

Workshop on

# Decentralization and Rural Governance

17-19 December, 2012

The Dadhikar Fort, Alwar, Rajasthan

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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

### Inaugural Session

Chair	Shekhar Shah
Introduction	Shekhar Shah
Contours of the Conference	Hari K Nagarajan
Inaugural Speech Remarks	Shri A A Khan, Health Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan
Remarks by the Panel	Shekhar Shah Hari K Nagarajan, S S Meenakshisundaram, Hans P. Binswanger-Mkhize, Edgard R. Rodriguez

Dinner - 8.30 pm onwards

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

9.00 am - 10.30 am

### Session 1: Special lecture: Political Reservations and Women's Empowerment

Chair	Nirmala Buch
Speaker	Klaus Deininger
Panel	Ratna Sudarshan and M Sivaraman <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>

10.30 am - 11.30 am

### Session 2: Status of Rural Governance and Reforms

Chair	Thomas Isaac
Speaker	S.S. Meenakshisundaram
Panel	Nirmala Buch, Avdhash Kaushal and V N Alok <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>

11.30 am - 11.45 am

### Tea Break

11.45 am - 1.15 pm

### Session 3: Leveraging Panchayats for Effective Service Delivery

Chair	Raghbendra Chattopadhyay
Speaker	Hans P Binswanger-Mkhize
Panel	T Haque, Leela Visaria, K Srinath Reddy and K Jayalakshmi <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>

1.15 pm - 2.30 pm

### Lunch Break

<b>2.30 pm - 3.45 pm</b>	<b>Session 4: Fiscal Decentralization</b>
Chair	Vinod Vyasulu
Speaker	Hari K Nagarajan
Panel	Thomas Isaac and N J Kurian <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>
<b>3.45 pm - 4.15 pm</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>4.15 pm - 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Session 5: Status of the Panchayats: Lessons Learnt and Strategies for the Future</b>
Chair and Moderator	Mani Shankar Aiyar
Remarks by the Panel	Raghbendra Chattopadhyay, S M Vijayanand, Nidhi Sadana, Mahi Pal, Vipul Mudgal
Discussion by the members of the Expert Committee	Nirmala Buch, Thomas Issac, Peelipose Thomas and K Jayalakshmi <i>Q &amp; A</i>
<b>7.00 pm onwards</b>	Dhrupad Recital by Pandit Uday Bhawalkar <b>To be followed by Dinner</b>

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012**

<b>9.00 am -10.30 am</b>	<b>Session 6: Special Lecture: Democracy and Indian Villages</b>
Chair	Shekhar Shah
Speaker	Andrew Foster
Panel	G Palanithurai and Avdhash Kaushal and Wajahat Habibullah <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>
<b>10.30 am - 11.00 am</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11.00 am - 1.00 pm</b>	<b>Session 7: Institutions and Household Vulnerability</b>
Chair	Raghbendra Chattopadhyay
Speaker	Raghbendra Jha
Panel	Vinod Vyasulu, Madhushree Sekher and Sambit Bhattacharyya <i>Discussion and Q &amp; A</i>
<b>1.00 pm - 1.15 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks by Shekhar Shah, Hari K Nagarajan and Edgard Rodriguez</b>
<b>1.15 pm onwards</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

Excursion to Sariska Tiger Reserve will start immediately after the lunch

**7.30 pm onwards**      **Dinner**

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012**

Departure for New Delhi after the breakfast

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