OPENING SESSION
FISCAL CRISIS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS
10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Chair : Shri Manpreet Singh Badal,
Hon’ble Finance Minister, Government of Punjab.

Welcome : Prof K. J. Joseph, Director, GIIT, Kerala.

Panelists : Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Delhi.
: Shri Ajit Pawar (tbc), Hon’ble Finance Minister, Government of Maharashtra.
: Shri Haseeb A Drabu, Former Hon’ble Finance Minister, Government of J&K.
: Prof T M Thomas Isaac, Hon’ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala & Chairperson, GIIT.

SESSION 2
COVID-19 PANDEMIC: THE CONTEXT AND THE WAY FORWARD
11:45 AM TO 1:00 PM

Chair : Shri Sitaram Yechury,
Communist Part of India (Marxist)

Panelists : Prof Jairam Ramesh, Indian National Congress, Honorary Professor GIIT.
: Ms M K Kanmoozhi (tbc), Dravida Munnetra Kazhakam.
: Shri D Raja, Communist Part of India.
: Shri Dipankar Bhattacharya (tbc), Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist).
SESSION 3
COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE INTERIM REPORT OF 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Chair : Prof Govinda Rao,
Honorary Professor, GIFT & Member, 14th Finance Commission.

Panelists :
- Prof Abhijit Sen, Professor JNU, Former Member, Planning Commission and 14th Finance Commission.
- Prof Sudipto Mundle, Distinguished Professor NCAER & Member, 14th Finance Commission.
- Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Government of Kerala.
- Prof Geeta Gourri, Distinguished Fellow, India Development Foundation & Former Member, Competition Commission of India.
- Prof Pinaki Chakraborty, Chief Social Policy-UNICEF Chennai & Professor, NIPFP.
- Shri R Mohan IRS, Senior Consultant, GIFT & Former Commissioner, Income Tax Department.

Discussant : Prof D Narayana, Honorary Professor & Former Director, GIFT.
3:30pm to 3:45 pm Break

SESSION 4
COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND THE STATE OF STATE FINANCES
3:45 pm 5:15pm

Chair : Prof Jayati Ghosh,
Professor, CESP, JNU & Honorary Professor GIFT.

Panelists :
- S M Vijayanand, IAS Chairperson, 6th State Finance Commission & Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala.
- Ms Yamin Iyier, Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.
- Prof Balveer Arora, Chairperson, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, former Rector JNU.
- Prof Pulin Nayak, Member, GIFT Governing Body & Former Director, Delhi School of Economics.
- Prof Sushil Khanna, Member, GIFT Governing Body & Professor, IIM, Kolkata.
- Prof Praveen Jha, Professor, CESP, JNU

Discussant : Dr John Samuel, CEO, Tran civic International, Bangkok & President, Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance, TVM.

SESSION 6
COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE FUTURE OF FRBM ACT
10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Chair : Prof Prabhat Patnaik,
Professor Emeritus, JNU & Honorary Professor GIFT.

Panelists :
- Dr K M Abraham IAS, Chairman, K-DISK and CEO, Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board.
- Prof C P Chandrasekhar, Professor, CESP, JNU & Member, GIFT Governing Body.
- Dr Rammanohar Reddy, Editor, The India Forum & Former Editor, EPW.
- Prof Lekha Chakraborty, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.
- Prof R Nagaraj, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.
- Prof Venkatesh Athreya, Honorary Professor GIFT & Former Professor, Bharathidasan University.

Discussant : Prof K N Harilal, Member, Kerala State Planning Board and Professor CDS.
11:30 am to 11:45 am Break
SESSION 7
KERALA’S HEALTH STRATEGY IN CONTAINING COVID 19 PANDEMIC
11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM

Chair : Smt K K Shailaja Teacher,
Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala

Panelists :
- Dr B Ekbal, Member, Kerala State Planning Board,
  Former Vice Chancellor, Kerala University.
- Dr Rajeev Sadanandan IAS, CEO, Health Systems Transformation
  Platform, New Delhi & Former Additional Chief Secretary, Health and
  Family Welfare, Govt.of Kerala.
- Dr T. Sundararaman, Former Executive Director, National Health Systems
  Resource Centre, and Former Professor and Dean, School of Health
  Systems, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- Dr A Jayathilak IAS, Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board.
- Dr V Ramankutty, Chairperson, Health Action by People, Former Senior
  Professor & Head Achutha Menon Centre, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram.

Discussant : Prof AV Jose,
Honorary Professor & Former Director, GIFT.

SESSION 8
FINANCING LIVELIHOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19
2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

Chair : Prof V K Ramachandran,
Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board.

Panelists :
- Dr Pronab Sen, Country Director for the India Programme of the
  International Growth Centre, Former Chief Statistician of India.
- Prof R Ramakumar, NABARD Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social
  Sciences, Mumbai & Member, Kerala State Planning Board.
- Dr V Bhaskar, Former Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory
  Commission.
- Ms Gayatri Nair IES, Economic Advisor to Vice Chairman, Kerala State
  Planning Board.

Discussant : Prof Mridul Eappen, Member, State Planning Board & Honorary Professor CDS.

SESSION 9
THE PANDEMIC AND THE REVIVAL STRATEGY
3:45 PM TO 5:00 PM

Chair : Shri K M Chandrasekhar IAS,
Chairman CDS & Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

Panelists :
- Prof K P Kannan, Honorary Fellow, CDS, Trivandrum, India & Chairman,
  Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Shri M G Devasahayam, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana.
- Prof G Vijayaraghvan, Honorary Professor GIFT & Former Member,
  Kerala State Planning Board.
- Dr George Mathew, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi.
- Prof Sunil Mani, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.

Discussant : Dr K Raviraman, Member Kerala State Planning Board, formerly Senior Fellow
Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

SESSION 10
MEDIA IN TIMES OF THE PANDEMIC
5:00 PM 6:30PM

Chair : Shri Sashi Kumar,
Chairperson Media Development Foundation & Asian College of Journalism.

Panelists :
- Shri Sukumar Muraleedharan, Adjunct Faculty, Jindal School of Journalism
  & Communication.
- Shri K G Narendranath, Executive Editor-economics, Financial Express.
- Shri M K Venu, Founding Editor, The Wire.
- Shri Anil Padmanabhan, Executive Editor, Mint.
- Shri T K Arun, Consulting Editor, Economic Times.
- Shri Harish Damodaran, National Editor, Rural Affairs & Agriculture,
The Indian Express.

CONCLUDING SESSION
6: 30 PM TO 7:00 PM

Summing up and the way forward:
Prof T. M. Thomas Isaac, Hon’ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala
Chairperson GIFT.

Vote of Thanks: Prof. K J Joseph, Director, GIFT.