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] [Video]
Sam Asher, Johns Hopkins; Aditi Bhownick, 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 [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
[Saqjid 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 J. 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
[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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