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
“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
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
Chair: Suman Bery, Bruegel & former Director General, NCAER
Discussants: Robert J. Cull, World Bank; Ashwini Deshpande, Ashoka University

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
Rajeswari Sengupta, IGIDR; Ila Patnaik, NIPFP
Chair: Raghuram Rajan, University of Chicago & former RBI Governor
Discussants: Poonam Gupta, NCAER; Prakash Loungani, IMF

8:00–9:30 pm  IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE ONE
The future of economic reforms: 30 years after “बता तेरी रजा क्या है?” 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

8:00–9:30 pm  IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE TWO
The future of economic reforms: 30 years after “बता तेरी रजा क्या है?” Looking Back to Look Ahead
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021**
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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  
Lei Lei Song, ADB | |
| 8:00–9:30 pm | **IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE TWO**  
Emerging from the Long Shadow of COVID-19  
Moderator: Sonalde Desai, NCAER & University of Maryland  
Panellists: Gautam J. Menon, Ashoka University  
Farzana Afridi, ISI Delhi  
Lant Pritchett, University of Oxford  
Renana Jhabvala, SEWA | |

**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021**
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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  
Arghya Sengupta, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy | |
| 8:00–9:30 pm | **THE 18TH INDIA POLICY FORUM LECTURE**  
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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