

LIVE
WEBINAR



COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND FISCAL FEDERALISM IN INDIA

27-28 APRIL 2020

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OPENING SESSION FISCAL CRISIS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS

10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Chair : Shri Manpreet Singh Badal,
Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Punjab.

Welcome : Prof K. J. Joseph, *Director, GIFT, Kerala.*

Panelists : Shri Manish Sisodia, *Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Delhi.*
: Shri Ajit Pawar (tbc), *Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Maharashtra.*
: Shri Haseeb A Drabu, *Former Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of J&K.*
: Prof T M Thomas Isaac, *Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala & Chairperson, GIFT.*

SESSION 2

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: THE CONTEXT AND THE WAY FORWARD

11:45 AM TO 1:00 PM

Chair : Shri Sitaram Yechury,
Communist Part of India (Marxist)

Panelists : Prof Jairam Ramesh, *Indian National Congress, Honorary Professor GIFT.*
: Ms M K Kanimozhi (tbc), *Dravida Munnetta Kazhagam.*
: Shri D Raja, *Communist Part of India.*
: Shri Dipankar Bhattacharya (tbc), *Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist).*

SESSION 3

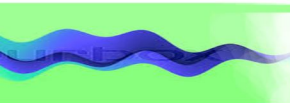
COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE INTERIM REPORT OF 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

- Chair : **Prof Govinda Rao**,
Honorary Professor, GIFT & Member, 14th Finance Commission.
- Panelists
- : **Prof Abhijit Sen**, *Professor JNU, Former Member, Planning Commission and 14th Finance Commission.*
 - : **Prof Sudipto Mundle**, *Distinguished Professor NCAER & Member, 14th Finance Commission.*
 - : **Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS**, *Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Government of Kerala.*
 - : **Prof Geeta Gouri**, *Distinguished Fellow, India Development Foundation & Former Member, Competition Commission of India.*
 - : **Prof Pinaki Chakraborty**, *Chief Social Policy-UNICEF Chennai & Professor, NIPFP.*
 - : **Shri R Mohan IRS**, *Senior Consultant, GIFT & Former Commissioner, Income Tax Department.*

Discussant : **Prof D Narayana**, *Honorary Professor & Former Director, GIFT.*

3:30pm to 3.45 pm Break



SESSION 4 COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND THE STATE OF STATE FINANCES

3:45 pm 5:15pm

- Chair : **Prof Jayati Ghosh**,
Professor, CESP, JNU & Honorary Professor GIFT.
- Panelists
- : **S M Vijayanand**, *IAS Chairperson, 6th State Finance Commission & Former Chief secretary, Government of Kerala.*
 - : **Ms Yamini Iyyer**, *Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.*
 - : **Prof Balveer Arora**, *Chairperson, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, former Rector JNU.*
 - : **Prof Pulin Nayak**, *Member, GIFT Governing Body & Former Director, Delhi School of Economics.*
 - : **Prof Sushil Khanna**, *Member, GIFT Governing Body & Professor, IIM, Kolkata.*
 - : **Prof Praveen Jha**, *Professor, CESP, JNU*

Discussant : **Dr John Samuel**, *CEO, Tran civic International, Bangkok & President, Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance, TVM.*

SPECIAL SESSION

5:15 PM

- Chair : **Prof T M Thomas Isaac**,
Hon'ble Finance Minister of Kerala & Chairperson, GIFT.
- Inaugural Address : **Shri Pinarai Vijayan**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala.
- Keynote Address : **Shri N. Narayanasamy**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Puducherry.

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SESSION 6 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE FUTURE OF FRBM ACT

10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

- Chair : **Prof Prabhat Patnaik**,
Professor Emeritus, JNU & Honorary Professor GIFT.
- Panelists
- : **Dr K M Abraham IAS**, *Chairman, K-DISK and CEO, Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board.*
 - : **Prof C P Chandrasekhar**, *Professor, CESP, JNU & Member, GIFT Governing Body.*
 - : **Dr Rammanohar Reddy**, *Editor, The India Forum & Former Editor, EPW.*
 - : **Prof Lekha Chakraborty**, *Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.*
 - : **Prof R Nagaraj**, *Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.*
 - : **Prof Venkatesh Aathreya**, *Honorary Professor GIFT & Former Professor, Bharathidasan University.*
- Discussant : **Prof K N Harilal**, *Member, Kerala State Planning Board and Professor CDS.*

11:30 am to 11:45 am Break

SESSION 7 KERALA'S HEALTH STRATEGY IN CONTAINING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM



Chair : Smt K K Shailaja Teacher,
Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala

Panelists

- : Dr B Ekbal, Member, Kerala State Planning Board, Former Vice Chancellor, Kerala University.
- : Dr Rajeev Sadanandan IAS, CEO, Health Systems Transformation Platform, New Delhi & Former Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.
- : Dr T. Sundararaman, Former Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, and Former Professor and Dean, School of Health Systems, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- : Dr A Jayathilak IAS, Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board.
- : Dr V. Ramankutty, Chairperson, Health Action by People, Former Senior Professor & Head Achutha Menon Centre, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram.

Discussant : Prof AV Jose,
Honorary Professor & Former Director, GIFT.



SESSION 8 FINANCING LIVELIHOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID- 19

2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

Chair : Prof V K Ramachandran,
Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board.

Panelists

- : Dr Pronab Sen, Country Director for the India Programme of the International Growth Centre, Former Chief Statistician of India.
- : Prof R. Ramakumar, NABARD Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & Member, Kerala State Planning Board.
- : Dr V. Bhaskar, Former Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- : Ms Gayatri Nair IES, Economic Advisor to Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board.

Discussant : Prof Mridul Eapen, Member, State Planning Board & Honorary Professor CDS.

3.30 pm to 3:45pm Break

SESSION 9 THE PANDEMIC AND THE REVIVAL STRATEGY

3:45 PM TO 5:00 PM



Chair : Shri K M Chandrasekhar IAS,
Chairman CDS & Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

Panelists

- : Prof K P Kannan, Honorary Fellow, CDS, Trivandrum, India & Chairman, Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.
- : Shri M G Devasahayam, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana.
- : Prof G Vijayaraghvan, Honorary Professor GIFT & Former Member, Kerala State Planning Board.
- : Dr N J Kurian, Former Advisor, Financial Resources, Planning Commission.
- : Dr George Mathew, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi.
- : Prof Sunil Mani, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.

Discussant : Dr K Raviraman, Member Kerala State Planning Board, formerly Senior Fellow Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

SESSION 10 MEDIA IN TIMES OF THE PANDEMIC

5:00 PM 6:30PM

Chair : Shri Sashi Kumar,
Chairperson Media Development Foundation & Asian College of Journalism.

Panelists

- : Shri Sukumar Muralreedharan, Adjunct Faculty, Jindal School of Journalism & Communication.
- : Shri K G Narendranath, Executive Editor-economics, Financial Express.
- : Shri M K Venu, Founding Editor, The Wire.
- : Shri Anil Padmanabhan, Executive Editor, Mint.
- : Shri T K Arun, Consulting Editor, Economic Times.
- : Shri Harish Damodaran, National Editor, Rural Affairs & Agriculture, The Indian Express.

CONCLUDING SESSION

6: 30 PM TO 7:00 PM

Summing up and the way forward
: Prof T. M. Thomas Isaac, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala & Chairperson GIFT.

Vote of Thanks : Prof. K J Joseph, Director, GIFT.