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on  
**Public Policies for the Post-Pandemic Era**

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**Concept Note**

The Covid-19 pandemic that first emerged in China has claimed millions of lives and has thrown the global economy into a tailspin. Global growth rates which were already declining before the pandemic, plunged to their lowest levels since the Second World War in 2020 (World Bank 2022). As a growing health crisis has engulfed the world and as economic activity has been brought to a virtual halt, the livelihoods of millions of vulnerable households have been imperiled. Poverty rates have skyrocketed and with it hunger and malnutrition levels have increased dramatically (FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO 2021). The burdens of the pandemic moreover have been unequally shared. The developed world, with its superior economic resources, has been able to successfully weather multiple economic shocks, but developing countries on the other hand have been overwhelmed by the scale of the crisis. Not only have fiscal responses of the developing world been a fraction of what the richer nations have spent during the pandemic , even these niggardly policy responses have been such that very often they have tended to exacerbate already existing social and economic cleavages (Ghosh 2020a, b).

The pandemic has had devastating social and economic consequences but these very shocks have also opened up avenues to re-imagine the post-pandemic world (Nelson 2020). As new tensions and merge with old fault-lines, it has become increasingly clear that tackling the pandemic and overcoming its effects will require more than just quick fixes. It will need major structural overhaul of our economies and the incentives that shape them, but above all it will need new paradigms of policy making. Some of these changes are already underway. After decades of globalization and liberalization, the pandemic has once again brought the state back into policy discussions. It has also served to shift focus from the one-sided emphasis on economic growth that has plagued neoliberal policies to broader concerns surrounding environmental sustainability, human development and good governance.

The challenges that confront us are complex and require multi-disciplinary perspectives. It is with this in mind that this online workshop aims to bring together scholars from wide range of disciplines to debate and discuss how public policies can be re-shaped for a post-pandemic world. The workshop series will also provide a forum for researchers and students to engage with leading scholars and policy makers who are working on the cutting edge of public policy.

# SCHEDULE

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

10.45-11.00	<b>Registration on Zoom</b>
11.00-11.30	<b>Inaugural Section</b>
	<i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Rahul A. Sirohi <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</i>
11.10-11.30	Prof. K.N. Satyanarayana <i>Director, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</i>
11.30-12.45	<b>Inaugural Special Lecture:</b> Prof. M. Chandrasekhar <i>Director, Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam, India</i> <b>Title: Policy Imperative for Progressive Enterprises</b>
12.45-13.00	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> Dr. Bharat Kumar <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</i> Rapporteur: Mr. Dinamani Biswal and Mr. Atul Kumar
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14.00-15.00	<b>Egg-timer Presenters</b> (7 to 10 minutes) <i>Chair:</i> Dr. Shaileendra Kumar Singh <i>Speakers:</i>
14.00-14.10	Dr. Pratap C. Mohanty <i>Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India</i> <b>Title: Economic Impact of COVID-19-induced Lockdown on Rural Households</b>
14.10-14.20	Ms. Shilajit Sengupta <i>National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, India</i> <b>Title: Closure of Schools and Migration of Adolescent Tribal Girls</b>
14.20-14.30	Dr. Swathi Shivanand <i>Independent Researcher, Bengaluru, India</i> <b>Title: Understanding Workers' Responses to Garment Factory Closures during the Pandemic in Bengaluru and Srirangapatna</b>

14.30-14.40	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</i> <b>Title: Covid-19, Migration, and Social Distancing: Reflections from Behavioural Economics</b>
14.40-14.50	<b>Discussion</b> Rapporteur: Ms. Sneha S Raj
15.00-17.30	<b>Section I</b> <i>Chair: Dr. Sanchayan Nath</i> <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati</i> <b>Speakers</b> Prof. N.R. Bhanumurty <i>Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics, Bengaluru</i> <b>Title: Macro-fiscal Policies for the Post-Covid Era</b>
15.30-16.00	Prof. T Sundararaman <i>Former Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India</i> <b>Title: Building Resilient Healthcare Systems: Lessons from the Covid 19 Pandemic</b>
16.00-16.30	Prof. Aseem Prakash <i>Chairperson, School of Governance and Public Policy, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, India</i> <b>Title: Addressing Pandemic Precarity</b>
16.30-17.00	Dr. Shweta Khandelwal <i>Program Manager, India Taskforce, Lancet COVID-19 commission, and Head, Nutrition Research and Additional Professor, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi</i> <b>Title: Public Health Nutrition Policy Considerations for India Post-COVID-19</b>
17.00-17.30	Prof. Shishir Kumar Jha <i>Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India</i> <b>Title: Examining the Tentacles of Digital Growth</b>
17.30-18.00	<b>Discussion</b> Rapporteur: Mr. G Venkatesh and Ms. Monalisa Singh
19.00-20.30	<b>Special Lecture I</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati</i> Prof. A. Mushfiq Mobarak <i>Professor of Economics, Yale University, USA</i> <b>Title: Masks and Vaccines to Curb COVID-19 Spread</b> Rapporteur: Mr. Pankaj Kumar

# SCHEDULE

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

10.00-11.15	<b>Special Lecture II</b> Moderator: Prof. A. Raghuramaraju <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</i> <b>Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki</b> <i>Department of Energy Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India</i> <b>Title: Energy Swaraj</b> Rapporteur: Ms. Ann Mary Thomas
11.30-13.20	<b>Section II</b> Chair: Dr. Saranya Kshatriya <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati</i> <b>Speakers</b> <b>Dr. Subash S.</b> <i>Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India</i> <b>Title: Small Firm amidst Covid-19: Role of Financial Constraints and Government Support</b>
12.00-12.30	<b>Prof. Sambit Mallick</b> <i>Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India</i> <b>Title: Reassembling the Technology-Social-Policy Interface</b>
12.30-13.00	<b>Dr. Rosa Abraham</b> <i>Azim Premji University, Bengaluru</i> <b>Title: Conventional Employment Metrics for Public Policy: A Critical Examination</b>
13.00-13.30	<b>Mrs. Seema</b> <i>UNICEF, Hyderabad, India</i> <b>Title: The Education Community's Response towards Covid-19: Experience from Field</b>
13.30-13.45	<b>Discussion</b> Rapporteur: Ms. Kashyapi Ghosh and Ms. K. Gowthami.
13.45-15.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1500-17.30	<b>Section III</b> Chair: Dr. Vaneet Kashyap <i>Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati</i>

15.00-15.30	<b>Speakers</b> <b>Prof. R. Ramakumar</b> <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</i> <b>Title: Kerala's Policy Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic: An Assessment of its Gender-Responsiveness</b>
15.30-16.00	<b>Prof. Santosh Mehrotra</b> <i>Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi &amp; Visiting Professor, Centre for Development, University of Bath, UK</i> <b>Title: Post Pandemic Public Policy to Realize the Demographic Dividend: Are We on Track?</b>
16.00-16.30	<b>Prof. Lekha Chakroborty</b> <i>National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi</i> <b>Title: The Macroeconomic Framework of Union Budget 2022-23</b>
16.30-17.00	<b>Dr. Niranjan Sahoo</b> <i>Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India</i> <b>Title : Reimagining Governance in Post-Pandemic India</b>
17.00-17.30	<b>Discussion</b> Rapporteur: Ms. Nilam Nakra and Mr. Venkatesh
19.00-20.30	<b>Special Lecture III</b> Moderator: Dr. Prabha Shankar Dwivedi <i>Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati</i> <b>Prof. Jishnu Das</b> <i>Georgetown University, Washington DC, and NBER, USA</i> <b>Title: Administrative Data in Covid-19: Analytical Examples</b> Rapporteur: Ms. Malavika
20.30	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> <b>Dr. Bibhuti Mary Kachhap</b> <i>Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati</i>

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