

ISSUES BEFORE THE SIXTEENTH FINANCE COMMISSION
15TH-16TH JULY, 2024 | VENUE: [INDIA HABITAT CENTRE](#)

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 15TH JULY 2024

- (09:30 – 09:45)** Registration & Welcome Tea
- (09:45 – 10:00)** Welcome: Director, NIPFP – Dr. R. Kavita Rao
Initial Remarks by Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Chairman, Sixteenth Finance Commission of India
- (10:00 – 11:15)** **ISSUES BEFORE 16TH FINANCE COMMISSION OF INDIA: FISCAL BALANCE, FUND FLOW AND FISCAL RISKS**
- (11:15 – 12:30)** **AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH FOR PROJECTING OWN TAX REVENUE OF THE INDIAN STATES**

Chair: Dr. Pulin B. Nayak, Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics.

- *Paper: NIPFP*
- *Discussant: Dr. Sudip Kumar Sinha, Secretary-Finance, Government of West Bengal*

Tea break (12.30-12.45)

- (12:45 – 02:00)** **ENHANCED DEVOLUTION AND FISCAL SPACE AT THE STATE LEVEL - A STATE-WISE ANALYSIS**

Chair: Dr. Indrani Gupta, Professor and Head, Health Policy Research Unit (HPRU), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi

- *Paper: NIPFP*
- *Discussant: Shri Antony Cyriac, Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India*

Lunch (02.00-02.45)

- (02:45 – 04:00)** **FINANCE COMMISSION GRANTS: CONDITIONALITY, ABSORPTION & STATE-LEVEL FISCAL BEHAVIOUR**

Chair: Dr. Tapas K. Sen, Former Professor, NIPFP, New Delhi

- *Paper: NIPFP*
- *Discussant: Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Ex-Secretary, MoRD, Government of India*

Tea break (04.00-04.15)

- (04:15 – 05:30)** **SUBSIDIES AND FISCAL SPACE**

Chair: Dr. Sudipto Mundle, Chairman, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala

- *Paper: NIPFP*
- *Discussant: Dr. Tapas K. Sen, Former Professor, NIPFP, New Delhi*

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DAY 2: 16TH JULY 2024

(09:45 – 10.00) Welcome Tea

(10:00 – 11.15) ANALYSIS OF STATE DEBT AND OPERATIONALISATION OF BORROWING LIMIT – A STATE LEVEL ANALYSIS

Chair: Dr. Chetan Ghate, Director, Institute of Economic Growth, (IEG), New Delhi

- *Paper:* NIPFP
- *Discussant:* Dr. Atri Mukherjee, Director, DFS, DEPR, Reserve Bank of India

Tea break (11.15-11.30)

(11:30 – 12:45) POWER SECTOR REFORMS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE FINANCES

Chair: Dr. Urjit Patel, Former Governor, RBI and Chairperson, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi

- *Paper:* Ms. Ann Josey, PRAYAS, ENERGY GROUP
- *Discussant:* Dr. Ashwini K Swain, Fellow, Sustainable Futures Collaborative

Lunch (12.45-01.30)

(01:30 – 02:45) PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT (PSBR): ANALYSIS FOR SELECT STATES

Chair: Dr. Mita Choudhury, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

- *Paper:* NIPFP
- *Discussant:* Mr. Kandarp V. Patel, IAAS, Director, CAG of India

Tea break (02.45-03.00)

(03:00 – 05:15) PANEL DISCUSSION VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL DISTRIBUTION: ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Chair: Dr. Rakesh Mohan, President Emeritus and Distinguished Fellow at CSEP
CSEP Research Foundation, New Delhi

Panellists:

- *Dr. D.K. Srivastava, Chief Policy Advisor, Tax & Regulatory Services, Ernst & Young LLP*
- *Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly & former Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India*
- *Dr. M. Govinda Rao, Former Member of the 14th Finance Commission & Former Director of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy*

Vote of Thanks