



PROGRAMME

Ninth Annual NBER Neemrana Conference

Organized by **ICRIER**
(January 12 - 15, 2008)

Saturday, January 12, 2008

3.00 PM : Departure from Delhi

Neemrana Fort - Palace Resort, (Rajasthan)

7.00 PM : Arrival at Neemrana Fort Palace

**7.30 PM : Cocktails and Dinner
(along with light classical music)**

Day 1: Sunday, January 13, 2008

9.00 AM – 12:30 PM

Session I: The India Session

Chair : **Isher Judge Ahluwalia, ICRIER**

Panel : P. Chidambaram, Ministry of Finance

Discussant: Shankar N. Acharya, ICRIER

Chair : **Martin Feldstein, NBER**

Panel : Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Planning Commission

Discussant: Shankar N. Acharya, ICRIER

10.30 AM – 11.00 AM : Tea/Coffee

Open House

12.30 PM – 2.00 PM : Lunch

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Session II: US & the World Economy

Chair : **Kapil Sibal, Minister of Science and Technology**

Panel : Martin Feldstein, NBER

Rakesh Mohan, RBI

Discussant: Raghuram Rajan, NBER

General Discussion

4.00 PM – 4.30 PM : Tea/Coffee

4.30 PM – 6.30 PM

Session III: Trade and Competitiveness

Chair : **Uday Kotak, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**

Panel : Gopal Pillai, Ministry of Commerce

Discussants: Takatoshi Ito, NBER

Elhanan Helpman, NBER

General Discussion

7.30 PM

**Cultural Event – Lohri Festival followed by Cocktails and
Dinner**

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Day 2: Monday, January 14, 2008

9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

Session IV: Political Economy of Reforms

Chair : T.N. Ninan, Business Standard

Politicians Panel:

Manvendra Singh, BJP

Naveen Jindal, INC

B. J. Panda, BJD

Discussants: Pratap Bhanu Mehta, CPR

Brian Knight, NBER

General Discussion

11.00 AM – 11.30 AM : Tea/Coffee

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Session V: State Session: Haryana

Chair : Rajiv Kumar, ICRIER

Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Chief Minister, Haryana

Presentation **"Haryana : Challenges in Agriculture, Education and Infrastructure"** by Rajeev Arora, HSIID

Perspectives from Government of India : Kirit S. Parikh,
Planning Commission

Perspectives from Private Sector : Sanjeev K. Asthana, RIL
Sunil K. Munjal, Hero Group

General Discussion

1.00 PM – 2.30 PM : Lunch

2.30 PM – 4.00 PM

Session VI: What Ails Indian Agriculture?

Chair : **Shankar Acharya, ICRIER**

Panel : Abhijit Sen, Planning Commission

Ashok Gulati, IFPRI

Tushaar Shah, IWMI, Colombo

V. S. Vyas, Institute of Development Studies

Discussant: Surjit S. Bhalla, Oxfam

Gary Libecap, NBER

General Discussion

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Tea/Coffee

4.30 PM – 6.00 PM

Session VII: International Capital Markets and Exchange Rates

Chair : **Suman Bery, NCAER**

Panel : Takatoshi Ito, NBER

Elhanan Helpman, NBER

Michael Dooley, NBER

General Discussion

7.45 PM

Cultural Event – Indian Classical Dance followed by Cocktails and Dinner

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Day 3: Tuesday, January 15, 2007

9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

Session VIII: Educational Reforms in India

Chair : **Katherine Baicker, Harvard University**

Panel : B. S. Baswan, IIPA

Sushma Berlia, Education Promotion Society of
India

Karthik Muralidharan, NBER

Discussant: Gurcharan Das

General Discussion

11.00 AM – 11.30 AM : Tea/Coffee

11.30 AM – 1.00 PM

Session IX: Fiscal Issues in the United States

Chair : **M. Govinda Rao, NIPFP**

Panel : Alan Auerbach, NBER

Katherine Baicker, NBER

General Discussion

1.00 PM - 1.30 PM : Concluding Session

1.30 PM – 3.00 PM : Lunch

3.00 PM : Departure for Delhi

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