

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## THE 2020 INDIA POLICY FORUM, JULY 13-15, 2020

*Proposal submission deadline: January 31, 2020*



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**TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS:** Interested authors are encouraged as quickly as possible to send in a 200-word abstract and a brief proposal as an expression of interest to [ipf@ncaer.org](mailto:ipf@ncaer.org). The **abstract and a 2-4 page proposal are due at NCAER by January 31, 2020**. Authors of selected proposals will be informed by **February 15, 2020**. First drafts of papers are due by **May 31, 2020**. A round of reviewer comments will be provided by **June 15, 2020**, and revised final drafts of the final selected papers are due on **June 29, 2020**, in time for the IPF Conference on **July 13-15, 2020**. Papers then go through a second round of editorial review post the IPF Conference for eventual publication.

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<sup>1</sup> Muralidharan (2013), Priorities for Primary Education Policy in India's 12th Five-year Plan, *India Policy Forum*, Vol 9; Sukhtankar & Vaishnav (2015), Corruption in India: Bridging Research Evidence and Policy Options, *India Policy Forum*, Vol 11; Ball, Chari, Mishra (2016), Understanding Inflation in India, *India Policy Forum*, Vol. 12.