

WEBINAR

on

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

DATE : 16-17 MAY 2020

TIME : 9:30 AM TO 7:00 PM

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Thrissur, Kerala,

DAY 1: 16 MAY 2020

INAUGURAL SESSION: 10:00 AM– 11:30 AM

Chair : Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar,
Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj

Welcome : Dr K J Joseph,
Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation

Inauguration : Shri A C Moideen,
Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Governments, Government of Kerala

Special Address

1. Dr T M Thomas Isaac,
Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Coir, Government of Kerala
2. Shri K S Easwarappa,
Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj,
Government of Karnataka
3. Dr Yasmin Ali Haque, Representative, UNICEF India
4. Dr S S Meenakshi Sundaram IAS, Former Secretary, Government of India
5. Shri Jagadananda, Former State Information Commissioner, Odisha

SESSION 2: 11.45 AM – 1.00 PM

Local Governments and the Pandemic: Experience of East and North Eastern States

Chair : Dr M N Roy,
Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal

Panelists:

1. Odisha : Shri Saroj Dash, Deputy Director, SIRD, Odisha
2. Manipur and Assam: Prof K Giresan,
Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development
3. Sikkim: Shri Bishal Mukhya, Director, SIRD, Sikkim

Reflections on East and North East:

Dr P P Balan, Former Director, KILA

SESSION 3: 2.00 PM – 3.15 PM

Local Governments and the Pandemic: Experience of Western and Northern States

Chair : Dr George Mathew,
Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

- Panelists:
1. Rajasthan: Prof Anita Brandon, IGPRS, Jaipur
 2. Punjab: Prof Rozy Veid, SIRD, Punjab
 3. Gujarat: Shri Benoy Acharya, UNNATI, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
 4. Maharashtra: Mr Bhim Raskar,
Director, Research and Support Centre for Development.
 5. Madhya Pradesh: Dr Yogesh Kumar, SAMARTHAN, Madhya Pradesh
 6. Haryana: Dr Mahipal IES (Retd), Former Director, MORD, Government of India

Reflections on North and Western States:
Smt Preeta Lal, Local Governance Initiative and Network Asia

SESSION 4: 3.30 PM – 4.45 PM

Local Governments and the Pandemic: Experience of Southern States

Chair : Dr W R Reddy IAS,
Director General, National Institute of Rural Development

- Panelists:
1. Tamil Nadu: Prof Palanithurai,
Former Professor Gandhigram Rural University, Tamil Nadu
 2. Karnataka: Smt Uma Mahadevan IAS,
Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Karnataka
 3. Telangana: Shri Sandeep Kumar Sultania IAS,
Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development and CEO, TSIRD, Telangana
 4. Andhra Pradesh: Shri Gopal Krishna Dwivedi IAS,
Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh

Reflections on Southern States:
Prof D Rajasekhar, ISEC, Bangalore

SESSION 5: 5.00 PM – 6.00 PM

MGNREGS in the pandemic times

Chair : Shri S M Vijayanand IAS,
Chairman, State Finance Commission, Kerala

- Panelists:
1. Smt Aruna Roy, Founder, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan
 2. Dr K Ravi Raman, Member, Kerala State Planning Board
 3. Dr Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

SESSION 6: 6.15 PM – 7.15 PM

Financing Local Governments during the pandemic

Chair : Prof M A Oommen,
Honorary Professor GIFT

- Panelists
1. Prof Pinaki Chakraborty, Chief- Social Policy, UNICEF, Chennai
 2. Shri T R Raghunandan IAS, Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
 3. Prof D Narayana, Honorary Professor & Former Director GIFT
 4. Prof Jos Chathukulam, Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor on
Decentralisation, ISEC
 5. Dr Shaheena, Advisor, State Finance Commission, Kerala

DAY 2: 17 MAY 2020

SESSION 7: 9.30 AM – 10.30 AM

Managing Disasters: The Role of Local Governments

Chair : Smt Sarada Muraleedharan IAS,
Principal Secretary, Department of Local Self Governments, Kerala

- Panelists:
1. Dr V Venu IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue and
Disaster Management, Kerala
 2. Dr Shekhar Kuriakose, Member Secretary,
Kerala State Disaster Management Authority
 3. Dr Nirmala Sanu George, Adviser, State Finance Commission, Kerala
 4. Dr Sunny George, Professor, Kerala Institute of Local Administration

SESSION 8: 10.45 AM – 1.00 PM

**The Pandemic & the Response
of local governments in Kerala**

Chair : Dr B Ekbal,
Member, State Planning Board

- Panelists:**
1. Shri S M Vijayanand IAS, Chairman, State Finance Commission, Kerala
 2. Shri Kutty Ahmed Kutty, Former Minister for Local Self Governments, Government of Kerala
 3. Shri C P John, Former member, Kerala State Planning Board
 4. Dr Rajeev Sadanandan IAS, CEO, Health Systems Transformation Platform, New Delhi
 5. Dr Aravindan K P, Public Health Expert
 6. Dr Sairu Philip, Vice Principal, TD Medical College, Alappuzha
 7. Dr John Samuel, President, Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance

SESSION 9: 1.45 PM – 2.45 PM

Kudumbashree and the Pandemic

Chair : Prof Bina Agarwal,
Professor of Development Economics and Environment
at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester

- Panelists:**
1. Prof K P Kannan, Honorary Professor Centre for Development Studies
 2. Shri Hari Kishore IAS, Executive Director, Kudumbashree Mission
 3. Prof J Devika, Centre for Development Studies
 4. Prof Manjula Bharathy, TISS, Mumbai

SESSION 10: 3.00 PM – 4.10 PM

Experiences from the Battle field: Round 1

Chair : Prof K N Harilal,
Member, Kerala State Planning Board

- Panelists:**
1. Adv Sheena Sanal Kumar, President, Aryad Block Panchayat
 2. Adv Thulasibai Padmanabhan, President, Kerala Gram Panchayat Association
 3. Adv P Viswambhara Panicker, General Secretary, Kerala Gram Panchayat Association
 4. Shri M Muhammed Saleem, Chairman, Perunthalmanna Municipality
 5. Shri M T Abdul Jabbar, President, Valiyaparamba Gram Panchayat
 6. Shri Renji Kurian, President, Mulamthuruthi Gram Panchayat
 7. Adv P S Jyothis, President, Thanneermukkom Gram Panchayat

Reflections:
Dr A V Jose, Honorary Professor & Former Director GIFT

SESSION 11: 4.15 PM – 5.25 PM

Experience from the Battle field: Round 2

Chair : Dr T N Seema,
Executive Vice Chairperson, Haritha Keralam Mission

- Panelists:**
1. Shri K Sreekumar, Mayor, Thiruvananthapuram Corporation
 2. Shri C P Muhammed Kunhi, Chairman, Ponnani Municipality
 3. Shri B Biju, President, Nedumangad Block Panchayat
 4. Shri C Ramachandran, President, Bedaduka Gram Panchayat
 5. Smt K Sreeja, President, Padiyoor Kalyad Gram Panchayat
 6. Shri Ambrose K M., President, Vadakkekara Gram Panchayat
 7. Smt Sheeba Suresh, President, Kumaly Gram Panchayat

Reflections on Kerala Experiences:
Dr C P Vinod, Chairman, Local Government Commission, Kerala

VALEDICTORY SESSION: 5.30 PM – 6.00 PM

Chair : Dr Joy Elamon,
Director General, KILA

Summing up and the way forward
Dr T M Thomas Isaac,
Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Coir, Government of Kerala