



## **NCAER's State Investment Potential Index National Launch of the N-SIPI 2016**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM**  
**Conference Room, Second Floor, India International Center, New Delhi**

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8:30-9:15 am	<b>Registration &amp; Light Breakfast</b>
9:15 – 9.45 am	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <i>Shekhar Shah, Director-General, NCAER</i>
	<b>Special Guest Address</b> <i>Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy &amp; Promotion</i>
	<b>Launch of the N-SIPI 2016</b> <i>Ramesh Abhishek</i>

### **Theme-I: State Competitiveness and Rankings**

9.45 – 11.15 am	<b>Session-I: State Competitiveness under N-SIPI</b> <b>Chair:</b> <i>Biswanath Goldar, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth</i> <b>Objectives, Scope and Main Findings of N-SIPI</b> <i>Indira Iyer, Senior Fellow, NCAER</i> <i>Mythili Bhusnurmath, Senior Consultant, NCAER</i> <i>Poonam Munjal, Associate Fellow, NCAER</i> <b>Comments from Distinguished Experts</b> <i>Ashok Jha, Former Secretary Finance</i> <i>J S Deepak, Chairman, Telecom Commission and Secretary, Telecom</i> <i>Claire Tynte-Irvine, Head, Economic &amp; Trade Policy, British High Commission</i> <b>Comments and Questions from the Floor</b>
11.15 – 11.45 noon	<b>Coffee</b>
11.45 – 1.00 pm	<b>Session-II: How India and the Indian States match up against the competition: Complementary Assessments</b> <b>Chair:</b> <i>Rajesh Chadha, Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER</i> <i>Discussion on the World Bank's 2015 Ease of Doing Business, World Bank/ DIPP's Assessment of State Implementation of Business Reforms and OECD's FDI Index</i> <i>Shihab Ansari Azhar, Operations Officer, World Bank</i> <i>Premila Nazareth, Visiting Senior Fellow, NCAER</i> <b>Comments and Questions from the Floor</b>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

## Theme-2: Sector Specific Investment Potential and Global Performance

**2.00 – 3.30 pm**      **Session-III: Key Sectors for Investment & Growth in India's states**

**Chair:** *Rajat Nag*, Distinguished Fellow, NCAER and former Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank

***An assessment of the Automobiles, Pharmaceuticals and Retail sector's performance and potential in states***

*Indira Iyer*, Senior Fellow, NCAER

*Pallavi Choudhuri*, Associate Fellow, NCAER

**Discussants**

*Dilip Chenoy*, former Director General, Society for Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM); Chairman National Skill Development Corporation

*D G Shah*, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance

*Dhruba Purkayastha*, Senior Country Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation.

***Comments and Questions from the Floor***

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**      **Coffee**

## Theme-3: Enhancing the State Investment Climate: The Way Forward

**4.00 – 5.30 pm**      **Session-IV: Panel Discussion - What should Indian States do to improve their investment climate?**

**Chair:** *Shekhar Shah*, Director-General, NCAER

*K P Krishnan*, Additional Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development

*Shailendra Singh*, Joint Secretary Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

*Anupam Khanna*, Former Chief Economist, NASSCOM

*B V Umadevi*, Resident Commissioner, Chhattisgarh

*Saranyan Krishnan*, Principal Secretary, Planning and Development Government of Tamil Nadu

***Comments and Questions from the Floor***

**5.30 – 5.45 pm**      **Session-IV: Concluding Remarks & Way Forward**

*Shekhar Shah*, Director-General, NCAER

**Vote of thanks:**

*Indira Iyer*, Senior Fellow, NCAER

**High Tea**

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