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AGENDA

DAY 1: 8TH DECEMBER @ BR AMBEDKHAR BHAVAN

- 11:00 – 13:00** Inauguration
- 11:00 - 11:10** **INET opening remarks** - Sunanda Nair-Bidkar, International Strategy & Advancement, INET
- 11:10 - 11:20** **Introduction to LEPC** - Ajay Shah, Co-founder, XKDR Forum
- 11:20 - 11:30** **Introduction to the speakers** - Krishna Raj, Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)
- 11:30 - 12:15** **Inaugural Address** - Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India
- 12:15 - 12:30** **Q&A Session**
- 12:30 - 13:00** **Concluding Remarks** - Ashok Dalwai, Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Lunch Break**
- 14:30 – 15:45** **Panel 1: The path for India's climate transition**
Ajay Shah, Co-founder, XKDR Forum
Shailaja Fennell, Professor, University of Cambridge
Krishna Raj, Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru
Niranjan Reddy, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
- 15:45 – 16:00** **Tea / Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:15** **Panel 2: Improving state finance and city finance**
M. Govinda Rao, Former Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
Manish Kumar Singh, Professor, IIT Roorkee
Vishal R, Director, Fiscal Policy Institute
L K Atheeq, Chairman, Bengaluru Business Corridor
Sudeshna Mitra, Associate Professor, IIHS
Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics

- 17:30 – 18:30** **BOOK TALK: A SIXTH OF HUMANITY**
Devesh Kapur, Professor, Johns Hopkins University & co-author
Arvind Subramanian, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics & co-author
KP Krishnan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, GOI
Ajay Shah, Co-founder, XKDR Forum

DAY 2: 9TH DECEMBER @ THE LALIT ASHOK

- 9:30 – 10:45** **Panel 3: New kinds of measurement**
Ashwini Deshpande, Professor, Ashoka University
Susan Thomas, Co-founder, XKDR Forum
Amit Basole, Professor, Azim Premji University
Karan Nagpal, India Regional Director, IDInsight
Ashish Kumar Singh, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra
Arjun Jayadev - Senior Economist, INET & Professor, Azim Premji University
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Tea / Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:15** **Panel 4: Making cities work better**
Ashish Verma, Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
Gautam Bhan, Associate Dean, School of Human Development, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
Sameer Sharma IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh
Srikanth Viswanathan - CEO, Janaagraha
- 12:15 – 13:15** **Lunch Break**
- 13:15 – 14:30** **Panel 5: State of health**
Amrita Agarwal, Independent Advisor
Nachiket Mor, Visiting Scientist, Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health
Satish B. Agnihotri, Professor, IIT Bombay
Ajay Nair, CEO, Swasth Alliance
Moksha Bhat, Managing Partner, AP & Partners
- 14:30 – 14:45** **Break**
- 14:45 - 16:00** **Panel 6: The chokepoint of the energy (electricity) sector**
Renuka Sane, Managing Director, Trustbridge Rule of Law Foundation
Akshay Jaitly, Co-founder, Trilegal
R. Srikanth, National Institute of Advanced Studies
V Ranganathan, Professor, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- 16:00 – 17:15** **Tea / Coffee Break**

- 16:15 – 17:30** **BOOK TALK: TRILEGAL: THE MAKING OF A MODERN INDIAN LAW FIRM**
Akshay Jaitly, Co-founder, Trilegal & Co-Author
Pranay Kothasthane, Deputy Director, Takshashila Institution

- 17:30 – 17:45** **Break**
- 17:45 – 19:00** **Panel 7: Transforming the District Courts**
Justice AKJ Nambiar, Kerala High Court
Justice Suraj Govindraj, Karnataka High Court
Siddharth Raman, Senior Research Lead, XKDR Forum
Prashant Reddy, Co-author, Tareekh pe Justice
Surya Prakash BS, Fellow and Programme Director, DAKSH
Arjun Sinha - Partner, AP & Partners

DAY 3: 10TH DECEMBER @ THE LALIT ASHOK

- 11:00 – 11:45** **TALK: REFLECTIONS ON THE INDIAN BANKRUPTCY REFORM**
Adam Feibelman, Sumter Davis Marks Professor of Law, Tulane University Law School and Tulane's Murphy Centre for Law and the Economy
- 11:45 - 12:00** **Tea / Coffee Break**
- 12:00 - 13:15** **Panel 9: Social Welfare and Development**
Pravakar Sahoo, Programme Director (Economics & Finance), NITI Aayog
Anupama Shetty, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation
Krishna Raj, Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru
Santosh Mehrotra, Lead Senior Fellow, Higher School of Economics
- 13:15 – 14:15** **Lunch Break**
- 14:15 – 15:15** **BOOK TALK: UNSHACKLING THE ELEPHANT: TRANSFORMING INDIAN LAW, CULTURE AND ECONOMY**
Anand Prasad, Senior Partner, AP & Partners & author
Bhargavi Zaveri-Shah, Co-founder, The Professeer
Karan Singh, Co-founder, Trustbridge Rule of Law Foundation
- 15:15– 15:30** **Tea / Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 16:45** **Valedictory Panel: Economic growth strategy for the states**
KP Krishnan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India
Ajit Ranade, Senior Fellow, Pune International Centre
Uma Mahadevan - Additional Chief Secretary to Government & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka
Ashish Kumar Singh, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra
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