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XX International Conference on Public Policy & Management		
18th August 2025 (Monday)		
15:00 - 17:30	Public Policy Research Workshop (Pre-Conference Event)	
	15:00 - 16:00: Qualitative Session on "Critical Policy Research: Uncovering Power, Contestation, and Change" by Rusha Das, Professor, IIMB	
	16:30 - 17:30: Quantitative Session on "Quasi-Experimental Methods for Impact Evaluation and Evidence-Based Policy Making" by Maya Ganesh, Professor, IIMB	
	Venue: N-001	
19th August 2025 (Tuesday)		
8:30 - 9:30	Conference Registration	
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome and Inaugural Address by: Gopal Naik, Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy Venue: IIMB Auditorium	
10:00 - 11:00	Plenary Talk on "Technology driven capacity challenges to Public Policy formulations – a relook at Education, Identity, Privacy and Democracy" by Dr. Subrata Rakshit, Retired Distinguished Scientist and Director General, DRDO Venue: IIMB Auditorium	
11:00 - 11:30	TEA BREAK (Photo Session)	
11:30 - 13:00	Session 1	Session 2
Topic	Climate Policy	Education Policy
Chair	Arpit Shah	Muneer Kalliyil
Venue	P-11	P-12
	Critical polycentric governance: Indigenous People's tenure security in India's forest Dipika Adhikari (The Australian National University)	Negotiating School Consolidation: Community Responses and Co- Production of Policy in Rural Rajasthan Eeshita Dubey* & Ankur Sarin (IIM-Ahmedabad)
	Welfare implications of regional coal transitions: A model-based framework Omkar Patange (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria)	Parents Assessment of Children's Learning Abilities and School-based Involvement - Evidence from an Experimental Survey of Low Achieving Learners in rural India Rajalaxmi Singh*, Thiagu Ranganathan (CDS, Thiruvananthapuram) & Ricardo Sabates (University of Cambridge, UK)
	Firm Sustainable investments and stakeholder pressure: Role of ESG-linked executive compensation Monica Singhania* (University of Delhi) & Ibna Bhan (O.P.Jindal University)	Incapacity for Innovation: Rethinking State Capacity to address the Liability of Newness Manjunath A N* (Independent Scholar) & Aman Bhuwania (Goa Institute of Management)
	Integrating Climate Adaptation into Rural Development Schemes: A Study of MGNREGA in Semi-Arid Karnataka Sunitha B.K.* (JAIN University, Bangalore) & Varsha Agarwal (Atlas SkillTech University, Mumbai)	Unconditional Cash Transfers for Women's Empowerment: Evidence from Ladli Behna Yojana in Madhya Pradesh, India Krishnendu J* & Biswajit Patra (IISER, Bhopal)
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	

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14:00 - 15:30	Session 3	Session 4
Topic	Policies on Emerging Technology	Labour Policy
Chair	Rahul De	Rajalaxmi Kamath
Venue	P-11	P-12
	Framing Caste in Policy: Infrastructure, Power, and the Limits of Technocratic Neutrality Yogini Andhargavkarkulkarni* (<i>BITS Pilani</i>) & Sandeep Hegade (<i>IIT Bombay</i>)	Utilising Network Governance in Decentralised Skilling Initiatives: Impact of Non-Government Actors and the 'Parallel Realities' Mohammad Imran* (<i>IIM-Kashipur</i>) & K M Baharul Islam (<i>IMT Hyderabad</i>)
	Caste Bias and Occupational Identity in Large Language Models Jarul Zaveri* & Arpit Shah (<i>IIM-Bangalore</i>)	Dynamics of Employment Vulnerability across India: A State-level Analysis Priya Harchandani* (<i>Bennett University, Noida</i>) & Shamik Shome (<i>Nirma University, Ahmedabad</i>)
	Who is the Lord of the Files? A Comparative Dual-Case Analysis of Policy Capacity for Governing Data Ecosystems in the Global South Tanya Ahuja (<i>IIM-Ahmedabad</i>)	The Platform Economy in Transition: Balancing Worker Welfare and Innovation Athreya T Hebbar*, Diganta Kumar Adhya & Sireesha V Reddy (<i>Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune</i>)
	Predictive Analytics for Self-Help Groups: A Data-Driven Approach to Financial Inclusion and Policy Design Divyashree Hegde* (<i>Alliance University, Bengaluru</i>) & M.V. Dinesha (<i>University of Mysore</i>)	Examining the Safety Net Role of Vocational Education and Training in India: Policy Implications for Labour Market Outcomes Abhijit Ghosh* (<i>Mahatma Gandhi College, West Bengal</i>), Neetu Choudhry (<i>Arizona State University</i>) & Anjan Raychoudhury (<i>Durgapur Government College, West Bengal</i>)
	The Digital Edge: Estimating the Effect of Internet on Women-owned Businesses Soumi Bose* & Shreya Biswas (<i>BITS Pilani</i>)	
15:30 - 15:45	TEA BREAK	
15:45 - 17:15	Session 5	Session 6
Topic	Law/Political Economy/State Capacity - 1	Health Policy - 1
Chair	Anil B Suraj	Allen Ugargol
Venue	P-11	P-12
	Privacy and Transparency Nexus in Open Government Data: Exploring the complexities arising from overlaps between RTI and DPDP Act. A case of Unified Information Portal in Karnataka, India Rashmi Pavagada Subbamarasimha*, Amit Prakash (<i>IIIT-Bangalore</i>) & Bidisha Chaudhuri (<i>University of Amsterdam</i>)	Examining State Capacity in Delivering Universal Primary Healthcare: A Case of Kalaburagi District Gourishankar S Hiremath (<i>IIT-Kharagpur</i>)
	Strategic defections: A game theoretic analysis of party switching before elections Manan Sharma*, Jothsna Rajan & Vinay Ramani (<i>IIT-Kanpur</i>)	Epidemiological burden and trends of neonatal and under-five mortality from lower respiratory infections associated with PM2.5 pollutions in India: A systematic analysis of the Global Burden of Disease Study (1990-2021) Chandan Roy (<i>Mizoram University</i>)
	Policy training for Law Makers: The Missing Link in Democratic Governance Mohammad Ali Hussain (<i>Gambella University, Ethiopia</i>)	Blame Avoidance or Satisficing? Evidence for Local Health Department's Distortion of Performance Data Nibras K. Thodika*, Althaf Shajahan & Muhammed

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		Shafi K (NIT-Calicut)
	Political Criminality and Firm-level Risk: Evidence from India Priti Biswas* & Debasish Maitra (IIM-Indore)	Safe AI Usage in Telemedicine: A Framework for Ethical, Secure, and Effective Digital Health Solutions Amar Naik* & Biplab Sarkar (PES University, Bangalore)
17:15 – 17:30	TEA BREAK	
17:30 - 19:00	Panel Discussion on ‘ State Capacity and Informal Labour Markets in Contemporary India ’ Speakers: Shashi Kant, G Manjunatha, Lohit Bhatia, Ajit Kumar Babu, Ziaul Hoda Moderator: Lakshmi Parvathy Venue: N-001	
19:00	Dinner	
20 August 2025 (Wednesday)		
9:00 - 10:15	Panel Discussion on ‘ Pathways from Primary Health Care to Universal Health Care ’ Speakers: Arnab Mukherji, Sapna Desai, Nirmala Nair, N. S. Prasanth, Government of Jharkhand Representative, Government of Karnataka Representative Venue: N-203	
10:15 - 11:45	Session 7	Session 8
Topic	Methods	Law/Political Economy/State Capacity - 2
Chair	Maya Ganesh	Rishikesha T Krishnan
Venue	P-11	P-12
	Effect of Open Access Reform on Electricity Prices and Labour Market: Plant Level Evidence from India Apra Sinha* (University of Delhi), Tarun Mehta (CEEW, New Delhi), Surender Kumar (Delhi School of Economics) & Gopal Sarangi (TERI, New Delhi)	Evaluating the Impact of Administrative Structures and Technological Infrastructure on Public Policy Delivery Rahul Chauhan*, Salim Shamsher (Karnavati University, Gandhinagar) & Harishchandra Singh Rathod (SAL Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)
	Should Governments Measure What They Manage? Experimental Evidence from Monitoring Bureaucrats in India Advitha Arun (University of California, Irvine), Steven Brownstone, Karthik Muralidharan (University of California, SanDiego), Siddharth George (NUS, Singapore), Naveen Kumar* (BGS College of Engineering & Technology, Bengaluru)	Evaluating the Impact of Socio-economic Policy Measures on Sustainable Development Goals in BRICS Countries Ajay Massand* & Jayadeva Hiranya (PES University, Bangalore)
	A User-Centered Fast and Frugal Tree for Rapid Block-Level Assessment of Digital Health Implementation: Mixed-Methods Evidence from an Aspirational District in India Anshuman Thakur*, Reshmi Bhageerathy, Prasanna Mithra, Varalakshmi Chandra Sekaran (MAHE, Manipal) & Shuba Kumar (Samarth, Chennai)	Public Sentiment and Policy Discourse: A Data-Driven Analysis of Citizen Perspectives on the G20 Summit 2023 Manpreet Kaur (GNA University, Punjab), Rajesh Verma* (Lovely Professional University, Punjab), Frank Kweku Otoo (Koforidua Technical University, Ghana)
	Signing for Safety: Can Mandatory Marriage Registration Reduce Domestic Violence? Rikhia Bhukta*, Sarani Saha (IIT-Kanpur), Debayan Pakrashi (ISI, Kolkata), Ashish K. Sedai (University of Texas at Arlington)	India’s New Industrial Policy: Evaluating the Institutional Ecosystem Shaping the Production Linked Incentive Schemes of India Sugandh Aggarwal* & Karthikeya Naraparaju (IIM-Indore)
	From Discord to Accord? Changing Spousal Views on Gender Norms in India Subhapriya Chakraborty* & Atif Anwar (IIM-Bangalore)	Public Policy and Political Economy of Hooch Tragedies in Kerala since 1980s: A Case Study of Kollam District Rahul V Kumar (Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala)

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11:45 – 12:00	TEA BREAK	
12:00 – 13:30	Practitioner's Track	Practitioner's Track
Topic	Decentralized Governance	Practice & State Capacity
Chair	Anjana Dube	Subodh Kumar Gupta
Venue	P-11	P-12
	The case for a District Convergence Centre: Learnings from Focus Blocks Development Programme Vinothini Jagadeesan*, S. Sivanandham <i>(Government of Tamil Nadu) & S. Srivatsa Srinivas (IIT-Jodhpur)</i>	Strengthening the Capacity of Gram Panchayats in Service Delivery: Convergence with Self-Help Groups Gaurav Nayak <i>(Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies)</i>
	At the Intersection of Information and Opportunity – The Karnataka Skill Connect Portal Initiative of the Government of Karnataka Pavan B* <i>(Karnataka Skill Development Corporation)</i> & Navaneeth Ganesh <i>(IIM-Bangalore)</i>	Social Learning in Rethinking State Capacity: Insights from Agroecological Transitions Caroline E Fazli <i>(National Coalition for Natural Farming)</i>
	The state as catalyst – lessons from Meghalaya's agricultural and Institutional Renaissance Dipin V Panicker <i>(IIM Calcutta Innovation Park, Government of Meghalaya)</i>	Schemes Without Systems: Rethinking State Capacity for Agroecological Transitions in Rajasthan and Gujarat C Shambu Prasad <i>(Institute of Rural Management Anand)</i> & Rohith Parakh* <i>(National Coalition for Natural Farming)</i>
	Driving Public Entrepreneurship through Decentralized Governance: A Case of Kaushalya Karnataka Reimagined Amrutha Girish <i>(IIM-Bangalore)</i> & Rubnawas N* <i>(Karnataka Skill Development Authority)</i>	Making Rural Schools 'Saksham' - A report on the Centre for Public Policy at IIM Bangalore's School Development Initiatives over the years Navaneeth Ganesh*, Amshrutha Rudresh, G Anu Kirthana <i>(IIM Bangalore)</i>
13:30 - 14:15	LUNCH	
14:15 - 15:45	Session 9	Special Track on "Using participatory methods for community engagement and policy advocacy" by Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS) Workshop-1: The Development and Utility of Process Indicators (PI) for Social Change, using Complex Adaptive Systems (CAS) Venue: N-203
Topic	Agriculture Policy/Banking & Finance	
Chair	Gopal Naik	
Venue	P-11	
	Crop Diversification v/s Risk – Effect of Crop Diversification among Heterogenous Groups in India Firoj Kumar Sahu* & Dinamani Biswal <i>(NIT-Silchar)</i>	
	The Role of Digital Tools in Enhancing Efficiency and Reducing Losses in Post - Harvest Agricultural Supply Chain Prashant Kumar*, Saurabh Agrawal & Ankit Solanki <i>(Delhi Technological University)</i>	
	Informal economies in transition and public debt dynamics Nandu Sasidharan <i>(University of Siena, Italy)</i>	
	Monetary Policy, Debt Composition, and the Limits of State Capacity: Evidence from India's Fragmented Credit Markets Neha Sharma* & Gourishankar S Hiremath <i>(IIT-Kharagpur)</i>	
	Understanding the Uneven Landscape of Financial Inclusion in an Emerging Economy:	

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	Evidence from India Sandeep Kumar*, Aparajita Singh (<i>IIT-Roorkee</i>) & Rachita Gulati (<i>Asian Development Bank Institute, Japan</i>)	
15:45 – 16:00	TEA BREAK	
16:00 – 19:00	Special Track on "Using participatory methods for community engagement and policy advocacy" by Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS) Workshop–2: Let's build an Anganwadi Activities: What's Your Gender Budget Personality? Roll the Dice: The Gender Budget Adventure Around the World with a Red Briefcase followed by a Panel Discussion Venue: N-203	
19:00	Dinner	
21 August 2025 (Thursday)		
9:00 -10:15	Panel Discussion on ‘Making Operation & Maintenance of the Jal Jeevan Mission Schemes Sustainable’ Speakers: Parameswaran Iyer, Kamal Kishore Soan (tentative), Sameer Shukla (tentative), Manish Wasuja, Madhavi Purohit, JJM Team Moderator: Gopal Naik Venue: N-203	Panel Discussion on ‘Dharma in Public Administration’ Speakers: Shivakumar GV, Srinidhi, G Ramesh Venue: N-201
10:15 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	
10:30 – 12:00	Session 10	Session 11
Topic	Health Policy - 2	Infrastructure/Decentralization
Chair	Arnab Mukherji	G Raghuram
Venue	P-11	P-12
	The Impact of Socioeconomic and Behavioural Factors on Treatment-Seeking Behaviours in Acute Illnesses: Insights from Households in Odisha, India Ranjit Kumar Dehury*, Imteyaz Ahmed (<i>University of Hyderabad</i>), Rajkishor Sahu (<i>IIHMR, New Delhi</i>) & Parthasarathi Dehury (<i>Asian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar</i>)	Environmental and Social Safeguards as Legitimation: The analysis of policy discourse for a large dam infrastructure project in Madhya Pradesh, India Budhaditya Das (<i>Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi</i>)
	Assessing the Socio-Economic, Public Health, and Gendered Impacts of State-Controlled Alcohol Sales (TASMAC) in Tamil Nadu T. Someswar Reddy, Vishwa Rajkumar & M. Sathyapriya (<i>Sri Krishna Arts & Science College, Coimbatore</i>)	Regional Disparities in India: Evidence of Uneven Development in Karnataka Mohammed Hashim (<i>Krea University</i>)
	Increase in Tobacco Use - Unintended Consequence of Alcohol Prohibition in Bihar Ghanshyam Sharma (<i>RV University, Bangalore</i>)	Shaping Consumer Perception to Foster Electric Vehicle Adoption in India Pranshu Raghuvanshi* & Anjula Gurtoo (<i>IISc, Bangalore</i>)

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	Fueling Change: Impact of Mass Media on clean cooking fuel adoption in rural India Cledwyn Fernandez (<i>Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi</i>) & Havishaye Puri* (<i>Delhi School of Economics</i>)	Challenges Faced by Municipal Bodies in India in Adopting Wastewater Initiatives Arun Kumar (<i>NLSIU, Bangalore</i>)
	Costs of Compassion: Impact of informal caregiving on caregivers' wellbeing in India Priyanka* & Sukumar Velakkal (<i>IIT-Kanpur</i>)	Transferable Development Rights Program in Indian Cities - Convenience in the name of neoliberalism Astha Agarwalla (<i>CEPT University, Ahmedabad</i>)
12:00 – 12:15	TEA BREAK	
12:15 - 13:30	Plenary Talk on " Policy Making in a Multilateral World: Some Reflections from History and Practice " by Vikram Raghavan, international lawyer and development practitioner followed by Closing Address Venue: N-203	
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH	
14:30 - 15:30	Prof. M R Krishnamurthy Memorial Lecture by Dr. Vishwanath Srikantaiah on his " Experience on Bengaluru and its long-term engagement with Water Security " Venue: M-21	
15:30 - 15:45	TEA BREAK	

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