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# Sixth Annual NBER-NCAER Neemrana Conference

Neemrana Fort Palace Resort  
(Rajasthan)

January 14-18 2005

**PROGRAMME**

**Friday January 14, 2005**

- 10.00 AM Guest Lectures by Selected NBER Participants at NCAER, 11, I. P. Estate, New Delhi 110 002
- 5.30 PM Public Lecture by Dr. Anne Krueger, First Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund at NCAER, 11, I. P. Estate, New Delhi 110 002

**Saturday January 15, 2005**

- 1.00 PM Lunch at the residence of Mr. N. K. Singh hosted by Mr. N. K. Singh and his wife Mrs. Tarini Singh
- (Transportation from (and to) hotel to the residence of Mr. N. K. Singh will be available. The residence of Mr. N. K. Singh is approximately 7 km from the Oberoi Hotel and it will take about 20 minutes to reach his residence)
- Mr. N. K. Singh,  
11, Teen Murti Lane,  
New Delhi-110011  
Telephone: 23011718
- 7.30 PM Dinner at the residence of Mr. Suman Bery hosted by Mr. Suman Bery and his wife Mrs. Maitreyi Bery
- (Transportation from hotel (and to) to the residence of Mr. Suman Bery will be available. The residence of Mr. Suman Bery is approximately 12 km from the Oberoi Hotel and it will take about 30 minutes to reach his residence)
- Mr. Suman Bery,  
N-42, Panchshila Park,  
New Delhi –110017  
Telephone: 26494707  
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**Sunday January 16, 2005**

10.15 AM	Assembly and Roll Call (The Oberoi Hotel, Zakir Husain Marg, New Delhi)
10.30 –10.45 AM	Departure from Delhi from the Oberoi Hotel by car convoy
12.30 AM	Arrival and lunch at Neemrana Fort Palace
1.30 - 2.00 PM	Check in (as rooms are cleaned and become available)

**Session I**

**2.00 - 2.15 PM Welcome and Introductions**

**Martin Feldstein, President, NBER**

**Bimal Jalan, President, NCAER**

*(5 minutes for each speaker and 5 minutes for introduction of participants)*

**Session II**

**2.15 – 3.15 PM The Context: India, the US and the World Economy**

**(The Conference is expected to be joined by the Honourable Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram)**

**Chair: Montek Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 10 minutes for each speaker and 25 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Bimal Jalan

Martin Feldstein

Anne Krueger

3.15 – 3.45 PM Tea break

**Session III**

**3.45 – 5.45 PM Finance: International and Domestic**

**Chair: Vijay Kelkar, Non Executive Chairman, IDFC Asset Management Company**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Kenneth Rogoff

Richard Clarida

Rajiv Lall

A K. Purwar

***General Discussion***

**Session IV**

**5.45 - 7.45 PM Trade and Capital Flows**

**Chair: Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Ann Harrison  
S. N. Menon  
Vijay Joshi  
Ila Patnaik

***General Discussion***

**8.00 PM      Cocktails and Dinner (The Honourable Finance Minister Departs)**

**Monday January 17, 2005**

**Session V**

**8.30 – 10.30 AM      Growth Drivers: International and Domestic**

**Chair: Isher J. Ahluwalia**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Robert Gordon  
Raghuram Rajan  
Arvind Virmani  
Pronab Sen

***General Discussion***

10.30 –11.00 AM      Tea Break

**Session VI**

**11.00 AM - 1.00 PM      Public Finance**

**Chair: Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor, ICRIER**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Rajiv Kumar  
Surjit Bhalla  
P. Shome  
M. Govinda Rao

***General Discussion***

1.00 - 2.00 PM      Lunch

**Session VII**

**2.00 - 4.00 PM      Poverty and Rural Development**

**(The Conference is expected to be joined by the Honourable Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mrs. Vasundara Raje Scindia (invited))**

**Chair: Kirit Parikh, Member, Planning Commission**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Angus Deaton  
Esther Duflo  
Karthik Muralidharan  
Shubashish Gangopadhyay

***General Discussion***

4.00 - 4.30 PM          Tea break

**Session VIII**

**4.30 – 6.30 PM          The Future of Business Process Outsourcing**

**Chair: T. N. Ninan, Editor, Business Standard**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Robert Feenstra  
Mihir Desai  
R. S. Pawar  
Subir Gokarn

***General Discussion***

**7.00 PM          Bharat Natyam Performance**

**Performer: Mrs. Rasika Mohan and Troupe**

**8.15 PM          Cocktails and Dinner**

**Tuesday January 18, 2005**

**Session IX**

**8.30 – 10.30 AM          The Challenge of Regulation**

**Chair: Rakesh Mohan, Secretary, DEA**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Pradip Baijal  
G. N. Bajpai  
Ashok Desai  
TCA Srinivas Raghavan

***General Discussion***

10.30 –11.00 AM          Tea Break

**Session X**

**11.00 AM - 1.00 PM          Social Security Reforms and Capital Markets**

**Chair: N. K. Singh, Former Member, Planning Commission**

*(5 minutes for Chair to provide an overview of the topic; 20 minutes for each speaker and 35 minutes for general discussion)*

***Presentations/Panel***

Alan Gustman  
Ravi Narain  
U. K. Sinha  
Ajay Shah

***General Discussion***

**1.00 - 1.10 PM Closing Remarks**

**Martin Feldstein, President, NBER**

**Suman Bery, DG, NCAER**

*(5 minutes for each speaker)*

1.10 PM

Lunch

**2.30 PM**

**Departure for Delhi**