



**Golden Jubilee National Seminar on  
Public Policy and Delivery in Post-Reform India: Challenges Ahead  
Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi  
20-21 September 2010**

**Registration at 9 AM**

**Day I**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Session I**

**DEVELOPMENT, DECENTRALISATION AND GOVERNANCE**

**9.30 AM to 10.45 AM**

**Chair: Paranjoy Guha Thakurta**

**(a) Thirteenth Finance Commission Recommendations and Local Governments–Implications and Concerns: Dr Joy Elamon  
(Moderator, Decentralization Community, UN Solution Exchange)**

**(b) Ms Anuradha Thakur: Director (ADB), Ministry of Finance: “Development, Decentralisation and Governance: Lessons from HP”**

(c) India's Grim Realities. Mr. Mohan Guruswamy, Centre for Policy Alternatives New Delhi

(d) Higher Education Under Neoliberalism. Dr Saumen Chattopadhyaya (ZHCES/ JNU)

INAUGURAL SESSION

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Guest of Honour: Prof K L Krishna

Inaugural Address: Development Strategy for the Maoist Affected-Districts by  
Dr. Mihir Shah (Member Planning Commission)

Session II

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

(a) MKSS, the Rights Movement and Public Goods Delivery in Rajasthan  
-- (Mazdur Kisan Sangathan, Rajasthan)

(b) NFHS: The State of Nation's Health. Dr Abhishek Singh (IIPS, Mumbai)

**Session III**

**NREGA: PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID**

**Time: 2: 45 PM to 5:00PM**

**Chair: Dr Prem Vashistha**

**(a)NREGA and Women Empowerment: Ashok Pankaj & Rukmini Tankha (IHD, Delhi)**

**(b)Locating NREGA in the Poverty Debate and Development Policy Concerns of India. Dr. Himanshu (CSR/SSS/JNU)**

**(c) NREGA and Government Finances. Amita Sharma (Jt Secy, MoRD, GoI)**

**Day II**

**September 21, 2010**

**Session IV**

**INEQUALITY AND GROWTH**

**Time: 9.15 am to 10:30 am**

**Chair: Prof Surajit Mazumdar**

**Institute of Studies in Industrial Development**

**(a)Locating the Dynamics of Inequality in Post-reforms India. Vamsi Vakulabharanam (University of Hyderabad)**

**(b) "India's Growth fetishism and how it transforms into a law and order problem" Dr Kaustav Banerjee (Independent researcher based in Delhi)**

Session V

**RIGHT TO EDUCATION: CHALLENGES AHEAD**

Time : ( 10. 40 am to 1.15 PM)

Chair: Dr. Padma Suresh

Associate Professor, Sri Venkateswara College

(a) Findings from the PROBE Revisited study. Comparing Primary Education in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, 1996–2006.

Anuradha De and Meera Samson (Institute for Social Studies Trust and Collaborative Research and Dissemination, New Delhi)

(b) The State of Government Schools in Mewat region in Palwal District of Haryana in the light of RTE Act. Suraj Kumar (Lotus Outreach International)

(c) Challenges to Education of the Meo– Muslim dominated regions of Alwar in Rajasthan. Noormohammad (AMIED) Alwar

(d) Do the schools get the funds? How do they use it? – Dr. Anit Nath Mukherjee (NIPFP), Avani Kapur (CPR, New Delhi)

(e) Diffusion of School Educational Attainment in Kerala – Dr T R Dilip. Public Health Foundation of India

Session VI

**ACCESSIBILITY TO HEALTHCARE: HOW DOES INDIA FARE?**

Chair: Prof. Indrani Gupta, Institute of Economic Growth

Time: 2.00 PM to 3. 30 PM

(a) National Rural Health Mission – A Flagship Programme of the Government. Dr Sundararaman (NHSRC)

(b) ‘When will they ever learn?’ The Great Indian Experience of Universal Immunization Programme. Nilanjan Patra (Ramjas College, University of Delhi)

Session VII

RESEARCHERS’ COLLOQUIUM

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Chair: Dr Rohit

South Asian University

Presentation by Researchers.

(a) Shamindra K Roy (Ph D Scholar, CSRD/SSS/JNU): Multi-level determinants in Regional Variations In Infant Mortality in India. A State level Analysis

(b) Jyotsna (Syama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi): Mapping social security provisions for workers in India’s unorganized sector: 1999–2009

(c) Anamika Pandey (Ph D Scholar, International Institute of Population Sciences Mumbai): Impact of New Economic Policy on Child Malnutrition in India

(d) Bir Singh (Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi): Does India really need NREGA?

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Presentation by Rapporteurs

Vote of Thanks

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