### 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** [Paper]  
*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

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| 6:30–8:00 pm | **Analysing India’s Exchange Rate Regime** [Paper]  
*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? (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]
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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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]
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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