



International Conference

SOCIAL STATISTICS IN INDIA

JUNE 24-27, 2016





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.

SOCIAL STATISTICS IN INDIA

In Honour of Professor Prabhat P Ghosh

India is fortunate to have a statistical system that has a long history. 'Statistical Abstract of British India' was published as early as 1862, and the first population census was conducted in 1881. Several initiatives were taken thereafter, and when India became independent in 1947 it had a statistical system that was much more informative than those in other developing countries. Later, to strengthen state planning (the core of India's development strategy then), the country's statistical system was expanded and professionally strengthened through various steps. However, over the years, certain limitations of the system have increasingly become serious, thereby limiting not only its contributions to the decision-making in administration, but also its role as the most important source of data for research.

An important initiative in strengthening the existing statistical system in India was the creation of National Statistical Commission in 2006 with an expansive mandate – one of which is to 'evolve measures for improving public trust in official statistics'. This issue of the lack of adequate trust in official statistics is particularly serious for social statistics that relates to the status and progress in human development in the country. The dissatisfaction arises from several angles. For one, the quality of data is sometimes unreliable,

with the method of collection being improper. In the face of resource constraints or inadequate supervision, the field personnel sometimes replace observation with judgments to generate unreliable data. Secondly, social statistics are generally available at the national or state level but the information on sub-state/district level is very limited. This stands in the way of analyzing intra-state variations in development – a wide phenomenon in many states of India. Finally, there have also recently emerged new areas whose link to development is substantial, but they do not fall within the country's social statistics system parameterized long ago. The status of environment is one such area, as is focused data on gender disparities. Indeed, in the wake of an already visible information explosion and increasing role of knowledge capital in many societal actions, the ambit of social statistics needs to be extended further.

Unfortunately, opportunities where users and collectors of social statistics could discuss these limitations are very limited. The proposed conference is expected to create one such opportunity, where the participants would identify the limitations of social statistics in India, explore the sources of these limitations and, finally, suggest pathways to overcome them.



PRABHAT P GHOSH

Professor Prabhat P Ghosh has been one of the founder members of ADRI. Along with Dr. Shaibal Gupta, it was Professor Ghosh who had conceived the idea of ADRI in 1991 and the two together have worked relentlessly since then to establish ADRI as an institution of social science research.

Professor Ghosh had done his graduation and masters from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Ph.D. from the Patna University. He is a renowned statistician, as well as an economist. As an economist, he has contributed substantially in the fields of regional economies and human resource development. In particular, he had constructed the first Input-Output Table for Bihar in the seventies which was one of the earliest among state-level tables in India. As a statistician, he has conducted several large-scale surveys, including the 'Survey of

Socio-Economic and Educational Status of Muslims in Bihar', which was the first dedicated primary study on the Muslim population in Bihar. Further, he has made substantial contributions in the field of evaluation of social sector projects, particularly those related to education. During the last 25 years, Professor Ghosh has provided the critical academic leadership at ADRI, not just by conducting studies on various dimensions of Bihar's economy and society, but by nurturing a number of young scholars at the Institute. He has also undertaken several research projects, assigned by international organisations like ILO, IFAD, UNICEF and UNDP. Besides being member of a number of committees of the central and state governments, he has also been a member of the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi during 2006-09.

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PROGRAMME

Day 1	JUNE 24 - FRIDAY
11.45 AM-1.30 PM	<p>INAUGURAL SESSION</p> <p>Welcome Speech : Dr. Shaibal Gupta, Member Secretary, ADRI</p> <p>Chairperson's</p> <p>Remarks : Professor Anjan Mukherji, Country Director IGC India-Bihar Programme</p> <p>FELICITATION OF PROFESSOR PRABHAT P GHOSH</p> <hr/> <p>Reading of</p> <p>Citation by : Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University</p> <p>Felicitation by : Hon'ble Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice-President of India</p> <hr/> <p>Remarks by : Ms. Usha Kiran Tarigopula, Deputy Director, Bihar Programme Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Mr. Louis-Georges Arsenault, UNICEF Representative to India</p> <p>Speech by Distinguished</p> <p>Guest : Hon'ble Shri Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar</p> <p>Speech by</p> <p>Guest of Honour : Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Governor, Bihar</p> <p>Keynote Address</p> <p>by Chief Guest : Hon'ble Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice-President of India</p> <p>Vote of Thanks : Dr. Sunita Lall, Treasurer & Administrator, ADRI</p>
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch

2:30-3:30 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – I Chairperson : Md. Ishtiaque, Vice-Chancellor, Magadh University Speaker : Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR Topic : Socially Marginalized Groups and the Need to Reform the Statistical System Chief Guest : Hon'ble Shri Ashok Choudhary, Education Minister, Bihar
3:30-3:45 PM	Tea
3:45-5:45 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - I Health Statistics <hr/> Chairperson : Usha Kiran Tarigopula, Deputy Director, Bihar Programme Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discussants : Yamini Atmavilas, Senior Research Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Pankaj Verma, Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar Programme <hr/> Presentation - 1 : Indrajit Chaudhuri, Expert, CARE India Topic : Concurrent Measurement and Learning (CML) : An Innovative Measurement Effort by CARE India in Bihar to Track Health and Nutrition Outcomes and Guide Program Strategy Presentation - 2 : Indrani Gupta, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth Topic : Is India ready for Universal Health Coverage? Presentation - 3 : Kumar Rana, Masters Candidate, Harvard University Topic : Insuring Health or 'Targeting' the Poor? : The Case of RSBY Presentation - 4 : Dilip Kumar, Joint Director, Population Research Centre, Department of Statistics, Patna University Topic : The Impact of Family Planning on Fertility in India Presentation - 5 : Anit Mukherjee, Policy Fellow, Centre for Global Development, Washington DC Topic : From MDGs to SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities to Track Progress on Health in India
5.45-6.00 PM	Tea

6:00-7:00 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – II Chairperson : Gulrez Hoda, Member, Bihar State Planning Board Speaker : Faujdar Ram, Director, International Institute of Population Sciences Topic : Social Statistics in India: Special Focus on Health and its Determinants Chief Guest : Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Energy Minister, Bihar
Day 2	JUNE 25 - SATURDAY
9:30-10:30 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – III Chairperson : Gopa Sabharwal, Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University Speaker : V. K. Ramachandran, Professor, ISI Bangalore Topic : Village Studies and the Rural Economy
10.30-10.45 AM	Tea
10:45-11:45 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – IV Chairperson : Abdul Alim, Regional Advisor (South Asia), Social Policy, UNICEF Speaker : Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford Topic : Multidimensional Poverty Measurement Robustness and Analysis
11.45 AM-1.15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - II Educational Statistics <hr/> Chairperson : Sunil Ray, Director, A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies Discussant : Vikas Dimble, Country Economist, IGC India-Central Programme Sudhanshu Kumar, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy <hr/> Presentation - 1 : Yagnamurthy Sreekanth, Professor & Head, Educational Survey Division, NCERT Topic : Students Educational Achievement at School Level : An Analysis Across Social Categories

	<p>Presentation - 2 : Anugula N. Reddy, Assistant Professor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration</p> <p>Topic : School Education Statistics in India : Changing Status and Persisting Problems</p> <p>Presentation - 3 : Pradeep Kumar Choudhury, Assistant Professor, JNU</p> <p>Topic : Institutional Base of Educational Statistics in India: Implications for New Education Policy</p> <p>Presentation - 4 : M.K. Jamuar, Professor, Ranchi University</p> <p>Topic : A Trend Analysis of India's Adult Literacy Initiatives</p>
1.15-2.15 PM	Lunch
2.15-3.15 PM	<p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – V</p> <p>Chairperson : M. Govinda Rao, Emeritus Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy</p> <p>Speaker : T.C.A. Anant, Secretary & Chief Statistician, Government of India</p> <p>Topic : The 2030 Development Agenda: Challenges for Statisticians</p>
3.15-5.15PM	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION - III</p> <p>Employment and Poverty</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Soumyen Sikdar, Professor of Economics, IIM Calcutta</p> <p>Discussant : Abhimanyu Gahlaut, Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar Programme</p> <p>Manish Kumar, ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow, ADRI</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation - 1 : Devashish Mitra, Professor of Economics, Syracuse University</p> <p>Topic : Structural Reforms and Labour Market Outcomes in India</p> <p>Presentation - 2 : Abdul Alim, Regional Advisor (South Asia), Social Policy, UNICEF</p> <p>Topic : Social Statistics for Social Protection – Evidences for Action</p> <p>Presentation - 3 : Arup Mitra, Professor of Economics, Institute of Economic Growth</p> <p>Topic : Employment Statistics in India</p> <p>Presentation - 4 : Himanshu, Associate Professor, JNU</p> <p>Topic : Inequality, Poverty and Labour Market Outcomes in India</p> <p>Presentation - 5 : Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Associate Professor, ISI Delhi Centre</p> <p>Topic : Income Guarantees and Borrowing in Risky Environments : Evidence from India's Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme</p>
5.15-5.30 PM	Tea

5.30-6.30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - IV Crime Statistics <hr/> Chairperson : Rajiva Ranjan Verma, Former DG, National Crime Records Bureau Discussant : Chinmaya Kumar, Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar Programme <hr/> Presentation - 1 : K. Chockalingam, Vice-President, World Society of Victimology Topic : Dimensions of Crime statistics in India — An Analysis Presentation - 2 : Arvind Verma, Associate Professor & Associate Director, India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington Topic : Are We Safer Today? Crime Decline in India
Day 3	JUNE 26 - SUNDAY
9:30-10:30 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VI Chairperson : Hari Menon, Deputy Director, India Country Programmes Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Speaker : Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser Government of India Topic : Overview of the Indian economy
10.30-10.45 AM	Tea
10:45-12.15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - V Gender And Social Inequities <hr/> Chairperson : Romar Correa, Professor, University of Mumbai Discussants : Manish Gupta, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Ashmita Gupta, Post-Doctoral Fellow, ISI Chennai <hr/> Presentation - 1 : Jyotsna Jha, Director, CBPS Topic : Data Issues Related to Gender Budgeting Presentation - 2 : Neetha N., Senior Fellow, CWDS Topic : Tracking Gender Inequality through Statistics: Status and Gaps Presentation - 3 : Preet Rustagi, Professor, Institute for Human Development Topic : Gender-related Statistics: Issues, Gaps and Challenges Presentation - 4 : Kanika Kaul, Senior Programme Officer, CBGA Saumya Srivastava, Research Officer, CBGA Topic : The Data Challenges in Gender Responsive Budgeting in India

12.15-1.30 PM	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION - VI Marginalised Section</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Naresh Kumar Sharma, Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad</p> <p>Discussants : Manish Gupta, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Barna Ganguli, Assistant Professor, CEPPI, ADRI</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation - 1 : Amitabh Kundu, Professor, JNU</p> <p>Topic : Slum Statistics in India: Issues of Temporal and Cross-sectional Comparability</p> <p>Presentation - 2 : Prabhat Kumar, UNICEF Bihar Jalandhar Pradhan, Assistant Professor, NIT Rourkela</p> <p>Topic : Child Deprivation and Social Statistics</p> <p>Presentation - 3 : Sisir Debnath, Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Indian School of Business</p> <p>Topic : Improving Maternal Health Using Incentives for Mothers versus Incentives for Health Care Workers : Evidence from India</p>
1.30-2.15 PM	Lunch
2.15-3.00 PM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION OFFICIAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND THE DATA ON SOCIAL SECTOR</p> <p>Chairperson : Govind Bhattacharjee, Director General (Eastern Region) Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India</p> <p>Panelist - 1 : Krishna Kumar, DDG, CSO (SSD), New Delhi</p> <p>Panelist - 2 : D. P. Mondal, DDG, NSSO (FOD), Patna</p> <p>Panelist - 3 : Abhay Bang, Founder Director, SEARCH</p>
3.00-4.00 PM	<p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VII</p> <p>Chairperson : Anjan Mukherji, Country Director, IGC India-Bihar Programme</p> <p>Speaker : Pronab Sen, Country Director, IGC India-Central Programme</p> <p>Topic : National Statistics : What is Done; and How Should it be Done</p>
4.00-4.15 PM	Tea

4.15-6.15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - VII New Frontiers Of Social Statistics <p>Chairperson : Satish Jain, Professor, JNU</p> <p>Presentation - 1 : Ritwik Banerjee, Assistant Professor, IIM Calcutta</p> <p>Topic : Nudging Policy Makers to Collect Behavioural Data</p> <p>Presentation - 2 : Sourav Chakraborty, Associate Professor Chennai Mathematical Institute</p> <p>Topic : How to Handle Big Data Problems?</p> <p>Presentation - 3 : Navin Rustagi, Big Data Scientist, Baylor College of Medicine</p> <p>Topic : The Excitement and Challenge of Big Data in Genetics</p> <p>Presentation - 4 : Anirban Chakraborti, Professor, JNU</p> <p>Topic : Econophysics of Socio-economic Inequalities</p>
6.15-6.30 PM	Tea
6.30-7.15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION - VIII Electoral Data and Social Sector <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Prabhat P Ghosh, Director, ADRI</p> <p>Discussant : Sisir Debnath, Assistant Professor, Indian School of Business</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation - 1 : Sanjay Kumar, Director, CSDS</p> <p>Topic : Data in Indian Elections</p> <p>Presentation - 2 : Shiv Kumar, Assistant Professor, A.S. College, Khanna, Punjab</p> <p>Topic : The Role of Local Variables in Social Statistics : A Practical Guide for Preparing Questionnaire to Collect Household Level Data on Social Capital Indicators</p>
Day 4	JUNE 27 - MONDAY
9:30-10:30 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VIII <p>Chairperson : Dilip Sinha, Chairman Manipur Public Service Commission</p> <p>Speaker : John Harriss, Professor Simon Fraser University</p> <p>Topic : Is Social Democratic Development Still Possible?</p> <p>Chief Guest : Nikhil Kumar, Former Governor, Nagaland & Kerala</p>

10:30-11:30 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE - IX Chairperson : Pulin Nayak, Former Professor Delhi School of Economics Speaker : Rathin Roy, Director National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Topic : Fiscal Space for Human Development Chief Guest : Hon'ble Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Speaker, Bihar Vidhan Sabha
11:30-11:45 AM	Tea
11:45 AM-1:30 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE - CUM - VALEDICTORY SESSION Chairperson : Paramita Dasgupta, Director General, Administrative Staff College of India Introducer : Shaibal Gupta, Member Secretary, ADRI Silver Jubilee Valedictory Address : Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Aayog Topic : A Perspective on Social Sector Outcomes Guest of Honour : Hon'ble Shri Abdul Bari Siddiqui, Finance Minister, Bihar Chief Guest : Hon'ble Shri Nitish Kumar (TBC), Chief Minister, Bihar Vote of Thanks : Neeraj Kumar, Managing Editor, CEPPI, ADRI
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch

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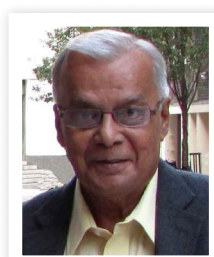
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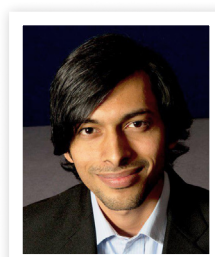
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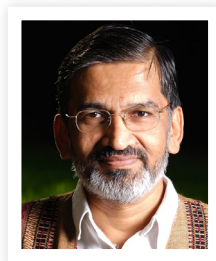
Dr. Abdul Alim is presently Regional Advisor for Social Policy with UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia. In his current position, he is responsible for providing technical advice to eight countries in South Asia on social policy issues. He has vast experience in managing evaluations, evidence generation, analysis and organizing knowledge streams for effective policy dialogue with partners, including governments, private sector, donors and civil society. He has demonstrated skills in leading formulation and implementation of UNICEF country programmes, and UN Development Assistance Framework, including monitoring and evaluation. Previous to his present assignment, he was Deputy Representative in UNICEF Country Office in Philippines and Turkmenistan. He has done Master of Public Health (MPH), Community Health and Preventive Medicine from the University of Texas, USA and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from Aga Khan University Medical College.



ABDUL BARI SIDDIQUI

Mr. Abdul Bari Siddiqui is currently the Finance Minister in the Government of Bihar. He has started his political

career at an early age, inspired by the socialist leader Karpuri Thakur. Earlier, he has served as the Minister of Commercial Taxes in the state government and as Leader of the Opposition. Besides shouldering his political responsibilities, he also devotes attention to sports, and presently heads the state level associations for both cricket and badminton.



ABHAY BANG

Dr. Abhay Bang is a physician and renowned public health expert. He believes in the Gandhian philosophy. For the past 30 years, he and his wife, Dr. Rani Bang have been living and working in a tribal district - Gadchiroli, Maharashtra. He is the founder director of SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), Gadchiroli.

His work on childhood pneumonia and home-based newborn care (HBNC) have shaped global policies. HBNC has now been scaled up in the National Rural Health Mission. He was a member of the Government of India's High Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage (2011) and of the High Level Committee on Tribal People (2014). He is at present the Chairman of the Expert Committee on Tribal Health, Government of India.

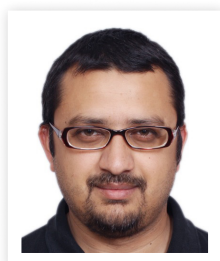
He, his wife and SEARCH have received nearly 60 awards, including the Adivasi Sevak (Government of Maharashtra), Maharashtra Bhushan (Government of Maharashtra), Sheshadri Gold Medal (Indian Council of Medical Research), Dory Storms Award (US), Save the Children Award (US), Mac Arthur Foundation award (US) and the Global Health Heroes (TIME Magazine, US).

They have received the Lifetime Achievement Social Impact Award of the Times of India (2015).



ABHIMANYU GAHLAUT

Mr. Abhimanyu Gahlaut holds an M.Phil. in Economic Research from the University of Cambridge and a BA (Honours) in Economics from the University of Delhi. Prior to joining the IGC, Mr. Gahlaut worked for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in Rwanda as an ODI fellow. During his time in Rwanda, he supported the ministry in formulation of the country's second five-year development plan (EDPRS 2), specifically working on projects related to urbanization, export growth, and climate-change financing.



ABHIROOP MUKHOPADHYAY

Dr. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay is an Associate Professor at the Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute - Delhi centre. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute for Study of Labour, Bonn. His primary specialization is in micro-econometric methods, applied to topics in development economics. He has worked on issues related to health, education and labour in developing countries, especially India. He has published in reputed journals like the Journal of Development Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Inequality, and the Economic and Political Weekly.



AMITABH KUNDU

Dr. Amitabh Kundu is Senior Fellow at the Delhi Policy Group and Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development India. He was earlier Professor at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development and the Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He has served as a member of National Statistical Commission. Currently, he is chairing a committee for Housing Start Ups at the Reserve Bank of India and another on Housing Shortages at the Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Amsterdam, Sciences Po and Maison des Sciences de L'homme in Paris, University of Kaiserslautern and University of Wuerzburg in Germany. He has about 25 books and two hundred research articles to his credit.



ANIRBAN CHAKRABORTI

Dr. Anirban Chakraborti is a professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He has earlier worked at the École Centrale Paris, France during 2009-14. He obtained a Ph.D. in Physics from the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, India and then the Habilitation in Physics from Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI), France. He has the experience of working as a scientist in universities and educational institutions in USA, Europe and Japan. He was

awarded the prestigious Young Scientist Medal of the Indian National Science Academy in 2009. He has research interests in econophysics, statistical physics, quantum physics and modelling of complex systems.



ANIT MUKHERJEE

Dr. Anit Mukherjee is a Policy Fellow at the Center for Global Development (CGD), Washington D.C., working on fiscal policy, public expenditure management and service delivery. His current research focuses on the impact of fiscal devolution on sub-national health financing reform in developing countries, including India. His other research interests include use of technology platforms (such as biometrics) for pro-poor service delivery and enhancing accountability and transparency in public expenditure through community participation. Prior to joining CGD, Dr. Mukherjee was Associate Professor at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi during 2005-13, where he conducted research and policy analysis to improve efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure. He is the co-author of 'Social Sector in a Decentralized Economy: India in the Era of Globalization' (Cambridge University Press).



ANJAN MUKHERJI

Dr. Anjan Mukherji taught at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi till 2010, when he retired as the RBI Professor of Economic Theory. He has also

taught at the London School of Economics, the Cornell University and at the Universities of Tsukuba and Osaka in Japan. Subsequent to retirement, he was awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru National Fellowship of the ICSSR during 2011-13. He is also currently the Country Director of the India-Bihar programme of the International Growth Centre (IGC), London. He has also been appointed Professor Emeritus at JNU. His research includes studies on micro-foundations of macroeconomics, non-linear dynamics and complex growth processes, development and governance, and stability of general equilibrium.



ANUGULA N. REDDY

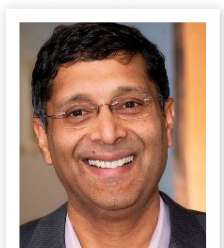
Dr. Anugula N. Reddy is currently working with the Department of Educational Management Information System (EMIS), National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi. His areas of interest include financing, privatization and political economy of education, education in urban areas, data on education and GIS applications in education in India. He was involved in the estimation of additional resources required to implement the Right to Education Act in 2005 and 2009, associated with the committees on data on education, education of minorities, etc. He has several publications in reputed journals.



ARUP MITRA

Dr. Arup Mitra is a Professor of Economics at the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi. His research

interest includes development economics, urban development, labour and welfare, industrial productivity growth and employment, services sector growth, trade in services, and gender studies. He has written a number of books and has published articles in reputed journals. His book on inclusive growth, employment and well-being is published by Springer. Presently, his coauthored work on corruption, development and policy is being published by the Cambridge University Press. He worked as a senior researcher at ILO (Geneva), was offered Visiting Fellowship at the Institute of Developing Economies (Tokyo) and held the Indian Economy Chair at Sciences Po (Paris). The Indian Econometric Society offered him the Mahalanobis Memorial Gold Medal for his outstanding contribution in the field of quantitative economics.



ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN

Dr. Arvind Subramanian is currently the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India. He is on leave for public service from his position as the Dennis Weatherstone Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, USA. He also served as Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development. He was earlier an Assistant Director in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund. He served at the GATT (1988–92) during the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations and taught at the Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (1999–2000) and at Johns Hopkins' School for Advanced International Studies (2008–10). He has written on growth, trade, development, institutions, aid, oil, India, Africa, and the World Trade Organization. He has published widely in academic and other journals. Foreign Policy magazine named him as one of the world's top 100 global thinkers in 2011.



ARVIND VERMA

Mr. Arvind Verma has been a member of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in the Bihar cadre. His first degree was in Engineering Mathematics from the Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur and later he earned his Ph.D. in Criminology from the Simon Fraser University, Canada. His doctoral work is concerned with the analysis of criminal justice data using a variety of mathematical techniques, such as Fuzzy Logic, Topology and Fractals. He has served as the Managing Editor of 'Police Practice and Research: An International Journal' and has also been an advisor to the Bureau of Police Research and Development in India. He is currently on the faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice at the Indiana University, USA, where he teaches courses on policing, crime prevention, terrorism and data analysis.



ASHMITA GUPTA

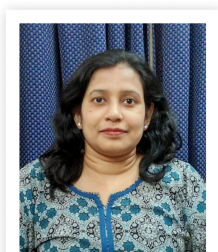
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BIBEK DEBROY

Dr. Bibek Debroy is a distinguished scholar in economics and presently a member of NITI Ayog. He was educated in Ramakrishna Mission School, Narendrapur; Presidency College, Kolkata; Delhi School of Economics; and Trinity College, Cambridge. He has earlier worked in Presidency College, Kolkata (1979-83), Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune (1983-87); Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi (1987-93); as the Director of a Ministry of Finance/ UNDP project on legal reforms (1993-98); Department of Economic Affairs (1994-95); National Council of Applied Economic Research (1995-96); Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (1997-2005); PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2005-06); and Centre for Policy Research (2007-2015). He has authored several books, papers and popular articles and has also been a Consulting/Contributing Editor with several newspapers.



BIJENDRA PRASAD YADAV

Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav is currently the Energy Minister of Bihar. Shri Yadav's entry into politics came at a very opportune time that was in 1967 when Indira

Gandhi the then Prime Minister of India gave the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao'. A veteran politician and a staunch believer in socialist ideology, Shri Yadav is the seven-time legislator from Supaul constituency. Currently he represents the Supaul constituency. In spite of having faced a multi-cornered contest in successive assembly polls, Shri Yadav has been a winner with impressive margins most of the times. Political analysts believe that Shri Yadav is the mainstay of the party in the Koshi region. He has held several portfolios in the Bihar government, including Finance, Commercial Taxes, Urban Development, Water Resources, Excise, Industry and Transport.



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GHANSHYAM TIWARI

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GOPA SABHARWAL

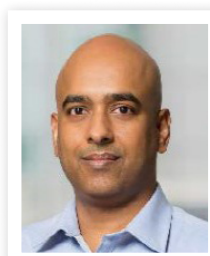
Dr. Gopa Sabharwal is the founding Vice-Chancellor of the Nalanda University. In this position, she has worked since 2010 to give shape to the vision of establishing a

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GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

Dr. Govind Bhattacharjee is currently Director General at the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in New Delhi. During his long career spanning more than three decades as civil servant, he has worked in various capacities in India and abroad. He is a prolific writer on a wide range of subjects, including public finance, developmental issues as well as popular science and is a regular contributor to newspapers and academic journals. His latest book, 'Special Category States of India' (Oxford University Press, 2016) has been the first book published on the subject. 'Story of Evolution', another book on popular science written by him was published by Vigyan Prasar, an institution under the Department of Science & Technology in 2015. He has so far published four books, including one on the public finance in Bihar. He has also been associated with the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna.



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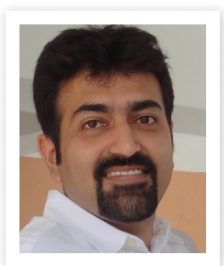
As the Director of Policy and Poverty Alleviation at the India Country Office of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Menon oversees Foundation's engagement in agricultural development; water, sanitation and hygiene (WSH); and financial services for the poor (FSP). He also leads the Government Relations, Policy and Advocacy portfolio in India. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2013, he served as strategic philanthropy adviser to Rohini Nilekani, a leading Indian philanthropist in areas, including water and sanitation, environment conservation, education, and governance and accountability. Previously, he spent over seven years (2004-11) with the Foundation's India Country Office, supporting a wide portfolio of work in public health in areas such as HIV prevention and maternal and child health. He has rich experience of over eight years in information technology with Infosys Technologies and in consumer marketing and sales with Colgate Palmolive and ESPN



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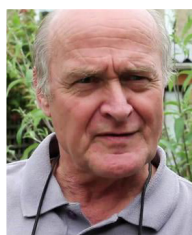
Dr. Jalandhar Pradhan is working as Assistant Professor in Health Economics at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) - Rourkela and has been involved in teaching and research in the area of health economics, including health equity and efficiency, socio-economic inequality in health and health care financing. He did his Ph.D. from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. Following his Ph.D., he

pursued Post-Doctoral research at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demo-graphic Institute (NIDI) in the area of reproductive health care financing. He has also been nominated as a member of the Scientific Research Group (SRG) of WHO on Equity Analysis and Research. He has published more than 40 research papers in reputed international journals in the areas of health economics, public health & demography.



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JOHN HARRISS

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previously Director of the Development Studies Institute (now Department for International Development) at the London School of Economics, and before that Dean of the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia. A Cambridge graduate, Dr. Harriss is a social anthropologist who has specialized in studies of India's politics and society. He is the author, amongst other works, of 'Capitalism and Peasant Farming: Agrarian Structure and Ideology in Northern Tamil Nadu' (OUP 1982), 'Reinventing India: Economic Liberalisation, Hindu Nationalism and Popular Democracy' (with Stuart Corbridge, Polity 2000), 'Power Matters: Essays on Institution, Politics and Society in India' (OUP 2006), 'India Today: Economy, Politics and Society' (with Stuart Corbridge and Craig Jeffrey, Polity: 2013), and 'Keywords for Modern India' (with Craig Jeffrey, OUP 2014). Currently, he is researching business and politics in Tamil Nadu, and new directions in social policy in India (in connection with an UNRISD research program on this theme). He is also writing a book on Peasants Becoming Citizens: Indian Rural Society in the 21st Century (under contract with OUP).



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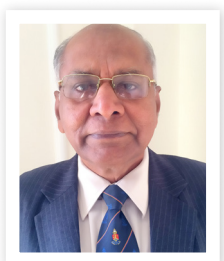
Dr. Jyotsna Jha presently heads Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS), Bangalore. CBPS is an independent non-profit, non-governmental organization that focuses on research in gender, education, social and economic policies, budgeting, decentralization and governance issues. Trained as an economist, she has significant experience of working on development related issues. Prior to joining CBPS, she worked as an adviser to Social Transformation Programmes Division at Commonwealth Secretariat in London. This allowed her to engage with public policy

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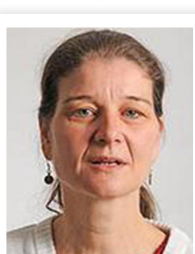
Dr. K. Chockalingam, currently Vice-President of the World Society of Victimology, was the Vice-Chancellor of the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu during 2001-2004. He was the first Chair Professor in Criminal Law at the National Law University, Delhi during 2012-14. Earlier, Dr. Chockalingam has been Professor of Victimology & Criminology at the Tokiwa International Victimology Institute (TIVI), besides serving as Deputy Director of TIVI and then as Director of International Centre for different periods at the Tokiwa University, Japan for six years, 2005-11. Before moving to Japan in 2005, he was the Founding Head of the Department of Criminology, University of Madras in 1983 & taught there for more than two decades. Professor Chockalingam founded the Indian Society of Victimology (ISV) in 1992 and was its President for 13 years until 2007. He has more than 75 publications to his credit and co-edited the book on 'Human Rights, Criminal Justice and Constitutional Empowerment', published by the Oxford University Press (2007).



KARAN BILIMORIA

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the Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea, making him the first ever Zoroastrian Parsi to sit in the House of Lords. In 2008 he was awarded the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman by the President of India. He is an honorary fellow of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Judge Business School, Cambridge University. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young and graduated in law from the University of Cambridge. He is also an alumnus of the Cranfield School of Management, the London Business School and the Harvard Business School.



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MANISH KUMAR

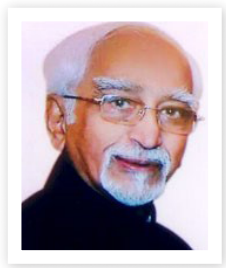
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He served as Training Consultant and was instrumental in making policy for teachers' training. Later, he led the 'Total Literacy Campaign' and 'Post Literacy Campaign' in Ranchi district, as Secretary of Zilla Saksharata Samiti. This assignment gave him the opportunity to interact with the cross-section of society and especially the rural masses. He developed strategies for mass mobilization to achieve enrolment of both adult learners and children in formal system. Dr. Jamuar was also a member of 'Saakshar Bharat' drafting committee.



MD. HAMID ANSARI

Presently the honourable Vice-President of India, Shri Md. Hamid Ansari was earlier a distinguished diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1961. During his long diplomatic career, he has served as country's Ambassador in a number of countries, including UAE, Afghanistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Australia. He is indeed one of the authorities on West Asian Politics. He was also once the country's Permanent Representative to the UN. Later, Shri Ansari has served many academic institutions — Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Milia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Observer Research Foundation. Apart from writing several academic papers and newspaper articles on West Asian Politics, he has also authored two books and edited another one, the last one being 'Testing Questions : Exploring Discontents in Contemporary India'. In 1984, he was awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India.



MEGHNAD DESAI

Baron Desai is a world-renowned economist and Labour peer, whose interests range from Marxian economics to post-colonial theory to the films of Dilip Kumar. He is a Professor Emeritus at London School of Economics (LSE). Lord Desai's research spans over 50 years in a broad range of topics concerning the impact of the private sector and the state in development, Marxian economics, and globalization and market liberalisation (many studies on Indian reforms). His vast contribution to developing the field of economics, from human development to economic history and political economy, have been awarded some of the highest honours of British and Indian civil institutions. Lord Desai taught at the LSE since 1965, where he became a Professor in 1983 and established the Centre for the Study of Global Governance in 1992. He is an active member of the British Labour Party, where he acted as Chairman during 1986-92. It was towards the end of his Chairmanship that he was made life peer as Baron Desai in 1991.



MOHD. ISHTIYAQUE

Dr. Mohd. Ishtiaque is presently the Vice-Chancellor of the Magadh University. Earlier he has spent most of his academic career at the Jamia Milia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi in its Department of Geography. There are

10 books and more than 50 research articles to his credit. Apart from academic activities, Dr. Ishtiyaque is also engaged in developmental work through his association with a number of non-governmental organisations, like the Muslim Educational Society, New Delhi, of which he is the President. Apart from JMI, he is also a member of the research boards of seven other Indian universities, and presently the President of the Association of Geographers of Bihar and Jharkhand.



NARESH KUMAR SHARMA

Dr. Naresh Kumar Sharma is presently Professor of Economics at the University of Hyderabad. After completing his B.Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Kanpur, he earned his Ph.D. from the Indian Statistical Institute - Kolkata.

His research interest lies in Economic Theory; Gandhian Economic Thought; Development Economics; Money and Finance; Agricultural Economics; and Science and Technology. Besides pursuing his academic interests, he has also been involved with artisans and farmers through his association with some civil society organisations.



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Genetics and Bioinformatics, with special focus on designing algorithms for processing extremely large sequencing datasets. His recent work on populations from south India illuminates the rich genomic diversity in the Indian subcontinent. He played an integral part in designing and implementing cloud AWS-based algorithms for discovering genetic markers for premier longitudinal studies related to heart diseases and Ageing in the USA. He completed his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of New Mexico, USA and his undergraduate degree in pure mathematics from the Chennai Mathematical Institute in India.



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NIKHIL KUMAR

Shri Nikhil Kumar is a former IPS officer and renowned politician. He was the Governor of Nagaland from 2009 to 2013 and of Kerala from 2013 to 2014. He was a member of the Fourteenth Lok Sabha, representing the Aurangabad constituency as a member of the Indian National Congress (INC) party. He also served as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Information Technology. Shri Kumar is a seven-term Member of Parliament.



NITISH KUMAR

Mr. 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 during the last ten years, except for a brief break for 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.



PANKAJ VERMA

Mr. Pankaj Verma holds a masters degree in Public Policy and Development from the Paris School of Economics. He works as a Country Economist for International Growth Centre (IGC) in Bihar. Prior to joining IGC, he worked as a Research Manager with J-PAL, supervising multiple randomized control trial studies on Health, Public employment, and Energy. Earlier, he worked as Country Economist for IGC in Sierra Leone on the issues of social protection and poverty reduction. His research interest includes political economy of development, energy, and private sector development.



PARAMITA DASGUPTA

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Paramita Dasgupta was EFMD Research Fellow at the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, The Netherlands, working on issues relating to Indo-EU trade. She has postdoctoral research experience at the Department of Economics, Harvard University, USA, where she worked on issues relating to employment and income in macroeconomics. She was trained on the area of Management of Change at Birmingham in UK.

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