

National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

Two-day conference on

Papers in Public Economics and Policy

Date: 12-13th March, 2015, Venue: NIPFP Auditorium

12th March, 2015

9.00 – 9.30 AM

Registration

9.30 – 9.45 AM

Welcome Address : **Rathin Roy**, Director, NIPFP

9.45 – 11.15 AM

Plenary Session-I

Chair:

M Govinda Rao, Emeritus Professor, NIPFP

Speakers:

i) **U Sankar**, Madras School of Economics, Chennai

Title: Public Economics and Sustainable Development Policy

ii) **MH Suryanarayana**, IGIDR, Mumbai

Title: Achilles' heel of Public Policy!

Discussants:

i) **Rathin Roy**, NIPFP, Delhi

ii) **CSC Sekhar**, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

11.15 – 11.45AM

Tea

11.45 – 1.15 PM

Plenary Session –II

Chair

BN Goldar, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

Speakers

i) **Sacchidananda Mukherjee & Kavita Rao**, NIPFP, Delhi

Title: Factors influencing unincorporated enterprises to register with State Tax Authority: An analysis with enterprises survey data

ii) **Sugata Marjit**, CSSS, Kolkata

Title: Broader Implications of Labor Market Reforms: A General Equilibrium Perspective on India

Discussants

i) **Sanjay Kumar**, MoF, GoI

ii) **Jayan Jose Thomas**, IIT, Delhi

1.15 – 2.15 PM

Lunch

2.15 – 3.30 PM

Plenary Session - III

Chair

Anjan Mukherji, NIPFP, New Delhi

Speakers

i) **BN Goldar & Yashobanta Parida**, IEG, Delhi

Title: Intangible Capital and Firm Productivity: A Study of Indian Corporate Sector Firms

ii) **Errol D'Souza**, IIM, Ahmedabad

Title: Gold Monetisation Scheme for India

Discussants

i) **Suresh Aggarwal**, Delhi University, Delhi

ii) TBA

3.30 – 3.45 PM

Tea

3.45 – 6.00 PM

Venue:

Chair:

Speakers:

Parallel Session –IA

NIPFP Auditorium

Lekha S Chakraborty, NIPFP, New Delhi

i) **Ajit Karnik & Swati Raju**, Mumbai University, Mumbai

Title: State Fiscal Capacity and Tax Effort: Evidence for Indian States

ii) **Santosh Kumar Das**, JNU, New Delhi

Title: The Fiscal Deficit - Interest Rate Conundrum and Contractionary Fiscal Policy: An Empirical Analysis of Emerging Issues of State Finance in India

iii) **Nagendra Kumar Maurya**, GIDS, Lucknow

Title: Index of Fiscal Consolidation: A Study of the Experiences of Sub-national Governments in India

iv) **Varun Chotia** and NVM Rao, BITS, Pilani

Title: A GMM Based Approach to Examine the Relationship Between Expenditure in Social Infrastructure and Human Development

v) **Arvind Shukla**, JNU, New Delhi

Title: Convergence and Inequality in Public Expenditure

Discussants:

i) **C Bhujanga Rao**, NIPFP, New Delhi

ii) **Lekha S Chakraborty**, NIPFP, New Delhi

iii) **Bharatee Bhusana Dash**, NIPFP, New Delhi

iv) **Sudhanshu Kumar**, NIPFP, New Delhi

v) **Satadru Sikdar**, NIPFP, New Delhi

3.45 – 6.00 PM

Venue:

Chair:

Speakers:

Parallel Session –IB

NIPFP Lecture Hall, R&T Building

Kavita Rao, NIPFP, New Delhi

i) **Sandhya Garg**, Ashima Goyal and Rupayan Pal, IGIDR, Mumbai

Title: Why Tax Effort Falls Short of Tax Capacity in Indian States: A Stochastic Frontier Approach

ii) **Amanpreet Kaur & Baljit Kaur**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Title: Impact of Government Debt on Economic Growth in Punjab

iii) **Mujeeb Hussain Gattoo & Muneeb Hussain Gattoo**, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Title: Growth Experience of J&K and Anatomy of Fiscal Crisis: A Historical Analysis

iv) Baljit Kaur and **Raminder Kaur**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Title: Tax Performance of Punjab and Haryana - A Comparative Analysis

v) V. K. Gangal & **Honey Gupta**, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra.

Title: Government Spending and Economic Growth: A Causality Analysis

Discussants:

- i) **Pinaki Chakraborty**, NIPFP, New Delhi
- ii) **Suranjali Tandon**, NIPFP, New Delhi
- iii) **HK Amar Nath**, NIPFP, New Delhi
- iv) **Shruthi Tripathi**, NIPFP, New Delhi

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Chair:

Speakers:

Plenary Session-IV

U Sankar, Madras School of Economics, Chennai

i) **Surender Kumar**, Delhi University, Delhi

Title: Urban Diseases in India: Environmental Pollution and Congestion

ii) **P.K. Viswanathan** & Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati, GIDR, Ahmedabad

Title: Do Policies and Interventions Resolve the Emergent 'Resource Efficiency Curse' problems in India? A critique of Water and Rural Energy Sector Policies

iii) **Shailly Kedia**, TERI, New Delhi

Title: Action Plan for Green Budgeting in Punjab: Concepts, Rationale and Ways Forward

Discussants

i) **Shreekant Gupta**, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi

ii) **Amalendu Jyotishi**, Amrita School of Business, Bangalore

iii) **Manish Gupta**, NIPFP, New Delhi

11.15 to 11.30AM:

Tea break

11.30 to 1.15PM

Chair:

Speakers:

Plenary Session – V

Indira Rajaraman, Director, RBI Central Board

i) **Mala Lalvani & Ajit Karnik**, Mumbai University, Mumbai

Title: State Finances After Fiscal Responsibility Legislation: Genuine Improvement or Illusion?

ii) **Mukesh Anand**, NIPFP, New Delhi

Title: Income Support to Elderly in India: A Purposive Assessment of Coverage, Funding, and Benefits

iii) **Saikat Sinha Roy**, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Title: State-level Exports and Trade Promotion Policies: An Exploration with Indian data

Discussants:

i) **Pratap R Jena**, NIPFP, New Delhi

ii) **Shamika Ravi**, Brookings India, New Delhi

iii) **Rudrani Bhattacharya**, NIPFP, New Delhi

1.15 to 2.00:

Lunch

2.00 to 3.15

Chair

Speakers:

Plenary Session – VI

Ashok Lahiri, Former CEA, GoI

i) **Indrani Gupta**, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

Title: Finances for health in India: Are new sources the way to go?

ii) **Yamini Aiyar**, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Title: Rules Vs Responsiveness: Toward Building an Outcomes Focused Approach to Governing Elementary Education Finances in India

Discussants:

i) **Mita Choudhury**, NIPFP, New Delhi

ii) **Sukanya Bose**, NIPFP, New Delhi

3.15 to 3.30PM

Tea break

3.30 to 5.00PM

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Speakers:

Parallel Session – IIA

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Pratap K Jena, NIPFP, New Delhi

i) **Debi Prasad Bal & Badri Narayan Rath**, IIT, Hyderabad

Title: Estimation of Optimum Level of Public Debt for India: Evidence from Genetic Algorithm Approach

ii) **Antra Bhatt Hakhu**, TISS, Mumbai

Title: Productive Public Expenditure and Debt Dynamics: An Error Correction Representation using Indian data

iii) **Manoranjan Sahoo, M. Suresh Babu & Umakant Dash**, IIT, Chennai

Title: Testing Twin Deficit Hypothesis: Further Evidence from India

Discussants:

i) **Parma Devi Adhikary**, NIPFP, New Delhi

ii) **Purna Chandra Parida**, NILERD, New Delhi

iii) **Surajit Das**, JNU, New Delhi

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Speakers:

Parallel Session – IIB

NIPFP Lecture Hall, R&T Building

Pinaki Chakraborty, NIPFP, New Delhi

i) **Ganesh Manjhi & Meeta Keswani Mehra**, JNU, New Delhi

Title: Dynamics of Political Budget Cycle

ii) **Ajay Sharma**, IIM, Indore

Title: On the desirability and feasibility of partial co-operation in fiscal competition

iii) **Bodhisattva Sengupta**, IIT, Guwahati

Title: Endogenous Leadership in a Federal Transfer Game

iv) **Panchali Banerjee & Vivekananda Mukherjee**, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Title: Does Introduction of Bureaucratic Competition Reduce Corruption?

Discussants:

i) **Bodhisattva Sengupta**, IIT, Guwahati

ii) **Mukesh Anand**, NIPFP, New Delhi

iii) **Indrani Roy Chowdhury**, JMI, New Delhi

iv) **Mihir Bhattacharya**, ISI, Delhi & TARI

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Parallel Session – IIC

NIPFP Conference Hall, R&T Building

Rita Pandey, NIPFP, New Delhi

i) **Vachaspati Shukla & Udaya S. Mishra, CDS, Trivandrum**

Title: The Role of Education in Shaping Income Inequality in India

ii) **Oceane Briandy and Mohammad Hoseiniz, University of Mannheim, Germany**

Title: Value-Added Tax and Informality: Evidence from India

iii) **Sitakanta Panda, IIT, Delhi**

Title: Effect of the Right to Information laws on perceived governance outcomes

iv) **Rajat Verma, ISEC, Bangalore**

Title: Environmental Fiscal Instruments: A Few International Experiences

Discussants

i) **Sukanya Bose, NIPFP, New Delhi**

ii) **Sacchidananda Mukherjee, NIPFP, New Delhi**

iii) **Lokendra Kumawat, Ramjas College, New Delhi**

iv) **Rita Pandey, NIPFP, New Delhi**