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AGENDA

DAY 1: 8TH DECEMBER @BR AMBEDKHAR BHAVAN

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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 - 11:50	Chief Guest (Presidential Address) - Shri H.K. Patil -
	Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Legislation,
	Tourism, Government of Karnataka
11:55 - 12:15	Inaugural Address - Dr HC Mahadevappa, Minister of
	Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka
12:20 - 12:40	Keynote Address - Shri Priyank Kharge, Minister of
	Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology
	and Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
12:40 - 13:00	Concluding Remarks/Vote of thanks - Ashok Dalwai,
	Chairman, Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission &

Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC

Lunch Break 12:30 - 14:30 Panel 1: The path for India's climate transition 14:30 - 15:45 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 17:30 – 18:30 **Book Talk:** A sixth of humanity

Devesh Kapur, Professor, Johns Hopkins University &

Arvind Subramanian, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute

for International Economics & co-author

Development & Entrepreneurship, GOI

Ajay Shah, Co-founder, XKDR Forum

KP Krishnan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill

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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
10:45 - 11:00 11:00 - 12:15	Tea / Coffee Break Panel 4: Making cities work better P Manivannan, Secretary, Government of Karnataka Ashish Verma, Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
12:15 – 13:15 13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break 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 Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary, GOK
4:30 - 14:45 4:45 - 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break Book Talk: Trilegal: The Making of a Modern Indian Law Firm Akshay Jaitly, Co-founder, Trilegal & Co-Author

Tea/Coffee Break 16:00 - 16:15

Panel 6: The chokepoint of the energy (electricity) sector 16:15 - 17:30

Renuka Sane, Managing Director, Trustbridge Rule of

Law Foundation

Akshay Jaitly, Co-founder, Trilegal

R. Srikanth, National Institute of Advanced Studies,

Bengaluru

Tea / Coffee Break 17:30 - 17:45

Panel 7: Transforming the District Courts 17:45 - 19:00

> 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,

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DAY 3: 10TH DECEMBER @ THE LALIT ASHOK

Panel 8: Doing better on export-oriented 9:30 - 10:45

manufacturing

Arjun Sinha, Partner, AP & Partners

Pravakar Sahoo, Programme Director (Economics &

Finance), NITI Aayog

Anup Wadhawan, Former Commerce Secretary, GOI Uma Reddy, Senior Vice-President, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry

10:45 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:15°. Panel 9: Social Welfare and Development

Sukhdeo Thorat, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru

University

Mohammed Mohsin, Principal Secretary, Government of

Karhataka

Anupama Shetty, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation

Krishna Raj, Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 - 14:15

Book Talk: Unshacking the Elephant: Transforming Indian

Law, Culture and Economy

Anand Prasad, Senior Partner, AP & Partners & author Bhargavi Zaveri-Shah, Co-founder, The Professeer

14:15 – 14:30 Tea / Coffee Break

Valedictory Panel: Economic growth strategy for the

KP Krishnan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill

Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India Ajit Ranade, Senior Fellow, Pune International Centre

Ashish Kumar Singh, Former Additional Chief Secretary,

Uma Mahadevan - Additional Chief Secretary to

Government & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka

Arjun Jayadev, Professor, Azim Premji University

Government of Maharashtra