

Report on

The Refresher Course in Public Economics for University and College Teachers of South Asia Region

23 May to 17 June, 2011



The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi in association with South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANERI) organised a 'Refresher Course in Public Economics for the University and College Teachers of South Asia Region'. This full time residential programme was organised at NIPFP during 23 May to 17 June 2011. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Mukesh Anand, Assistant Professor at NIPFP.

Participants

There were 15 Indian participants and 10 participants from other South Asian countries. Indian participants were selected to cover all regions of India. The foreign participants included two each from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and one each from Maldives and Pakistan.

Transportation, Boarding and Lodging

The participants were fully reimbursed for their travel to and from NIPFP (upon completion of the course). The participants were also offered an out-of-pocket allowance. Boarding and lodging was free for all participants during the residential programme. In addition, a day-trip excursion to historic towns of Agra and Fatehpur Sikri was organised for the participants.

Schedule

The week-wise schedule for the course is annexed. The resource persons for delivering lectures were drawn from the faculty at NIPFP, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and some important functionaries of the government. Mr. Gerardo della Paolera (President, Global Development Network) delivered the special address while Prof. C. Rangarajan (Chairperson, NIPFP and Chairperson, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India) delivered the inaugural address. In addition, lectures by six distinguished speakers were interspersed during the course (see appended list). All Indian participants were organised into groups that were required to make presentations on some topics of their interest, apart from country-based presentations by the participants from other South Asian countries in the last week of the course. In addition, each participant was asked to write an essay on any topic of his/her interest in public economics. These essays were evaluated, and the best two essays were given awards. A certificate of participation was awarded to each participant.

Course Material, Lecture Presentations

The reading material for the course was compiled into three volumes, classified under broad headings and provided to each participant. In addition, a compact disc (CD) was also extended to each participant, with soft copy of publicly available reading material and a copy of the presentations made during the course.

Appendix: List of Distinguished Speakers

| # | Name of the Speaker | Topic |
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| 01 | <i>Isher Judge Ahluwalia</i> Chairperson Indian Council of Research in International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and Member of the Board of Governors Global Development Network (GDN) | Challenge of Urbanisation in South Asia |
| 02 | <i>Arvind Panagariya</i> Professor of Economics Columbia University | India in the Global Economy: The Next 15 Years |
| 03 | <i>Kaushik Basu</i> Chief Economic Adviser Ministry of Finance Government of India | Managing Inflation in India |
| 04 | <i>Shankar Acharya</i> Former Chief Economic Adviser Government of India | Macroeconomic Challenges of Indian Economy |
| 05 | <i>Nitin Desai</i> Member Prime Minister's Adviser Council on Climate Change and Former Chief Economic Adviser Government of India | Economic Exigency of Climate Change |
| 06 | <i>Nandan Nilekani</i> Chairman Unique Identification Authority of India | Aadhar for Inclusive Development |

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Venue: NIPFP Auditorium

May 23 to June 17, 2011

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