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EXPERIENCE AND THEORIES**

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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.

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DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH EXPERIENCE AND THEORIES

The agenda of development and efforts of various scholars, both economists and others, to theorise it do not have a long history. Midway through the twentieth century, when the Second World War had ended, paving the emergence of a new international political order, the idea of development was probably first initiated. The international response was wide-ranging, informed by both concern and hope, and one such response was the first Report on the World Social Situation, published by the United Nations in 1952. Since then, the world has witnessed enormous changes – social, economic and political. But have the goals of development that the world set for itself been met? What are the achievements, and where are the deficits? Where do the development theories stand now? Is the present understanding of the phenomenon more comprehensive, or do they only indicate some conceptual inflation? And finally, does development still continue to be a universal social agenda, or has it been replaced by the affirmations of neo-liberalism? These questions deserve great attention.

On the achievements of the development agenda, the experience has been extremely varied, both across and within countries. But the overall experience has left doubts, both about the commitments and strategies for development. On the one hand, the number of developing countries that were able to substantially raise at least their material wealth was rather limited. Secondly, human development lagged behind material gains in many countries, growing either moderately or fast. This has led World

Development Report 2006 to argue that 'equity has a central place in the interpretation of development experience and the design of development policy'. We now need to inquire not just why some countries grow and others don't, but, hopefully, also work out a typology of growth patterns in different countries.

Towards theorising, there have also been several tangible attempts to comprehend and explain the phenomenon of development from unexplored angles. The initial theories of development were understandably economic correlates, but limitations of those initial theories were gradually revealed through many country experiences. Later, scholars have tried to unveil the non-economic correlates of development process that include, among others, human development, role of institutions, and empowerment of people. But, parallel to the search for theories that view development as an all-encompassing social process, there has also emerged neoliberal thinking on development, emphasising the potential of a market-driven development process. Indeed, development experience of the last quarter century, during which neo-liberalism has rather been dominant, has generated an excited debate about development theories.

Now that nearly six decades have passed since the development agenda was first initiated, analysing development experience and rethinking development economics is a tempting exercise. The proposed conference aims at conducting that exercise, first in an international perspective, and then in an Indian context.

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PROGRAMME

Day 1	MARCH 26 - SATURDAY
10:30-11:00 AM	WELCOME ADDRESS Shaibal Gupta, Member Secretary, ADRI
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – I Chairperson : Lord Meghnad Desai, Emeritus Professor, LSE Introducer : Anjan Mukherji, Country Director, IGC India-Bihar Speaker : Pranab Bardhan, Professor, University of California at Berkeley Topic : Land and Equity : Some Understudied Issues Chief Guest : Ashok Choudhary, Education Minister, Bihar Vote of Thanks : Prabhat P. Ghosh, Director, ADRI
1:00-2:30 PM	Lunch
Day 2	MARCH 27 - SUNDAY
9:30-11:00 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – II Chairperson : Sudipto Mundle, Emeritus Professor, NIPFP Introducer : Prabhat P. Ghosh, Director, ADRI Speaker : Kaivan Munshi, Professor, University of Cambridge Topic : Caste in the Indian Economy Chief Guest : Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Speaker, Bihar Vidhan Sabha
11:00 AM-12:30 PM	INAUGURAL SESSION Welcome : Shaibal Gupta, Member Secretary, ADRI Chairperson : Lord Meghnad Desai, Emeritus Professor, LSE Address by : Onno Rühl, Country Director, World Bank Anjan Mukherji, Country Director, IGC India-Bihar Inaugural Address by Chief Guest : Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar
12:30-12:45 PM	Tea

12:45-2:30 PM	<p>WORKING SESSION – I</p> <p>Human Development in Bihar : Improving Health Outcomes</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Jorge A. Coarasa, Senior Economist, World Bank</p> <p>Discussant : Sudhanshu Kumar, Assistant Professor, NIPFP</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Manoj Mohanan, Professor, Duke University</p> <p>Theme : Status of Health</p> <p>Presentation - 2 : Ronald Abraham, Partner, IDInsight</p> <p>Theme : Health Institutions and Services</p> <p>Presentation - 3 : Mehjabeen Jagmag and Apurva Bamezai Researchers, Oxford Policy Management - India</p> <p>Theme : Conditional Cash Transfer Programme for Improving Health and Nutrition Outcomes</p>
2:30-3:30 PM	Lunch
3:30-5:15 PM	<p>WORKING SESSION – I (Continued)</p> <p>Human Development in Bihar : Transforming Education and Skills</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Shabnam Sinha, Senior Education and Institutional Development Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Discussants : Chinmaya Kumar, In-Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar Rahbar Ali, Research Scholar, ADRI</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-4 : Katyayni Seth, Consultant, World Bank</p> <p>Theme : Status of Skills and Human Resources in Health Care</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Rukmini Banerji, CEO, PRATHAM</p> <p>Theme : Educational System : Elementary, Secondary and Higher Education</p> <p>Presentation-6 : Yamini Aiyar, Director, Accountability Initiative and Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research</p> <p>Theme : Education at the Last Mile</p>
6:30-7:30 PM	<p>SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – III</p> <p>Chairperson : Satish Jain, Professor, JNU</p> <p>Introducer : Prabhat P. Ghosh, Director, ADRI</p> <p>Speaker : Lakshmi Iyer, Associate Professor, Harvard University</p> <p>Topic : Consequences and Determinants of Women’s Political Participation</p>
7:30-9:00 PM	Dinner

Day 3

MARCH 28 - MONDAY

9:30-11:00 AM

WORKING SESSION – II

Social Protection and Labour

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- Chairperson : John Blomquist, Senior Economist, World Bank
- Discussant : Pankaj Verma, In-Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar
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- Presentation-1 : Debolina Kundu, Associate Professor
National Institute of Urban Affairs
- Theme : **Trends in Labour Migration**
- Presentation-2 : Preet Rustagi, Professor, IHD
- Theme : **Economic and Social Status of Women**
- Presentation-3 : Shrayana Bhattacharya, Economist, World Bank
- Theme : **Social Protection in Bihar**

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

WORKING SESSION – III

Development Experience in India

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- Chairperson : K. V. Raju, Director, Development Management Institute, Patna
- Discussant : Vikas Dimble, In-Country Economist, IGC India-Central
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- Presentation-1 : Atsushi Kato, Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University
- Topic : **Violent Conflicts and Economic Performance of the Manufacturing Sector in India**
- Presentation-2 : Koichi Fujita, Professor, Kyoto University, Japan
- Topic : **Re-evaluating Land Reforms in West Bengal**

12:00-1:00 PM

SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – IV

- Chairperson : Yameen Mazumder, Chief of Field Offices-Bihar, UNICEF
- Introducer : Pulin B. Nayak, Former Director, DSE
- Speaker : A. K. Shiva Kumar, Senior Consultant & Policy Advisor, UNICEF India
- Topic : **Growth, Markets and the State : Lessons for Human Development**

1:00-2:30 PM

Lunch

2:30-4:30 PM

WORKING SESSION – IV

Development Experience in India

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- Chairperson : Sunil Ray, Director, AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna
- Discussant : Sisir Debnath, Assistant Professor, ISB Hyderabad
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- Presentation-1 : Poulomi Dhar Chakrabarti, Ph.D. Candidate, Brown University
- Topic : **Politics of Re-distribution Vs Politics of Recognition
The Cases of Bihar and Tamil Nadu**
- Presentation-2 : Ruchi Shree, Assistant Professor, JDMC, University of Delhi
- Topic : **Politics of Water and Development Discourse
Role of State, Market and Civil Society in the Global South**

Break

	WORKING SESSION – IV (Continued) Development Experience in India <hr/> Chairperson : Sunil Ray, Director, AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna Discussants : Barna Ganguli, Assistant Professor, CEPPEF, ADRI Bakshi Amit Kumar Sinha, Assistant Professor, CEPPEF, ADRI <hr/> Presentation-3 : Rahul Ghai, Visiting Faculty, IHMRU Jaipur Topic : Understanding Cultures of Pastoralism and ‘Development’ in Thar Presentation-4 : Sujeet Kumar, Ph.D. Candidate, JNU Topic : Development Transformation in India Role of NGOs, State and Donor Agencies
6:30-7:30 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – V Chairperson : Dilip Sinha, Ex-Indian Foreign Service Introducer : Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff, Senior Fellow-ICSSR, ADRI Speaker : Jean-Joseph Boillot, Professor of Economics and Former Researcher, CEPII (Institute of International Economics attached to the Office of Prime Minister of France) Topic : AO Hirschman and the rise of China-India-Africa Why the models of a Dissenter are still valid
7:30-9:00 PM	Dinner
Day 4	MARCH 29 - TUESDAY
9:30-11:15 AM	WORKING SESSION – V Development Experience in India <hr/> Chairperson : Shovan Ray, Professor, IGIDR Discussant : Sisir Debnath, Assistant Professor, ISB Hyderabad <hr/> Presentation - 1 : Kazuya Wada, Lecturer, University of Nagasaki Topic : What is “Participation” for Development? Econometric Evidence from India Presentation - 2 : Ashmita Gupta, Post-Doctoral Fellow, ISI Chennai Topic : Trade Liberalisation and Gender Inequality : A Case of India Presentation - 3 : Aaditya Dar, Ph.D. Candidate, George Washington University Topic : Development as a Trap : Causes and Consequences of Agrarian Development in India
11:15-11:30 AM	Tea

11:30 AM-12:45 PM	<p>WORKING SESSION – VI</p> <p>Development Experience in South Asia</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : S. Subramanian, Former Professor, MIDS and Former ICSSR National Fellow</p> <p>Discussant : Abhimanyu Gahlaut, In-Country Economist, IGC India-Bihar Manish Kumar, Post-Doctoral Fellow-ICSSR, ADRI</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Nehru SAIL Chair Professor CRRID, Chandigarh</p> <p>Topic : Growth, Poverty and Inequality in South Asia Evidences from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Panchanan Das, Professor, University of Calcutta</p> <p>Topic : Structural Change, Poverty and Informal Economy Indian Development Experience</p>
12:45-2:15 PM	<p>Lunch</p>
2:15-5:30 PM	<p>WORKING SESSION – VII</p> <p>Development Experience in India & Development Theory</p> <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Editor Designate Economic and Political Weekly</p> <p>Discussant : Manish Gupta, Assistant Professor, NIPFP</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-1 : Manish Sabharwal, CEO, TeamLease Services</p> <p>Theme : Skill Gap in Bihar</p> <p>Presentation-2 : Mithilesh Kumar, Ph.D. Candidate, JNU</p> <p>Topic : Development for Whom and at What Terms : Examining Multiple Cases of Resistance to World Bank-funded Power Sector Projects in India</p> <p>Presentation-3 : Meghadeepa Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, TISS Guwahati</p> <p>Topic : Emergence of Livelihood Approach as an Anti-Poverty Strategy: An Area of Enquiry in Development Theory and Practice</p> <hr/> <p>Break</p>

	WORKING SESSION – VII (Continued) Development Experience in India & Development Theory <hr/> <p>Chairperson : Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Editor Designate Economic and Political Weekly</p> <p>Discussant : Manish Gupta, Assistant Professor, NIPFP</p> <hr/> <p>Presentation-4 : Sudhanshu Kumar and R. Kavita Rao Assistant Professor; Professor, NIPFP</p> <p>Topic : Minimising Selection Failure and Measuring Tax Gap An empirical model</p> <p>Presentation-5 : Bimal Kishore Sahoo and Bhaskar Jyoti Neog Assistant Professor; Ph.D. Candidate, IIT Kharagpur</p> <p>Topic : Heterogeneity in Informal Employment A Study of the Indian Labour Market</p> <p>Presentation-6 : Chinmoyee Mallik, Assistant Professor, Birati College, Kolkata</p> <p>Topic : Centering the Development Discourse in Land Acquisition Theory and Practice in Singur and Rajarhat, India</p>
6:30-7:30 PM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VI <p>Chairperson : Amitava Bose, Former Director, IIM Calcutta</p> <p>Introducer : Alakh N. Sharma, Director, IHD</p> <p>Speaker : Dilip M. Nachane, Chancellor, Manipur University, Imphal and Emeritus Professor, IGIDR</p> <p>Topic : Economic Growth and Financial Stability An Indian Perspective</p>
7:30-9:00 PM	Dinner
Day 5	MARCH 30 - WEDNESDAY
10:00-11:00 AM	SILVER JUBILEE LECTURE – VII <p>Chairperson : Gopa Sabharwal, Vice-Chancellor Nalanda University</p> <p>Introducer : Pinaki Chakraborty, Professor, NIPFP</p> <p>Speaker : Binayak Sen, Professor Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies</p> <p>Topic : From Test Case to Middle Income What can Bangladesh Add to Development Economics ?</p>

11:15 AM-12:45 PM	VALEDICTORY SESSION Chairperson : N. K. Singh , Former Member, Planning Commission and Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India Introducer : Shaibal Gupta Member Secretary, ADRI Valedictory Address : Arvind Panagariya , Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog, Government of India Guest of Honour : Abdul Bari Siddiqui Finance Minister, Bihar Chief Guest : Nitish Kumar (TBC) Chief Minister, Bihar Vote of Thanks : Prabhat P. Ghosh Director, ADRI
12:45-1:00 PM	Time for Photographs
1:00-2:30 PM	Lunch

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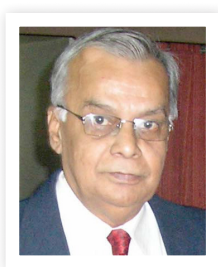
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Mr. Abdul Bari Siddiqui is currently the Finance Minister in the Government of Bihar. He has started his political career at an early age, inspired by the socialist leader Karpuri Thakur. Earlier, he has served as the Minister of Commercial Taxes in 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.



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AMITAVA BOSE

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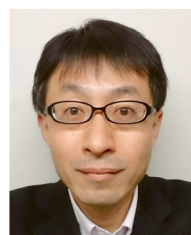
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ASHOK CHOUDHARY

Born in a family of freedom fighter, Mr. Ashok Choudhary had started his political career early, as a youth activist and then a leader. By virtue of his relentless service to the Congress Party, he was able to revive the Party in Bihar and he is now the President of its Bihar unit. Further, he is also now the Minister of Education in the Government of Bihar. Besides pursuing his political goals, he also spends time in promoting sports and performing arts in Bihar.



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DILIP SINHA

Mr. Dilip Sinha was a member of the Indian Foreign Service. He was India's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva (2012-14) and a delegate based there (1995-99). He was also head of the International Organisations Division in the Ministry of External Affairs during 2010-12. Earlier, Mr. Sinha had served as head of the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Division in Ministry of External Affairs (2005-07) and in the High Commission of India in Islamabad (1986-90). He was also ambassador to Greece (2007-10) and served as deputy head of mission in Brazil and Bangladesh. He also served in Egypt and Germany.



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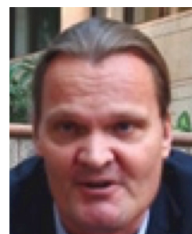
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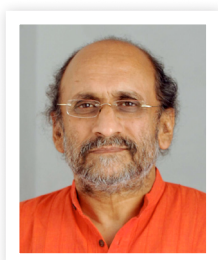
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