







**The Economic Manifesto Deciphering Digital Economy Policy** 

**Ambassadors of Soft Power India** 











Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 Annexe Hall Constitution Club of India Rafi Marg, New Delhi

## THE ECONOMIC MANIFESTO

0830-0845	Registration			
0845-0900	Inauguration & Exhibition			
0900-0915	Group Photo			
0915-1030	INAUGURAL SESSION			
0915-0930	Assembly and National Anthem			
0930-0935	Welcome: Dr Gursharan Dhanjal, Managing Director & Editor, SKOCH Group. Followed by Book Release			
0935-0943	Mr Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, SKOCH Group			
0943-0945	Conferring of Golden Jubilee SKOCH Challenger Award			
0945-1000	Mr Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation			
1000-1015	Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister			
1015-1030	Mr N K Singh, Chairman, 15 <sup>th</sup> Finance Commission			
1030-1040	Lord Meghnad Desai, Economist & Member House of Lords, United Kingdom			
1040-1050	Dr Aruna Sharma, Distinguished Fellow, SKOCH Development Foundation & Former Secretary, Government of India			
1050-1100	Q&A			
1100-1130	Tea Break & Exhibition			
1130-1245	POWER PANEL: THE ECONOMIC MANIFESTO			
	Discussion Framework:  The Economic Manifestos will have the most direct impact on the lives of the common people. It is no longer about awareness, it is about economic issues becoming felt-needs. The governments, whether at the centre or the states, which have delivered strong GDP growth and macroeconomic stability, have been re-elected, while the ones which fail to deliver on economy have higher chances of getting rejected by the electorate. No doubt, all the political parties are giving increasing importance to economic issues in their manifesto. The immediate challenges include accelerating GDP growth, controlling inflation, curbing trade and fiscal deficit and reviving business and consumer confidence. Against this backdrop the panel examines the following:			
	<ol> <li>Economic performance review till date.</li> <li>Current macroeconomic challenges.</li> <li>Economic roadmap for 2019-2024.</li> </ol>			
	Dr Arvind Mayaram, Former Secretary - Economic Affairs, Government of India			
	Dr Ashwani Mahajan, National Co-Convener, Swadeshi Jagaran Manch			
	Dr Ila Patnaik, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy			
	Dr Rathin Roy, Part-time Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India & Director, NIPFP			
	Mr Wajahat Habibullah, Ex-Chief Information Commissioner and Former Chairman, National Commission for Minorities			
1245-1345	Lunch, Exhibition & Final Voting			
1345-1400	Mr Deepender Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Member, Lok Sabha			



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1400-1500	Discussion Framework:  Will the Digital Economy policy of the government end-up shooting itself in the foot or will it lead to a new renaissance and revival? The government has set an ambitious target of making India \$1 trillion digital economy by 2022. This will require right policies and proper execution. Major policy areas that have direct impact on the digital economy include privacy, cross-border data flow, consumer protection, intellectual property and financial regulation. IT/ITeS, financial services, electronics, telecom and e-Commerce contribute lion's share to the digital economy. Going forward the focus will be on start-ups, financial technology and new age technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, digital payments, digital education, gaming and e-healthcare. Against this backdrop the panel examines the following:  1. How to ensure level-playing field? 2. Who bears the cost of compliance? 3. What will it take to set the right policy for a \$1 trillion digital economy? 4. Is India missing on the online gaming opportunity? 5. Listing and differential voting rights for Indian start-up entities.  Mr Gautam Kapoor, Partner, Deloitte				
	Ms Monica Jasuja, Head, Digital and Emerging Partnerships, Mastercard				
	Mr Navin Surya, Chairman, Fintech Convergence Council				
	Mr Ngikya Gohain, MD, RSLDC, Government of Rajasthan				
	Ms Pratibha Jain, Partner, Nishith Desai Associates				
	Mr Rameesh Kailasam, CEO, IndiaTech				
1500-1530	Tea				
1530-1630	IN FOCUS: AMBASSADORS OF SOFT POWER INDIA				
	Conversation with people who are adding value to brand India globally. Promoting culture, heritage, health record, hospitality as well as making Indian cuisine high end and contemporary. We understand first-hand their struggles and their triumphs.				
	Ms Kishwar Desai, Author and Columnist				
	Mr Rohit Khattar, Chairman, Old World Hospitality Pvt Ltd				
	Dr Rakesh Kumar, Additional Country Director, UNDP & Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare				
	Mr Ramesh Arora, Managing Director, Montcalm Hotels				
	Baroness Sandip Verma, Member, House of Lords, United Kingdom				
1630-1730	SKOCH ORDER-OF-MERIT				
	Annexe Hall	Speaker Hall	Deputy Speaker Hall		
1730-1830	VALEDICTORY SESSION & SKOCH AWARDS				





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