

INDIA POLICY FORUM 2025

June 25-27, 2025

NCAER, T-2 Auditorium,
11, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi 110002

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:00 pm

Pre-Conference Dinner

The Oberoi Hotel, Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, Delhi Golf Club, Golf Links
New Delhi, 110003

Thursday, June 26, 2025

9:00

Registration and Coffee/Tea

9:20–9:30 am

Welcome Remarks

Manish Sabharwal, Vice Chairman, TeamLease and Vice Chairman, NCAER

Session 1

9:30–11:00 am

The Landscape of Employment in India: Pathways to Jobs

Chair: **S. Mahendra Dev**, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
Speaker: **Farzana Afridi**, Professor ISI and Visiting Professor, NCAER

Discussants:

- (1) **Deepak Mishra**, Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER
- (2) **Karthik Muralidharan**, Professor, University of California, San Diego
- (3) **Manish Sabharwal**, Vice Chairman, TeamLease and Vice Chairman, NCAER

11:00–11:30 am

Coffee/Tea

Session 2

11:30–1:00 pm

Corporate Investments in India: Lack of Investment Opportunity or Lack of Funds?

Chair: **Suman Bery**, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog
Speaker: **Amiyatosh Purnanandam**, Professor, University of Texas, Austin

Discussants:

- (1) **Poonam Gupta**, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
- (2) **Amartya Lahiri**, Professor, University of British Columbia

1:00–1:45 pm

Lunch

1:45–2:00 pm

Release of the IPF 2024 Volume

Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog
Nandan Nilekani, Co-Founder and Chairman, Infosys and Chairman, NCAER
Poonam Gupta, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
Auguste Kouame, Country Director, The World Bank, South Asia Office
Karthik Muralidharan, Professor, University of California, San Diego
Pravin Krishna, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Session 3

2:00–3:00 pm

Unleashing India's Growth: Talent, Delegation, and the Scaling of Firms

Chair: **Nandan Nilekani**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Infosys and Chairman, NCAER
Speaker: **Ufuk Akcigit**, Professor, University of Chicago

3:00–3:30 pm

Coffee/Tea

Session 4

3:30-4:30

Panel: Trump's Trade Wars and the Future of the International Trade System

Moderator: **Pravin Krishna**, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Speakers:

(1) **Heiwai Tang**, Director, Asia Global Institute

(2) **Martin Wolf**, Chief Economics Commentator, *Financial Times*

Session 5

4:30-6:00 pm

Panel: Global Economic Outlook

Moderator: **Auguste Kouame**, Country Director, The World Bank, South Asia Office

Speakers:

(1) **Andrew Batson**, Partner and China Research Director, Gavekal Dragonomics

(2) **Joyce Chang**, Managing Director and Chair of Global Research, J.P. Morgan

(3) **Prachi Mishra**, Director and Head, Ashoka Isaac Centre for Public Policy, Ashoka University

(4) **Holger Schmieding**, Chief Economist, Berenberg Bank

6:00-6:30 pm

Coffee/Tea

Session 6

6:30-7:30 pm

IPF Lecture: India's Role in the New World Disorder

Chair: **Nandan Nilekani**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Infosys and Chairman, NCAER

Speaker: **Martin Wolf**, Chief Economics Commentator, *Financial Times*

7:30-8:30 pm

Dinner

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00-9:30 am

Coffee/Tea

Session 7

9:30-11:00 am

Economic Growth and Development of Karnataka

Chair: **Nirvikar Singh**, Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz

Speaker: **M. Govinda Rao**, Chairman, Karnataka Regional Imbalances Redressal Committee

Discussants:

(1) **Karthik Muralidharan**, Professor, University of California, San Diego

(2) **NR Bhanumurthy**, Director, Madras School of Economics

11:00-11:30 am

Coffee/Tea

Session 8

11:30-1:00 pm

Gender Gaps in Entrepreneurship in India: Entry Barriers and Growth Constraints

Chair: **Ratna Sahay**, Professor, NCAER

Speaker: **Gaurav Chiplunkar**, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia

Discussants:

(1) **Vidhya Soundararajan**, Director Research, Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning

(2) **Shrestha Garg**, Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania

1:00-2:00 pm

Lunch

Session 9

2:00-3:30 pm

Some Facts about Indian Innovation in the 21st Century

Chair: **Manish Sabharwal**, Vice Chairman, TeamLease and Vice Chairman, NCAER

Speaker: **Namrata Kala**, Associate Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management

Discussants:

(1) **Franziska Ohnsorge**, Chief Economist for South Asia, The World Bank

(2) **Rajat Kochhar**, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Chicago

3:30–4:00 pm

Coffee/Tea

Session 10

4:00–5:30 pm

Panel: Geopolitical Turmoil and its Potential Impact on the Indian Economy

Moderator: **Sadanand Dhume**, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

Speakers:

(1) **Ashley J. Tellis**, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

(2) **Swaminathan Aiyar**, Editor Emeritus, *The Economic Times*

Session 11

5:30–6:30 pm

Panel: India's Multiple Transitions - Financing a Big Investment Push

Moderator: **Suman Bery**, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog

Speakers:

(1) **Arvind Virmani**, Member, NITI Aayog (TBC)

(2) **Nagesh Kumar**, Director and CEO, ISID

(3) **Pravakar Sahoo**, Programme Director, NITI Aayog

6:30–6:45 pm

Vote of thanks

Anil K Sharma, Secretary and Operations Director, NCAER

6:45 pm

High Tea

Co-hosts: NCAER, NITI Aayog and The World Bank



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