

**Recent Changes in India's Fiscal Architecture:  
Implications for Development Policy and Social Inclusion**

A Conference by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA)

**15 - 16 December 2015**

**Kautilya Hall, Hotel Samrat, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi**

*Agenda*

<b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Tuesday)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
9.30 am - 10.00 am	Registration
<b>10.00 am - 11.30 am</b>	<p><b>Inaugural Session: Transparency and Accountability in Government Finances in India</b>            Chaired by: <i>Shantha Sinha</i> (President of the Board of Trustees, CBGA)  <i>Amitabh Mukhopadhyay</i> (Former Director General, Office of C&amp;AG of India)  <i>Jagadananda</i> (Co-founder, CYSD and Member, State Audit Advisory Board, Odisha)  <i>Subrat Das</i> (Executive Director, CBGA)</p>
11.30 am - 11.45 am	Tea
<b>11.45 am - 1.15 pm</b>	<p><b>India's Tax System: Where Are We Headed?</b>            Chaired by: <i>Ravi Duggal</i> (Senior Programme Officer, International Budget Partnership)  <i>Pooja Rangaprasad</i> (Policy Coordinator, Financial Transparency Coalition)  <i>Praveen Jha</i> (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  <i>Vinod Vyasulu</i> (Founder and Former Director, Centre for Budget and Policy Studies)</p>
1.15 pm - 2.15 pm	Lunch
<b>2.15 pm - 3.45 pm</b>	<p><b>Fiscal Space at the Subnational Level: Prospects and Challenges</b>            Chaired by: <i>Balveer Arora</i> (Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism at ISS)  <i>B. A. K. Sinha</i> (Assistant Professor, Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance, Bihar)  <i>Ramesh Sharan</i> (Professor, Ranchi University)  <i>Tapas Sen</i> (Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy)</p>
3.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Tea
<b>4.00 pm - 5.45 pm</b>	<p><b>Changes in India's Fiscal Architecture: Implications for Social Sectors (<i>Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition</i>)</b>            Chaired by: <i>Abhijit Sen</i> (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  <i>Ashok Vishandass</i> (Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices)  <i>Nilachala Acharya</i> (Senior Research Officer, CBGA)  <i>Pallavi K. Mali</i> (Programme Director, Sanket - Development Support Group)  <i>Suman Chakrabarti</i> (International Food Policy Research Institute - India)</p>

16 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Wednesday)	
Time	Session
10.00 am - 11.30 am	<p><b>Changes in India's Fiscal Architecture: Implications for Social Sectors (<i>Education, Health, Drinking Water &amp; Sanitation</i>)</b></p> <p>Chaired by: <i>Jayati Ghosh</i> (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  <i>N. C. Saxena</i> (Former Member Secretary, Planning Commission and Advisor, UNICEF India)  <i>Protiva Kundu</i> (Senior Research Officer, CBGA)  <i>Ravi Duggal</i> (Senior Programme Officer, International Budget Partnership)</p>
11.30 am - 11.45 am	Tea
11.45 am - 1.15 pm	<p><b>Relevance of Fiscal Policy at the Current Juncture</b></p> <p>Chaired by: <i>Pulin Nayak</i> (Professor, Delhi School of Economics)  <i>Bishnu Mohapatra</i> (Professor, Azim Premji University)  <i>C. P. Chandrasekhar</i> (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  <i>Surajit Mazumdar</i> (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)</p>
1.15 pm - 2.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm - 3.45 pm	<p><b>Policy Strategies for Social Inclusion in the New Fiscal Architecture</b></p> <p>Chaired by: <i>Ritu Dewan</i> (President, Indian Association of Women's Studies)  <i>Mridul Eapen</i> (Hon. Fellow, Centre for Development Studies)  <i>Paul Divakar</i> (National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights)  <i>Smita Gupta</i> (Adivasi Adhikar Rashtriya Manch)</p>
3.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Tea
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	<p><b>Valedictory Session</b></p> <p>"The Market's Annexation of the State" - Valedictory Address  <i>Prabhat Patnaik</i> (Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  Chaired by: <i>John Samuel</i> (Secretary of the Board of Trustees, CBGA)</p>
5.00 pm - 5.15 pm	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>