





PANEL DISCUSSION ON

INDIA'S INCLUSIVE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT





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Panel Discussion on "India's Inclusive Growth & Development"

India's progress toward inclusive growth and development is indeed noteworthy, but the path ahead remains challenging. There has been a substantial reduction in multidimensional poverty – from 29.17 percent in 2013-14 to 11.28 percent in 2022-23. This is a significant achievement, reflecting successful poverty alleviation efforts. It has had a positive impact on the lives of millions, helping lift many out of poverty. Nevertheless, there is nearly 60 percent of the Indian population residing in rural areas and over 230 million people continue to remain mired in poverty. High unemployment rates and rising income inequality are some of the concerns which still need to be addressed. Embracing technology is vital for driving economic progress and development. By fostering digital innovation and supporting technology businesses, India can enhance

its growth trajectory. Improving digital literacy is equally important, as it will equip individuals with the skills needed to participate in and benefit from the digital economy. Additionally, supporting microfinance initiatives and providing assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups can significantly boost local economies and create job opportunities. These efforts not only stimulate economic activity but also foster entrepreneurship and innovation at the grassroots level. As India progresses toward global economic prominence, further sustained efforts in social policy, inclusive growth, and sustainable development remain imperative. The panel brings together a diverse group of experts from the government, public, and private sectors, civil society/ NGOs, Non-Banking Financial Institutions, and academia. It aims to facilitate meaningful knowledge sharing and networking among senior executives from industry, bureaucrats, media professionals, academics, public policy professionals, and civil society.

Panelists

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