

INDIA POLICY FORUM 2021

JULY 12-15, 2021

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

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6:30–8:00 pm

Welcome Remarks

Surjit S Bhalla, Executive Director IMF & Governing Body Member, NCAER

Introduction to the 18th India Policy Forum

Poonam Gupta, NCAER; **Barry Bosworth**, Brookings Institution;
Karthik Muralidharan, University of California, San Diego & NCAER

The 3rd T.N. Srinivasan Memorial Lecture [\[Video\]](#)

“Responding to COVID-19 amidst Market and Government Failures”

Speaker: **Shanta Devarajan**, Georgetown University & NCAER

Chair: **Rukmini Banerji**, Pratham Education Foundation

8:00–9:30 pm

Big, Open Data for Development: A Vision for India [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Presentation\]](#)

Sam Asher, Johns Hopkins; **Aditi Bhowmick**, Development Data Lab;
Alison Campion, Development Data Lab; **Tobias Lunt**, Development Data Lab;
Paul Novosad, Dartmouth College, Development Data Lab [\[Video\]](#)

Chair: **Suman Bery**, Bruegel & former Director General, NCAER

Discussants: **Robert J. Cull**, World Bank

Ashwini Deshpande, Ashoka University [\[Presentation\]](#)

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

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Welcome to the 2nd day of the IPF 2021 & general instructions

6:30–8:00 pm

Analysing India's Exchange Rate Regime [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Presentation\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)

Rajeswari Sengupta, IGIDR; **Ila Patnaik**, NIPFP

Chair: **Raghuram Rajan**, University of Chicago & former RBI Governor

Discussants: **Poonam Gupta**, NCAER [\[Presentation\]](#)

Prakash Loungani, IMF [\[Presentation\]](#)

8:00–9:30 pm

IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE ONE [\[Video\]](#)

The future of economic reforms: 30 years after “बता तेरी रजा क्या है? (What's your wish?)” Looking Back to Look Ahead

Conversations with four Finance Secretaries on the next round of reforms

Moderator: **K.P. Krishnan**, NCAER

Panellists: **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Vijay L. Kelkar, Former Adviser to the Finance Minister of India

Ashok Chawla, Former Chairman, Competition Commission of India

T.V. Somanathan, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

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Welcome to the 3rd day of the IPF 2021 & general instructions

6:30–8:00 pm

COVID-19 and India's Macro Economy: Pre-Existing Conditions, Performance and Prospects [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Presentation\]](#)

Sajjid Z. Chinoy, J.P. Morgan; **Toshi Jain**, J.P. Morgan

Chair: **Shankar Acharya**, Former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India

Discussants: **Ajit Pai**, NITI Aayog [\[Presentation\]](#)
Lei Lei Song, ADB [\[Presentation\]](#)

8:00–9:30 pm

IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE TWO [\[Video\]](#)
Emerging from the Long Shadow of COVID-19

Moderator: **Sonalde Desai**, NCAER & University of Maryland

Panellists: **Gautam I. Menon**, Ashoka University [\[Presentation\]](#)

Farzana Afridi, ISI Delhi [\[Presentation\]](#)

Lant Pritchett, University of Oxford [\[Presentation\]](#)

Renana Jhabvala, SEWA

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

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Welcome to the 4th day of the IPF 2021 & general instructions

6:30–8:00 pm

Integrating Biometric Authentication in India's Welfare Programs: Lessons from a Decade of Reforms [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Presentation\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)

Sandip Sukhtankar, University of Virginia; **Paul Niehaus**, University of California, San Diego; **Karthik Muralidharan**, University of California, San Diego & NCAER

Chair: **Arvind Subramanian**, Former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India

Discussants: **Stuti Khemani**, World Bank [\[Presentation\]](#)
Arghya Sengupta, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

8:00–9:30 pm

THE 18TH INDIA POLICY FORUM LECTURE [\[Video\]](#)
Federalism during the Pandemic

Speaker: **N.K. Singh**, Chairman, 15th Finance Commission & former Member, Rajya Sabha


Chair: **Arvind Panagariya**, Columbia University & former Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog

9:30–9:40 pm

Close out of the IPF 2021
Barry Bosworth, **Karthik Muralidharan**, & **Poonam Gupta**

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