISI Delhi)

Question & Answer(10)

Lunch (13:30- 14:45)

Special Lecture I (14:45-15:45)

Chair: Arvind Kumar Chaudhary, Secretary, Department of Rural Development (TBC)

Special Lecture: "Recasting Culture to Undo Gender: An Ethnographic Analysis of the Jeevika Livelihoods Project" by Vijayendra Rao (World Bank) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Session 2: Political Economy of Development (15:45-17:15)

Chair: Nikhil Kumar, Former Governor of Kerala (TBC)

IGC Project 3: 'Politicians and Economic Development: Does political background matter?' by Aaditya Dar (GWU) **(30)**

IGC Project 4: 'Political Change and Crime Reduction' by Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut) **(30)**

Discussion(10*2=20)

Arka Roy Chaudhary (ISI Delhi)

Question & Answer (10)

Tea Break (17:15 - 17:45)

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

Chair: Satish Jain (JNU) TBC

Special Lecture: Market Access and Structural Transformation: Evidence from Rural Roads in India by Sam Asher (University of Oxford) **(40)**

Discussion: (20)

Reception Dinner (20:00 onwards)

DAY 2 – 17 July 2016

Session 6: (10:00 – 11:30)

Chair: S Siddharth, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar (TBC)

'Food Processing Initiatives in Bihar: Prospects and Challenges' by Debdatta Saha (South Asian University)

"One Nation, Many Worlds: Varieties of Developmental Regimes in India' by Poulomi Chakrabarti (Brown University)

Discussion (20)

Abhinav Alakshendra (University of Florida)

Neelanjan Sircar (CPR)

Question & Answer(10)

Tea Break (11:30-12:00)

Special Lecture III (12:00 – 13.00)

Chair: Deepak Prasad, Principal Secretary, Department of Planning and Development, Government of Bihar

Presentation: 'Resource Transfers to Local Governments: Political Manipulation and Voting Patterns in West Bengal' by Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University) (40)

Discussion: (20)

Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)

Special Lecture III (1430-1530)

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

Special Lecture: What Does Empirical Research Tell Us About How to Make the State More Effective? By Michael Callen (Harvard University) (40)

Discussion: (20)

TEA 15:30-16:00

Session 5: Bihar on Path to Sustainable Growth? 16:00-18:00

Chair: Anjani Kumar Singh, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar (TBC)

Speakers:

PP Ghosh (ADRI)

Rathin Roy (NIPFP)

Harivansh, Member of Parliament, TBC

Ravi Mittal, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar (TBC)

D S Gangwar, Department of Education, Government of Bihar

Chanchal Kumar, Chief Minister's office, Government of Bihar (TBC)

D. Balamurgan, Jeevika (TBC)

Vote of Thanks

Anjan Mukherji (JNU & IGC)