



International Conference

**BIHAR AND JHARKHAND
SHARED HISTORY TO SHARED VISION**

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The Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) was established in 1991 in Patna. The motivation behind starting yet another Institute in Patna was not merely to expand social science research, but to emphasise those dimensions of social science research which, although critical, had received rather limited attention. In the above perspective, the objectives of ADRI are — (a) to undertake academic research of direct relevance to development efforts made by an individual or a group or the community itself involving policy change, (b) to broaden the database of research and its end use by involving as many classes of persons and institutions as possible, (c) to offer research results in a more innovative, demystified and use-worthy form, and finally (d) to restore man to his central position in social science research, and with full dignity.

After being established, the Institute functioned in an informal manner till 1995 when its activities were formalized with the appointment of research staff and a Director. Since then, the Institute has completed about 125 research studies, many of

them using an inter-disciplinary framework. These studies can be broadly divided into four categories — (a) analytical, (b) diagnostic, (c) advocatory, and (d) evaluative. ADRI also prepares the annual Economic Survey for the Government of Bihar and till date 10 such surveys have been prepared.

The organizational structure of ADRI includes, besides the mother Institute, three more units — State Resource Centre (SRC) for adult education in Bihar, sponsored by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), again sponsored by the MHRD, and Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance (CEPPF), sponsored by the Government of Bihar. The Institute also has its office in Ranchi (Jharkhand), which hosts an SRC for Jharkhand, sponsored by the MHRD. Yet another unit at ADRI is the International Growth Centre (IGC) India-Bihar, one of the country programmes of the IGC and dedicated to policy research on Bihar. Very recently, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has recognized ADRI as one of its member institutions.

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In Memory of Arvind Narayan Das

The states of Bihar and Jharkhand, right from ancient times, have attracted scholars' attention for various reasons. The region that presently encompasses these two states holds histories that shape them even today. The region is remembered for its numerous achievements in ancient period, like the establishment of the first democracy of the world in Lichhavi, or the place where Buddhism first emerged, or the great centre of learning in Nalanda. Even during the colonial period, the two states played a stellar role in India's independence struggle, starting with the Champaran struggle of Mahatma Gandhi. But this image of the two states, a land of glorious past, has now been overtaken by another one – underlying its serious social and economic disadvantages and the complex socio-political forces that guide its destiny. Admittedly, the two states have experienced some positive changes in the recent past, but both have a long way to go before they can emerge as regions of prosperity and enlightenment.

Some of the socio-economic and cultural differences within the region cumulated in the partition of the region in the year 2000 and the formation of the two separate federal states. However, shared histories of development and decline continue to impact the region in the present time. The borders have separated the region politically but have not disunited

the states socio-economically and/or culturally. As neighbouring states with shared pasts, the borders are porous, both literally and symbolically.

Bihar is one of the regions that have very limited natural endowments, thus, making the task of development demand extraordinary human effort. Before its partition in 2000, the state had enormous mineral wealth in its southern part, now Jharkhand; but even after the division, the present Bihar has large tracts of fertile land in its Gangetic plain. But, thanks to its agrarian history, dictated largely by the infamous 'Permanent Settlement' regime introduced by the colonial administration, the growth potential of its land resources is far from being fully realised. Educational backwardness and infrastructural poverty — the result of state's indifference during pre- as well as post-independence period — are the two crucial needs that have turned the agenda of development even more challenging in present Bihar.

The story of Jharkhand is not much different, as its natural abundances have been unable to meet its people's aspirations. No reassuring answers have appeared on the way out of this dismay. Its industries are churning out wealth that is revitalizing the capital, but it has left much of labour unattended. Such an opaque vision of development will only reinforce frictions in society. The state seriously needs to mull

what would satisfy its people, and create a model of its own, if necessary. It also needs to ask how it's preparing to cope with identities.

The polity of both Bihar and Jharkhand is sharply divided along class, caste and tribal identities. Unlike some other states, the political process here has deep roots that had started parallel to India's independence struggle and various radical mobilisations. And, there were also caste-based mobilisations that probably started with certain social objectives but later acquired strong political implications. Some have witnessed an element of

political democratisation in recent socio-political trends, while others underlined disconnect between democracy and development in that very trend.

Jharkhand and Bihar are now at a crossroad and one wonders which path they would tread in the near future. In their conference presentations, scholars will be invited to deliberate on above-mentioned shared histories of development, agitation, decline and divergences, muse on the present and speculate about the future of the region, based on recent state-specific experiences.



ARVIND NARAYAN DAS

Arvind Narayan Das was endowed with a brilliant mind, deeply analytical and sceptical of all things given, a keen intellect and great humour. He developed a keen interest in reading under the able guidance of Father James Cox who shaped him as a renaissance intellectual at St Xavier's High School, Patna.

Later, studying at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, he evolved from an observer and voracious reader to an active participant in the movement for fundamental political change. He participated in the radical agrarian movement. He along with friends put up India 69, a brilliant play on the contemporary situation. In 1970 after completing his Masters in History, he went underground to Purnia, the land of the landlords, poor peasants and kala azar. Living among the peasantry, he had tried to adapt to their lives while giving them political education and organising actions against the landlord- rich peasant combine. He was imprisoned and tortured like so many others and subsequently released and moved out of Bihar to the Gokhle Institute in Pune. He did a Ph.D. in Economic History on the history of

the Kisan Sabha and peasant movements in Bihar. Among several books that he wrote, 'Changel: The Biography of a Village' became a classic taking village' studies to a new level. It showed his deep understanding and empathy for the village and its plight.

In 1988 he embarked on a new career in journalism with the Times of India editorial as Senior Research Editor. He brought his deep insights into poverty and inequality and his analytical skills into writing for the edit pages. Arvind's another major contribution was the India Invented documentary based on the outlook of Professor D. D. Kosambi whose work he admired enormously. Then again he along with others founded Biblio, a book review journal, that too endures. He was also the Chairperson of the Asian Development Research Institute during 1992 to 2000, the year he passed away.

Arvind was taken from us too early. In these fraught times when the Right and the Left almost hate each other, Arvind's friends are from every shade of opinion and each one found something in him to like and love.

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PROGRAMME

Day 1	MARCH 24 - FRIDAY
9:00-10:00 AM	REGISTRATION
	Master of Ceremonies: Setika Singh
	PRE-INAUGURAL SPECIAL SESSION BY FRIENDS OF LATE ARVIND NARAYAN DAS
10:00-10:50 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – I Chairperson : Prabhat P. Ghosh Director, Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna Speaker : Nirmal Sengupta National Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla Topic : Emerging Identities in Language, Culture and Economy
10:50-11:10 AM	TEA
11:10 AM-12:00 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – II Chairperson : M. N. Karna, Sociologist Speaker : Johannes Breman Professor, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research Topic : The Undeserving Poor
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL

2:15-3:15 PM

INAUGURAL SESSION

Welcome Speech : Shaibal Gupta, Member-Secretary
Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna

Chairperson's Remarks : N. K. Singh, Former Member, Rajya Sabha

Reading of Citation in Memory of Arvind N. Das (Former Chairman, ADRI)
: Prabhat P. Ghosh
Director, Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna

Presentation of Citation to Srijana Das (Daughter of Late Arvind N. Das)
: Pranab Mukherjee
Hon'ble President of India

Special Guest : Ashok Choudhary
Hon'ble Minister, Department of Education, Bihar

Esteemed Guest : Tejashwi Prasad Yadav
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister &
Minister, Department of Road Construction, Bihar

Speech by
Distinguished Guest : Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar

Speech by
Guest of Honour : Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Governor, Bihar

Inaugural Speech by
Chief Guest : Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India

Concluding Remarks : Meghnad Desai
Chairman, Academic Advisory Committee
ADRI Silver Jubilee Celebration 2016-17

4:00-4:50 PM

VENUE : ASHOKA HALL

SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – III

Chairperson : Ashis Nandy, Honorary Fellow
Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi

Speaker : Jean-Joseph Boillot, Economist, CEPII France

Topic : Arthashastra – the Paradox of Modernity in
Ancient Times and Beyond
*(Why a Modern State must be at the same time Liberal, Social,
Entrepreneur, and finally, Regulator, but also Conducive to
Innovation)*

4:50-5:05 PM

TEA

5:05-5:55 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – IV Chairperson : John Harriss Professor, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Speaker : Gerry Rodgers Former Director, International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS) Geneva Topic : Bihar's Development in Comparative Perspective
5:55-6:45 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – V Chairperson : Nitya Rao, Professor, University of East Anglia, Norwich Speaker : Anand A. Yang Professor, University of Washington, Washington D.C. Topic : Purabiya and Beyond The Long and Short of Migration from Colonial Bihar
6:45-7:35 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VI Chairperson : Subrata K. Mitra Director, Institute of South Asian Studies National University of Singapore (NUS) Speaker : Wendy Singer, Professor, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio Topic : Reservations and Creating New Government Jharkhand and Bihar in the 1950s.
7:35-9:00 PM	DINNER – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
Day 2	MARCH 25 - SATURDAY
9:30-10:20 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VII Chairperson : Gopa Sabharwal Founder Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University, Rajgir Speaker : Vinita Damodaran, Professor, University of Sussex, Brighton Topic : Adivasis and the Anthropocene Towards an Environmental History of Eastern India
10:20-10:35 AM	TEA

10:35-11:25 AM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VIII</p> <p>Chairperson : Siddharth Varadarajan, Founding Editor, The Wire</p> <p>Speaker : Kanchan Chandra, Professor, New York University</p> <p>Topic : Democracy from the Margins</p>
11:25 AM-12.15 PM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – IX</p> <p>Chairperson : Dipankar Gupta Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Speaker : Ashis Nandy, Honorary Fellow Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Another Cosmopolitanism Living with Radical Diversities and Being Oneself</p>
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - I : COLONIALISM AND ITS VARIED IMPACT IN THE REGION</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Anand A. Yang Professor, University of Washington, Washington D.C.</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Ajai Singh, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Topic : Bihar : Aspirations and the Baggage of History</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Prakash Kumar Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University</p> <p>Topic : Tirhut's Indigo: World War, Empire and Administered Markets</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Aishwarj Kumar, Faculty, University of Cambridge</p> <p>Topic : The Question of Language in Administration and Education in Bihar, 1850-1900</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Shashank S. Sinha, Author, Editor - Routledge</p> <p>Topic : The Idea of Witch in Colonial and Post-colonial Chhotanagpur and Santhal Parganas</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Manoj Kumar Tiwary, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Topic : Historical and Contemporary Ramifications of 19th Century Colonial Education Policies in Bihar and Jharkhand</p> <p>Presentation-6 : Sonal Singh, Doctoral Scholar, University of Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Gifts, Tributes and Bribes in a Historical Perspective Early Colonial Bihar</p>

12:30-2:00 PM
(Three Parallel
Sessions)

VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL

TECHNICAL SESSION - II : MOBILITY IN THE REGION OVER TIME

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- Chairperson : Shakti Sinha
Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi
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- Presentation-1 : Crispin Bates, Professor, University of Edinburgh
Topic : Post-1857 Migration and the Role of Intermediaries in the South Asian Diaspora
- Presentation-2 : Catherine Servan-Schreiber
Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies (CEIAS), EHESS, France
Topic : Mobility in Bihar: Islamic Hagiographic Sources and Circulation of Chapbooks
- Presentation-3 : Camille Buat, Doctoral Scholar, Gottingen University
Topic : The Multiple Faces of *Bidesiya* : Exploring the Figure of the "Up-Country Migrant" in Eastern India
- Presentation-4 : Kashshaf Ghani, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University, Rajgir
Topic : The Eastern Corridor
Movement and Mobility in Medieval Bihar
- Presentation-5 : Sraman Mukherjee
Assistant Professor, Nalanda University, Rajgir
Topic : Between Pilgrimage and Survey
Locating Jaina Cartography of Bihar in the Nineteenth Century

12:30-2:00 PM
(Three Parallel
Sessions)

VENUE : NALANDA HALL

TECHNICAL SESSION - III : VOICING HEROES AND UNSUNG HEROES

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- Chairperson : Hetukar Jha, Sociologist
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- Presentation-1 : Daniel Rycroft, Professor, University of East Anglia, Norwich
Topic : Crossing Borders : Birsa Munda and Regional Heritage
- Presentation-2 : Nicolas Jaoul, Researcher
Centre for South Asian Studies (CEIAS), EHESS, France
Topic : Jagjiwan Ram and Dalit Struggles after Independence
A View from Uttar Pradesh
- Presentation-3 : Saagar Tewari
Assistant Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat
Topic : The Historic Role of Jaipal Singh Munda

	<p>Presentation-4 : Raghav Sharan Sharma, Activist Scholar, Researcher and Writer</p> <p>Topic : Lok Deo Yadunandan Sharma</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Ufaque Paiker, Doctoral Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Shad Azimabadi's Patna Reading Patna through Urdu Literature</p> <p>Presentation-6 : Sankarshan Thakur, Roving Editor, The Telegraph</p> <p>Topic : Subaltern : Vernacular and Cockney</p>
2:00-3:00 PM	LUNCH – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
3:00-4:30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - IV</p> <p>STATE REORGANISATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE IDENTITY FORMATION</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Crispin Bates Professor, University of Edinburgh</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : David Boyk Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston</p> <p>Topic : A Sturdy Loyal People : Bihar's Separation from Bengal</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Gyanesh Kudaisya Associate Professor, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Topic : Revisiting the Bihar-West Bengal Merger Plan, c. 1956 Envisioning the Region in the 1950s</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Samuel Berthet Associate Professor, Shiv Nadar University, Dadri</p> <p>Topic : An Attempt at Looking to the Overlapping Territorialities in Bihar and Jharkhand</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Ashutosh Kumar, Professor, Punjab University, Chandigarh</p> <p>Topic : Moving Beyond the Constituent States Framing the Sub-Region Level Politics in India</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Sara Mahima George Rejy Doctoral Scholar, Goa University</p> <p>Topic : India's Tryst with Federalism: New States in Federal India</p>

3:00-4:30 PM
(Three Parallel
Sessions)

VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL

TECHNICAL SESSION - V : POLITICS, ELECTION AND POWER STRUCTURES

Chairperson : Vinay K. Kantha
Educationist

Presentation-1 : Ashwani Kumar
Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

Topic : Public or Private Leviathan ? The Politics of Crime Reduction
and Infrastructure Development in Contemporary Bihar

Presentation-2 : Gaurang R. Sahay, Professor
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

Topic : Economy, Caste and Power Structure in Rural Bihar

Presentation-3 : Dilip Simeon, Trustee, Aman Trust, New Delhi

Topic : Strike-breaking or the Refusal of Subalternity?
The Tatanagar Foundry Strike of 1939

Presentation-4 : Aaditya Dar, Doctoral Scholar
George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Topic : Politicians and Development
Does Identity and Background Matter?

Presentation-5 : Sarthak Bagchi, Doctoral Scholar, Leiden University

Topic : Can Clientelism be Democratic?
Tracing the Working of Informal Politics amidst Development,
Dignity and Decentralization in Bihar

3:00-4:30 PM
(Three Parallel
Sessions)

VENUE : NALANDA HALL

TECHNICAL SESSION - VI : JHARKHAND AND BIHAR

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & POLICIES COMPARED

Chairperson : Jeffrey Witsoe
Associate Professor, Union College, Schenectady, New York

Presentation-1 : Amit Prakash
Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

Topic : Conflicts and Rationalities of Governance in
Bihar and Jharkhand, India

Presentation-2 : Sanjay Kumar, Director
Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi

Topic : Comparing Political Trajectories in Bihar and Jharkhand

	<p>Presentation-3 : Debdatta Saha, Assistant Professor South Asia University, New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Industrial Policy : Comparing Jharkhand with Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Gautam P. Patel, Senior Policy Manager, J-PAL South Asia at IFMR</p> <p>Topic : Research to Action : Case-study of an Evidence-based Scale-up – Building Stable Livelihoods for the Poorest of the Poor in Bihar and Jharkhand</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Imran Amin, Assistant Professor Ambedkar University, New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Conflict, Security and Governance Development Challenges of Bihar and Jharkhand</p>
4:45-5:35 PM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – X</p> <p>Chairperson : Ashutosh Varshney, Professor, Brown University, Providence</p> <p>Speaker : Dipankar Gupta Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Making Majorities in Democracies : The Citizenship Embrace</p>
5:35-5:50 PM	TEA
5:50-6:40 PM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XI</p> <p>Chairperson : A. K. Shiva Kumar, Senior Consultant and Policy Advisor United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), India</p> <p>Speaker : John Harriss, Professor of International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver</p> <p>Topic : Polanyi's 'Great Transformation' Redux The Political and Economic Origins of Our Times</p>
6:40-7:30 PM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XII</p> <p>Chairperson : Vinita Damodaran, Professor, University of Sussex, Brighton</p> <p>Speaker : Peter Robb, Emeritus Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London</p> <p>Topic : Colonial Development? On Watchmen and Water in Bihar under British Rule</p>
7:30-9:00 PM	DINNER – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL

Day 3

MARCH 26 - SUNDAY

9:30-10:20 AM

VENUE : ASHOKA HALL

SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XIII

Chairperson : Alok Rai, Litterateur
Speaker : Vasudha Dalmia
Professor Emerita, University of California, Berkeley
Topic : Modernity and Modernism in the Hindi World

10:20-10:35 AM

TEA

10:35-11:25 AM

VENUE : ASHOKA HALL

SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XIV

Chairperson : Harry Blair
Senior Research Scholar, Yale University, New Haven
Speaker : Ashutosh Varshney
Professor, Brown University, Providence
Topic : India's Democracy : Electoral Vibrancy and Liberal Deficits

11:25 AM-12:15 PM

VENUE : ASHOKA HALL

SPECIAL LECTURE

Chairperson : Meghnad Desai
Emeritus Professor, London School of Economics
Speaker : Rathin Roy, Director, National Institute of
Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi
Topic : Some Reflections on Inclusive Growth and Fiscal Policy in
Contemporary India

12:30-2:00 PM
(Three Parallel
Sessions)

VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL

TECHNICAL SESSION - VII : HINDI HEARTLAND

CULTURAL CONSTRUCT AND IDENTITY FORMATIONS

Chairperson : Vasudha Dalmia
Professor Emerita, University of California, Berkeley
Presentation-1 : Imre Bangha, Associate Professor, University of Oxford
Topic : Erach, Rajgir, Dalmau
The Earliest Documented Locations of Hindi Literature
Presentation-2 : Christopher L. Diamond
Doctoral Scholar, University of Washington – Seattle
Topic : At the Margins in the Center
Maithili Identity and Literature in the Hindi Heartland

	<p>Presentation-3 : Rohit Prakash, Journalist and Researcher</p> <p>Topic : Language and Region: The Making of the 'Hindi Heartland'</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Awanish Kumar, Professor, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai</p> <p>Topic : At the Margins of the Hindi Heartland: Bihar and Jharkhand</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Sadan Jha, Associate Professor Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat</p> <p>Topic : Visualising a Region: Phanishwarnath Renu and the Archive of the 'Regional-Rural' in the 1950s</p>
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - VIII : GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Mohammad Nadeem Noor, Programme Coordinator United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Bihar</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Areendam Chanda, Professor, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Topic : Local Growth and Convergence in India (2000-2010)</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Chirashree Das Gupta, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Challenge of Governance Growth, Development and Social Justice</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Sisir Debnath, Assistant Professor Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad</p> <p>Topic : No Free Lunch: Using Technology to Improve the Efficacy of School Feeding Programs</p>
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : NALANDA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - IX : JHARKHAND AND THE TRIBAL SCENARIO HISTORY, STATUS QUO AND NEW DIRECTIONS</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Wendy Singer, Professor, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Ritambhara Hebbar Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai</p> <p>Topic : History, Contemporaneity and Tribal Self-Rule Reflections on Jharkhand and its Future</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Marine Carrin, Professor Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France</p> <p>Topic : The Imagining of Alternative Citizenship in Jharkhand</p>

12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>Presentation-3 : Radhika Borde, Lecturer, Metropolitan University, Prague</p> <p>Topic : Adivasis and Adim Janajati in Jharkhand : A Focus on Asurs</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Sangeeta Das Gupta Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Reordering Histories : Tana Readings of their Past</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Paul Streumer, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Topic : Don't Prettify It : Some Methodological Remarks on Researching and Presenting Adivasi History</p>
2:00-3:00 PM	LUNCH – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
3.00-4.30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - X : ORAL HISTORIES, POETRY/SONGS, THEATER AND THE REGION</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Alok Rai, Litterateur</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Gregory Goulding, Affiliate Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden University</p> <p>Topic : "I'll be Here with my Jungles and my Rivers" : New Perspectives on the Global in Recent Poetry from Bihar and Jharkhand</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Nitin Sinha, Senior Fellow Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin</p> <p>Topic : The Home and the Hearth in the Age of Steam Poetic Imagination and <i>Bhojpuriya</i> Women</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Pranav Prakash Presidential Fellow, Graduate College, University of Iowa</p> <p>Topic : Literary Genre, Humour, and Politics in a <i>Mithilā Nātak</i></p> <p>Presentation-4 : Smita Tewari Jassal, Professor, Ambedkar University, New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : The Many Lives of a Folk Ballad as a Form of Cultural Production</p>
3.00-4.30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XI : GENDERING THE REGION</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Ruchira Gupta Founder, Apne Aap Women Worldwide & Visiting Professor New York University (NYU)</p> <hr/>

	<p>Presentation-1 : Kalpana Wilson, Associate Researcher, Birkbeck, University of London</p> <p>Topic : Women's Underpaid Labour in Bihar's Development Model Precarity, Violence, and Strategies for Collective Organizing</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Toni Darbas, Social Scientist, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Canberra</p> <p>Topic : The Feminization of Agriculture in the Eastern Gangetic Plains Implications for Rural Development</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Kazuki Minato, Research Fellow Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO), Japan</p> <p>Topic : Political Awareness, Gender and Identity Implications from Bihar, India</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Pratishtha Singh, Lecturer, University of Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Economic Development Linked with Socio-Political Emancipation of Rural Women in the Region</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Prashanti Tiwari, Gender Alliance, Bihar</p> <p>Topic : Neoliberal Causality & Gender Casualty In Quest of Gender Justice in Bihar</p>
3.00-4.30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : NALANDA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XII : ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, DISASTERS AND THE STATE CONTEMPORARY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : M. Asadur Rahman, Chief, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) office for Bihar</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Kaushik Ghosh, Professor, University of Texas at Austin</p> <p>Topic : The Shimmering Land Adivasiness and the Ecological Imperative</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Sanjukta Dasgupta Associate Professor, Sapienza University, Rome</p> <p>Topic : The Famine of 1915-17 in Kolhan Government Estate</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Rohan D'Souza, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University</p> <p>Topic : Writing South Asian Environmental History in the Epoch of the Anthropocene</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Luisa Cortesi, Doctoral Scholar, Yale University, New Haven</p> <p>Topic : The Cognitive and Political Experience of Disastrous Flooding in North India</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Murari Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University, Rajgir</p> <p>Topic : State Formation along the Ganga River, c. 1700-1750</p>

4:45-5:45 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SPECIAL LECTURE Welcome Address : Shaibal Gupta, Member-Secretary Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna Chairperson : N. K. Singh Former Member, Rajya Sabha Comment : Ashok Choudhary Hon'ble Education Minister, Bihar Speaker : Prakash Javadekar Hon'ble Union HRD Minister, Government of India Vote of Thanks : Anjan Mukherji, Chairman Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna
5:45-6:00 PM	TEA
6:00-6:50 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XV Chairperson : Imre Bangha, Associate Professor, University of Oxford Speaker : Alok Rai, Litterateur Topic : Hindi Heartland : Making and Unmaking
6:50-7:40 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XVI Chairperson : Subrata K. Mitra, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS) Speaker : Sudha Pai, National Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) & Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi Topic : Politics of States Reorganization in the Hindi Heartland The Case of Bihar
7:40-9:00 PM	DINNER – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
Day 4	MARCH 27 - MONDAY
9:30-10:20 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XVII Chairperson : Syed Gulrez Hoda, Member, Bihar State Planning Board Speaker : Harry Blair, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University, New Haven Topic : Dignity and Development as Trajectory Bihar as a Model for Nepal?

10:20-10:35 AM	TEA
10:35-11:25 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XVIII Chairperson : Christopher V. Hill, Professor University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Speaker : William R. Pinch Professor, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut Topic : Blown from Cannon : The Prelude to Buxar, 1764
11.25 AM-12.15 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XIX Welcome Address : Shaibal Gupta, Member-Secretary Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna Chairperson : Meghnad Desai, Emeritus Professor London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Speaker : N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor, Jammu and Kashmir Topic : Post Freedom India – A Look Back Vote of Thanks : Neeraj Kumar, Convener, Academic Advisory Committee
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL <hr/> TECHNICAL SESSION - XIII : RIVER, LAND AND PEOPLE THE KOSI TRAIL <hr/> Chairperson : Christopher V. Hill Professor, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs <hr/> Presentation-1 : D. K. Mishra, Convenor, Barh Mukti Abhiyan, Patna Topic : Bihar Floods – Challenges Ahead Presentation-2 : Stephen Biggs, Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London Topic : Rural Change in the Kosi River Basin : A Capital Goods Perspective Presentation-3 : Rupak Kumar Jha, Doctoral Scholar Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay Topic : Vulnerability Assessment to Floods in Bihar at the Sub-national Scale : An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) Method

	<p>Presentation-4 : Stephanie Leder, Post-Doctoral Fellow International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Nepal</p> <p>Topic : Migration, Gendered Water Institutions and Farmer Collectives in a Changing Agrarian Structure in Mithilanchal</p>
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XIV : INEQUALITIES, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PROTEST</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Arun Chaudhary Former Director-General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), India</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Badri Narayan, Professor Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad</p> <p>Topic : Invisible in Democracy Most Marginalised Dalit Communities in Uttar Pradesh</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Jeffrey Witsoe, Associate Professor Union College, Schenectady, New York</p> <p>Topic : Lessons from Right-to-Work Activism in Rural Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Mohammad Sajjad, Associate Professor, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)</p> <p>Topic : Communalization and Crime Reflections on Recent Communal Violence in Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Chinmaya Kumar, Former Country Economist International Growth Centre (IGC) India-Bihar</p> <p>Topic : Can Providing Information Reduce Leakages in Public Distribution System?</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Anurag Ekka, Doctoral Scholar Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Contesting Social Justice : Politics of Recognition and Redistribution among Adivasis in Jharkhand</p>
12:30-2:00 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : NALANDA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XV : MIGRATION MATTERS</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Indrajit Roy Research Fellow, University of Oxford</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Nitya Rao, Professor, University of East Anglia, Norwich</p> <p>Topic : Gendered Migration, Rights and Identities Experiences and Representation of Jharkhand</p>

	<p>Presentation-2 : Tanweer Fazal, Associate Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Migrant, 'Home' and Politics : Bihari Labour in Metropolis</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Ratnakar Tripathy, Fellow Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla</p> <p>Topic : The Meaning of Migration from Bihar : From Top to Bottom</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Amrita Datta, Associate Fellow Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Home, Identity and Belonging Male Migration, and Bilocal Household of Rural Bihar</p>
2:00-3:00 PM	LUNCH – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
3:00-4:30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION- XVI : BIHAR AND NEPAL HYDRAULIC AND OTHER CONNECTIONS</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : D. K. Mishra, Convenor, Barh Mukti Abhiyan, Patna</p> <p>Discussant : Prashant Jha, Senior Journalist The Hindustan Times, New Delhi</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Dipak Gyawali, Chairman, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF) & Former Minister, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Arjun Dhakal, Chair, Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalist (NeFEJ), Kathmandu</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Dwarika Nath Dhungel, Senior Research Fellow Niti Foundation, Nepal & Former Water Resources Secretary Government of Nepal</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Govinda Sharma Pokharel, Vice-Chairperson Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF)</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Poudel Keshab Prasad, Editor, Spotlight, Nepal</p>
3:00-4:30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : CHANAKYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION- XVII : CASTE, CLASS AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS DURING COLONIAL RULE</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Prabhat Kumar, Social Policy Specialist United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Bihar</p> <hr/>

	<p>Presentation-1 : Peter Gottschalk, Professor Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut</p> <p>Topic : A Bloody and Degrading Superstition : Coalescing Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment in British India</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Mridu Rai, Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata</p> <p>Topic : We are Shudras first, Muslims after Caste and Islam in Colonial and Postcolonial North India</p> <p>Presentation-3 : I. K. Choudhary, Professor, Ranchi University</p> <p>Topic : Zamindars and Service Jagirs : A Study of Chhotanagpur Raj in Medieval Jharkhand (1580-1832 AD)</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor, University of Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Swami Sahajanand Saraswati, Bihar Provincial Kisan Sabha and the Politics of Caste c.1910s to 1939</p>
3:00-4:30 PM (Three Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : NALANDA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XVIII : VISUAL CULTURES AND IDENTITIES</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Anjana Sharma Associate Professor, University of Delhi</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Avijit Ghosh, Senior Editor, The Times of India, New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : Early Bhojpuri Cinema and the Construction of Local Identity</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Helene Fleury, Doctoral Scholar, University of Paris-Saclay; associated with Centre for South Asian Studies (CEIAS), EHESS, France</p> <p>Topic : Heroization and International Reception of Mithila Paintings Constructing Women (Painters) Figure in William's Archer's and Yves Véquad's Writings</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Salila Kulshreshtha, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Topic : The Heritage of Sacred Spaces in South Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Ranu Roychoudhuri, Assistant Professor Nalanda University, Rajgir</p> <p>Topic : Industrial India : Photographs from Post-independence Bihar</p>
4:45-5:35 PM	<p>VENUE : ASHOKA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XX</p> <p>Chairperson : Anjan Mukherji, Chairman Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna</p> <p>Speaker : Satish K. Jain, Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : On the Land Acquisition under the Eminent Domain Power for Private Entities</p>

5:35-5:50 PM	TEA
5:50-6:40 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXI Chairperson : Antara Dev Sen, Editor, The Little Magazine, New Delhi Speaker : Janine Rodgers, Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi Topic : The Feminisation of Agriculture : Drivers and Constraints
6:40-7:30 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXII Chairperson : Mrinal Pande, Senior Journalist & Author Speaker : Subrata K. Mitra, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies National University of Singapore (NUS) Topic : Rebels into Stakeholders Regional Governance and Resilience of the State in India
7:30-9:00 PM	DINNER – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
Day 5	MARCH 28 - TUESDAY
8:35-9:25 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXIII Chairperson : Janine Rodgers, Senior Visiting Fellow Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi Speaker : Alpa Shah, Associate Professor London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Topic : Jharkhand in the Belly of the Indian Boom
9:30-10:45 AM (Two Parallel Sessions)	VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL <hr/> TECHNICAL SESSION - XIX : SOCIAL JUSTICE AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES <hr/> Chairperson : Subrata K. Mitra, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS) <hr/> Presentation-1 : Jennifer Bussell, Assistant Professor University of California at Berkeley Topic : Clients or Constituents? Citizens, Intermediaries, and Distributive Politics in India Presentation-2 : Ruchira Gupta, Founder, Apne Aap Women Worldwide & Visiting Professor, New York University (NYU) Topic : Gandhian Social Justice Framework for Uplift of the Last Girl Presentation-3 : Rajiva Ranjan Verma, Former DG National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Government of India

	<p>Topic : Atrocities in the Post-Independence Bihar (Jharkhand)</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Alf Gunvald Nilsen Associate Professor, University of Adger, Norway</p> <p>Topic : We Are the Ones Who Make the Sarkar Law, Civil Society and Citizenship in Subaltern Politics</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Kazuya Nakamizo Professor, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University</p> <p>Topic : National Issues in the Local Context : The Analysis of 2014 General Election and 2015 State Assembly Election in Bihar</p>
9:30-10:45 AM (Two Parallel Sessions)	<p>VENUE : NALANDA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>TECHNICAL SESSION - XX : POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Chanchal Kumar Principal Secretary, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Bihar</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Indrajit Roy, Research Fellow, University of Oxford</p> <p>Topic : Democracy as Dignity : Agonistic Negotiations and Emancipatory Politics in Contemporary Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Poulomi Dhar Chakrabarti, Doctoral Scholar Brown University, Providence</p> <p>Topic : The Political History of Bihar and Development Policy</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Aviram Sharma, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University, Rajgir</p> <p>Topic : Encountering Sustainability Governance of Irrigation Systems in South Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-4 : Andre Nickow, Doctoral Scholar Northwestern University, Evanston Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society, New Delhi</p> <p>Topic : The Impact of Community Mobilization on Land Rights Governance : Evidence from a Homestead Land Entitlement Initiative in Gaya District of Bihar, India</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Michiel Baas, Research Fellow National University of Singapore (NUS)</p> <p>Topic : A State of Fitness : Is All Working Out in Bihar?</p>
10:45-11:00 AM	TEA

11:00-11:50 AM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXIV Chairperson : Stephen Biggs, Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London Speaker : Geoff Wood, Emeritus Professor, University of Bath Topic : Negotiating Landscapes : Learning from Kosi
11:50 AM-12:40 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXV Chairperson : William R. Pinch, Professor Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut Speaker : Christopher V. Hill, Professor University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Topic : Custom and Progress in Colonial Purnia District The Bihar Tenancy Act and the Village Notes
12:40-1:30 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXVI Chairperson : Harry Blair, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University, New Haven Speaker : Pratap Bhanu Mehta President & CEO, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi Topic : The Global Crisis of Liberal Democracy
1:30-2:30 PM	LUNCH – VENUE : LUMBINI HALL
2:30-3:20 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXVII Chairperson : Dilip Sinha, Former Ambassador to United Nations, Geneva Speaker : Dipak Gyawali, Chairman, National Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF) & Former Minister, Government of Nepal Topic : Transcending Constraints of Geography Role of Inland Navigation in the Shared Future of Himalaya-Ganga
3:20-4:10 PM	VENUE : ASHOKA HALL <hr/> SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – XXVIII Chairperson : Amit Khare Development Commissioner, Government of Jharkhand Speaker : S. Subramanian, National Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Topic : Money-Metric Poverty and the Possibility of a Guaranteed Basic Income for India

4:10-4:30 PM	TEA
4.30-6.00 PM	<p>VENUE : KAUTILYA HALL</p> <hr/> <p>VALEDICTORY SESSION</p> <p>Welcome Address : Shaibal Gupta, Member-Secretary Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna</p> <p>Chairperson : Droupadi Murmu Hon'ble Governor, Jharkhand</p> <p>Distinguished Guests : Saryu Rai, Hon'ble Minister Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, Government of Jharkhand</p> <p>Ashok Choudhary Hon'ble Minister, Department of Education, Bihar</p> <p>Chief Guest : Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Jharkhand</p> <p>Valedictory Address : Meghnad Desai, Emeritus Professor London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)</p> <p>Special Guests : Virendra Kumar Malhotra, Member-Secretary Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi</p> <p>Diego Palacios, Country Representative for India & Bhutan United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>Alkesh Wadhwani Country Director, Policy and Poverty Alleviation Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) India</p> <p>M. Asadur Rahman, Chief, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) office for Bihar</p> <p>Madhulika Jonathan, Chief, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Office for Jharkhand</p> <p>Vote of Thanks : Anjan Mukherji, Chairman Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna</p>

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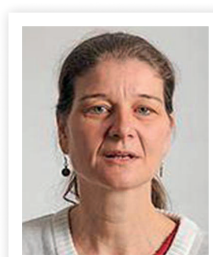
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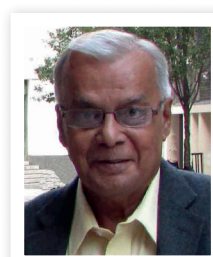
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ABHISHEK PRASAD

Abhishek Prasad grew up in Patna, attending St. Joseph's Convent and St. Michael's High School till Class X. He moved on to joining the Kodaikanal International School in Tamil Nadu where he completed the International Baccalaureate diploma and played tennis and the piano. He also attended Amherst College, USA where he studied English, Chemistry, History, Mathematics, etc. Finally, he graduated in English from Patna College. At ADRI, he transcribes important texts and speeches.



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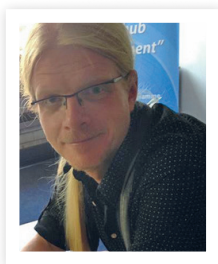
A postgraduate from the University of Delhi where he taught history to undergraduate students for more than ten years, he is currently based in Cambridge where he has been teaching at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. His M.Phil. dissertation was on the 'History of the Indian People's Theatre Association'. He is currently pursuing research on the social history of Hindi as a modern Indian language in North India during the period 1850-1900. He was an organizer and participant in the U.K. Regional Hindi Conference jointly organized by the Indian High Commission,

London and Geetanjali in Birmingham in June 2011 on the theme of '*Hindi Bhasha : Dasha aur Disha*' where he presented a paper on '*Bane Cattan Hindi Diwar Nahin*'. He presented a paper on 'Hindi teaching and its problems' organized by Valladolid University in Valladolid, Spain in March 2012.



AJAI SINGH

Ajai Singh retired from the position of Member CBDT. He gave oversight to India's Direct Tax Policy & Legislation as well as the Tax Department's Information Technology Reforms. He served with the Indian Revenue Service for 37 years at various positions. These included Tax Administration, the Central Secretariat, the Central Vigilance Commission and the Employees Provident Fund India as Chief Executive. Singh has 15 years' experience in implementing complex tax administration reforms. These include taxpayer enumeration (PAN) and the Centralized Bangalore Tax Return Processing Center. He has implemented similar ICT reforms in the EPF to improve delivery of pension and income protection schemes. Singh has presented papers at various International Conferences in Washington, Bangkok, Istanbul, Paris, Stockholm, Kuwait and Canberra. He has, for three years, chaired the Technical Commission on Provident Fund and Allied Schemes at the International Social Security Association (ISSA), Geneva, and helped formulate policy advice on various aspects of funding and investment. He has served as an International Consultant for IFC in Bangladesh and Nepal designing programs for radical administration reforms. He lives in rural Bihar at his family home. He has all along been very interested in researching the period between 1700-1950 and its spin off and influence in democratic Bihar.



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ALOK RAI

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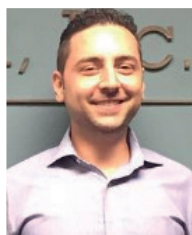
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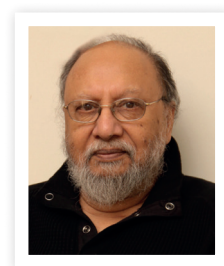
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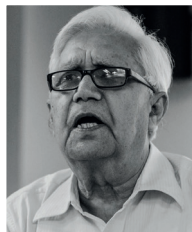
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DROUPADI MURMU

The present Governor of Jharkhand, Droupadi Murmu is the first woman to hold this office. She took the charge of Governor on May 18, 2015. She has had an impressive political and social career spanning almost two decades. Prior to that, she had a fulfilling service

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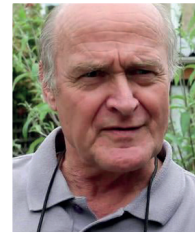
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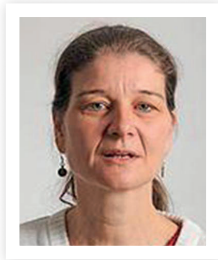
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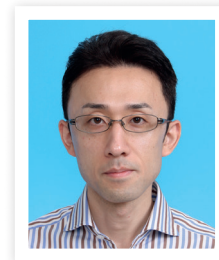
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NITISH KUMAR

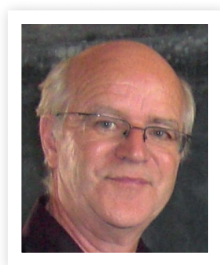
Nitish Kumar started his political career in the mid-seventies, inspired by the socialist ideology. At that time, he was in the forefront of the Jai Prakash Movement which had opened a new chapter in Indian politics. He was first elected to the Bihar Vidhan Sabha in 1985. More than three decades of his legislative career is spread between the Lok Sabha (six terms) and Bihar Vidhan Sabha/Parishad. He has shouldered the

responsibilities of the Union Minister for Agriculture and later the Railways for several years, and has been the Chief Minister of Bihar for more than ten years, except for a brief break of about nine months. It was during this period that the Bihar economy experienced a turnaround, leading to major gains in the social sector and political stability.



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Nitya Rao is Professor of Gender and Development at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom. She has worked extensively in the field of women's rights, employment and education for over three decades. Her research interests include exploring the gendered changes in land and agrarian relations, migration and livelihoods, education, intra-household relations and identities. She has published extensively on these themes. Her book on the theme of land as a resource in the struggle over gendered identities in the Santal Parganas, Jharkhand, entitled: *'Good women do not inherit land': The politics of land and gender in India* was published in 2008.



PAUL STREUMER

Paul Streumer read Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam, Historical Anthropology at the University of Utrecht, and Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam. He obtained his Ph.D. in Languages and

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PETER GOTTSCHALK

Peter Gottschalk's research and teaching concentrate on the dynamics of cultural interpretation and conflict at the intersection of Muslim, Hindu, Christian and scientific traditions. He is particularly interested in understanding how assumptions of mutual antagonism form between groups despite evidence of religious confluence and how comparison and categories work in how we know the world. Most recently, he has explored these themes in India and the United States, respectively, in his monographs *Religion, Science, and Empire: Classifying Hindus and Muslims in British India* and *American Heretics: Catholics, Jews, Muslims and the History of Religious Intolerance*. His earlier publications on Bihar have included *Beyond Hindu and Muslim: Multiple Identity in Narratives from Village India* and the online pedagogical resource 'A Virtual Village.'



PETER ROBB

Peter Robb is Professor Emeritus and formerly Professor of the History of India, Chair of the Centre of South Asian Studies, Head of the Department of History and Pro-Director at SOAS (University of London). He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Fellow, Council-member and former president of the Royal Asiatic Society. He is currently working on the late 19th-century, a book tentatively called *The British and Bihar: Development in a Colonial Society*. His 10 edited or co-edited volumes cover Indo-British relations, institutions, rural South Asia, local agrarian societies, protest and identity, ideologies, race, Dalit movements and labour, agriculture and development. Of his nine monographs, three are about early Calcutta and four wholly or partly on the 19th- and 20th-century Bihar.



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Poudel Keshab Prasad has an experience of over 20 years working in disaster, water and environment related areas as a media person as well as researcher. His book on deforestation in Chure Hill and environmental implications was published by the Nepal Forum for Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ) in 1994.



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Prabhat P. Ghosh is currently the Director, Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna. After completing his graduation and masters from the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, he had earned his Ph.D. from the Patna University. Before joining ADRI in 1995, he has served as the faculty member of the A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna and the V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, New Delhi. His research contributions include construction of an Input-Output table for Bihar economy, a number of large scale sample surveys on different dimensions of Bihar economy, and many research papers on regional economics. He has also conducted a number of evaluation studies, often using inter-disciplinary framework. He was once a member of the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.



PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

One of the most recognised faces of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the party's spokesperson, Prakash Javadekar is the Union Human Resource Development Minister. He was earlier the Minister of State with Independent Charge for Information and Broadcasting, Environment, Forest and Climate

Change, and the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. Before making his debut into politics, he was a banker for almost 10 years. Today, he is not only the party's spokesperson but also President of the Global Legislators Organisation for Balanced Environment (GLOBE), India. Earlier, he also occupied the position of the Executive President of the State Planning Board, Maharashtra; and Chairman of the Task Force on IT, Government of Maharashtra. Active in politics since his college days, Javadekar was a member of ABVP. During the Emergency 1975–77, Javadekar participated in student movements.



PRAKASH KUMAR

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PRANAB MUKHERJEE

Pranab Mukherjee assumed office as the 13th President of India on July 25, 2012, crowning a political career of over five decades of exemplary service to the nation in Government as well as Parliament. Mukherjee is a man of unparalleled experience in governance with the rare distinction of having served at different times as Foreign, Defence, Commerce and Finance Minister. He was elected to the Upper House of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) five times from 1969 and twice to the Lower House of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) from 2004. He was a member of the Congress Working Committee, the highest policy making body of the Party for a period of 23 years. During the period 2004-2012, Mukherjee was instrumental in spearheading critical decisions of the Government on a range of issues such as Administrative reforms, Right to Information, Right to Employment, Food Security, Energy Security, Information Technology and telecommunication, setting up of UIDAI, Metro Rail etc. through Chairmanship of over 95 Groups of Ministers constituted for the purpose. In seventies and eighties, he was instrumental in setting up the Regional Rural Banks (1975) and the EXIM Bank of India as well as National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (1981-82). Mukherjee was also author of a modified formula for resource sharing between the Centre and the States in 1991 which came to be known as the Gadgil - Mukherjee formula.



PRANAV K. CHAUDHARY

Pranav K. Chaudhary, is currently a freelance writer, explorer and researcher after serving more than three decades in Times of India Patna edition. Chaudhary retired as an Assistant Editor from TOI and has thoroughly enjoyed an uninterrupted spell of grass root journalism. He holds a Master's degree in Indian History with specialisation in Ancient India from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Besides countless number of his insight print/online stories on various issues, including agrarian unrest, caste related violence, ultra left movement, energy development, heritage and human interest stories, more than half a dozen of his research articles were published in various reputed historical journals of India. His several investigative reports, features and stories are hugely quoted by scholars in various journals in India and abroad. His main area of specialisation are broadly on the ultra left movement, politics, bureaucracy, heritage protection, lesser known tourist potential sites, archaeological discoveries, green and clean energy, contributions of faceless women and unsung heroes, oral traditions of Bihar, regional history, trends and various facets of migration in Bihar, brain drain and dying traditions of Bihar. Chaudhary has authored/edited at least half a dozen coffee table books on various aspects of Bihar's culture, heritage and tourism in collaboration with Bihar government. Chaudhary, a widely travelled journalist, has been conferred several awards for his contribution in the field of journalism. He was also associated with several reputed research organisations like Public Enterprises for the Centre of Continuing Education, New Delhi, School of Archaeology, New Delhi, Centre For Womens' Studies and Bihar, Indian History Congress.



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PRASHANT JHA

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PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

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on the editorial boards of many academic journals, including the American Political Science Review, the Journal of Democracy and India and Global Affairs. Mehta holds a B.A. (first class) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford and a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton.



PRATISHTHA SINGH

Pratishtha Singh is a lecturer of Italian language and literature in the Delhi University. She is an author and a poet. She is in the process of finishing her doctoral thesis on the representation of Mussolini in Contemporary Italian literature. She has been a student and scholar of cinema in Italy and India which explains her being on the jury of Also Art Film Festival in Italy since 2009 and Environmental Film Festival in Sao Paolo in Brazil since 2014. She is the God Mother of the Asolo Art Film Festival. She has written the content for numerous Italian documentaries on India. In 2014, she managed the media and the women campaign for Mohammad Azharuddin from Sawai Madhopur. In 2015, she traveled alone across Bihar during the assembly elections to talk to the women voters. Her travel experiences and conversations have recently been published in the form of a Hindi and Bhojpuri book by Vani Prakashan.



RADHIKA BORDE

Radhika Borde has researched social movements against mining, the use of revisionist mythology

by marginalized groups and new eco-religious movements. She is a Steering Committee member of an IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), a specialist group focusing on culture and protected areas. She is a lecturer at the Metropolitan University of Prague and a Ph.D. researcher at the Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Her academic interests lie in the fields of social theory, religion, policy, resistance movements and governance and she has carried out empirical research on Adivasi issues in Jharkhand and Odisha. Radhika Borde has also worked as an activist in Jharkhand in relation to issues concerning mining, Adivasis, land acquisition and the environment. She has also founded and is involved with a social entrepreneurship venture aimed at reviving and promoting Adivasi crafts.



RAGHAV SHARAN SHARMA

Raghav Sharan Sharma is an activist scholar, a researcher and a writer. He has written more than 30 books. A few of them are biographies of Swami Sahajanand; Subhas Chandra Bose in four volumes; Veer Savarkar; Sri Krishna Singh; Abdul Gaffar Khan and others. Some of his other works are *'India's Water Wealth: Ails and Ailments'*; *'Encyclopedia of Jharkhand'*; *'The Unthought War of 1962'* among others. He has also edited, compiled and collected works of *'Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Rachnawali'*.



RAGHUBAR DAS

Raghubar Das is currently the Chief Minister of Jharkhand since December 2014. In 2009, he held the office of Deputy Chief Minister of Jharkhand. He joined Bharatiya Janata Party as a founding member in 1980. He was elected as the member of Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1995 from Jamshedpur East. In 2004, he was appointed as Jharkhand State President of BJP. In 2000, he was appointed as the Minister for Labour & Employment. He also served as the Minister for Finance, Urban Development & Commercial Tax during the NDA government in 2005.



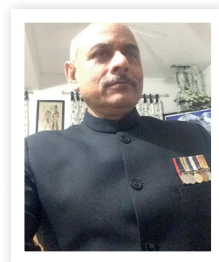
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RAJIVA RANJAN VERMA

Rajiva Ranjan Verma recently retired from the Indian Police Service. He served in the Bihar cadre. During his service, he held many significant positions including his last assignment as the Director General of Railway Protection Force. In 2006, he was awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. In addition to his official responsibilities, he has also undertaken substantial philanthropic activities among the rural and urban poor to help them in the fields of health and education. In appreciation of that work, the Government of Sri Lanka awarded him their Social Justice Award in 2004.



RAM NATH KOVIND

Bihar Governor, Ram Nath Kovind started his career as an advocate at the Delhi High Court. He practised at the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court of India for about 16 years. Later, he was elected to Rajya Sabha in 1994 and served in that capacity for two terms. Kovind has been a crusader for the rights and cause of weaker sections of society, specially scheduled castes/ scheduled tribes/ OBC/ minority/ women, right from his student days. It was mainly through his efforts that a government order of 1997 was made null and void by the passage of three amendments in the Constitution of India during the first NDA regime. During his advocacy tenure, he took a lead role in providing free legal aid to the weaker sections of society under the aegis of the Free Legal Aid Society in Delhi. Kovind has visited Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Germany, Switzerland, France, UK and USA on Study Tours for Members of Parliament. In 2002, he addressed the UN General Assembly, representing India.



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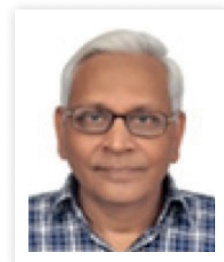
RUCHIRA GUPTA

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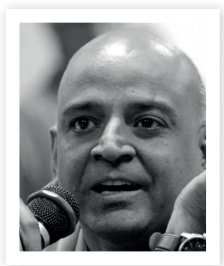
S. SUBRAMANIAN

Former ICSSR National Fellow and retired Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, S. Subramanian has been an Independent Volunteer on a Rural Development Project in Jawaja, Rajasthan, The project was sponsored by the ICSSR and executed by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He has also been a Consultant with Project Appraisal Division, Planning Commission and Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, Government of India.



SAAGAR TEWARI

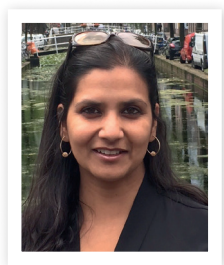
Saagar Tewari is a historian of modern India whose chief interest lies in studying the state-society dynamics of the predominantly tribal tracts of central India. Initially trained at Hindu College, University of Delhi, Saagar briefly worked in a rights advocacy organization in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh. Subsequently, he returned to the academics and did his research degrees at the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU. His doctoral thesis is on the discourse surrounding 'Scheduling' of the tribal areas. He has been a Visiting Associate Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. He has taught at Ambedkar University, Delhi and is currently teaching at the O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat.



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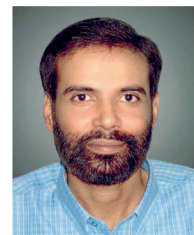
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SANJAY KUMAR

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SANJAY KUMAR

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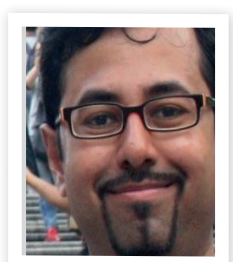
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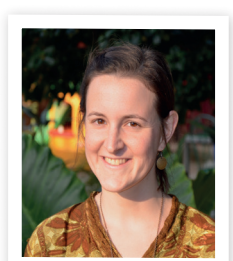
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