

JULY 13-16, 2020

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MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

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| 6:30–7:00 pm | <p>Introduction & welcome to the 17th India Policy Forum
 <i>Shekhar Shah</i>, NCAER, <i>Barry Bosworth</i>, Brookings Institution,
 <i>Karthik Muralidharan</i>, Univ. of California, San Diego</p> | [VIDEO] |
| 7:00–7:30 pm | <p>Felicitating Esther Duflo & Abhijit Banerjee for their Nobel Prizes
 <i>Karthik Muralidharan</i>, Univ. of California, San Diego & NCAER</p> | [VIDEO] |
| 7:30–9:00 pm | <p>The 2nd T. N. Srinivasan Memorial Lecture [Lecture Text]
 “Data in Coronavirus Times”
 <i>Pronab Sen</i>, IGC, India & former Chief Statistician of India & Secretary MoSPI
 Chair: <i>Amitabh Kant</i>, CEO, NITI Aayog, Government of India</p> | [VIDEO] |

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

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| 6:30–6:35 pm | <p>Welcome to the 2nd day of the IPF 2020 & general instructions</p> |
| 6:35–8:00 pm | <p>Whither India’s Economy Post-COVID-19? [SLIDES] [PAPER] [VIDEO]
 <i>Prachi Mishra</i>, Goldman Sachs, India
 Chair: <i>D. Subbarao</i>, former Governor, RBI
 Discussants: <i>Shankar Acharya</i>, ICRIER
 <i>Vijay Joshi</i>, Oxford</p> |
| 8:00–9:30 pm | <p>Indian Health Policy in Light of COVID-19: The Puzzle of State Capacity and Institutional Design [SLIDES] [PAPER] [VIDEO]
 <i>Ajay Shah</i>, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy
 Chair: <i>Rajesh Bhushan</i>, Secretary designate, Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
 Discussants: <i>K. P. Krishnan</i>, former Secretary, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
 <i>Randeep Guleria</i>, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences</p> |

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

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| 6:30–6:35 pm | <p>Welcome to the 3rd day of the IPF 2020 & general instructions</p> |
| 6:35–8:00 pm | <p>IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE ONE
 What do the pandemic and India’s economic shutdowns teach us about meeting India’s safety net challenges? [VIDEO]
 Moderator: <i>Ashok Lahiri</i>, Member, 15th Finance Commission
 Panellists: <i>Abhijit Banerjee</i>, MIT & J-PAL
 <i>Karthik Muralidharan</i>, Univ. of California, San Diego, and NCAER
 <i>Renana Jhabvala</i>, SEWA
 <i>T. V. Somanathan</i>, Secretary, Expenditure, Min. of Finance, Govt. of India</p> |

8:00–9:30 pm **Inflation Targeting in India: An Interim Assessment** [\[PAPER\]](#)
[\[SLIDES-1\]](#) [\[SLIDES-2\]](#) [\[VIDEO\]](#)

Barry Eichengreen, Univ. of California, Berkeley, **Poonam Gupta & Rishabh Choudhary**, World Bank

Chair: **Rakesh Mohan**, Yale Jackson Institute & Brookings India

Discussants: **Kenneth Kletzer**, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz

Rajeswari Sengupta, IGIDR [\[SLIDES\]](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

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6:30–6:35 pm **Welcome to the 4th day of the IPF 2020 & general instructions**

6:35–8:00 pm **Structural Change & Economic Growth in India: Patterns & Heterogeneity among the States & Possible Implications for Post-Pandemic Recovery** [\[PAPER\]](#) [\[SLIDES\]](#) [\[VIDEO\]](#)

Anirban Sanyal, RBI, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, & **Nirvikar Singh**, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz

Chair: **N. K. Singh**, Chairman, 15th Finance Commission

Discussants: **Barry Bosworth**, Brookings Institution

Neelkanth Mishra, Credit Suisse & Member, PM-EAC

8:00–9:30 pm **IPF POLICY ROUNDTABLE TWO**
What do the pandemic and India's economic shutdowns teach us about meeting India's economic growth & jobs challenges?

Moderator: **Shekhar Shah**, NCAER

Panellists: **B J Panda**, National Vice President, BJP

Jahangir Aziz, J P Morgan Chase

Rohini Somanathan, Delhi School of Economics

Junaid Ahmad, World Bank

Ananth Narayan, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research

[\[VIDEO\]](#)

9:30–9:40 pm **Close out of the IPF 2020**
Barry Bosworth, Karthik Muralidharan, Shekhar Shah

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