



People's Budget Initiative

Budget Justice for Addressing Inequalities

A National Consultation by People's Budget Initiative (PBI)

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India Habitat Centre (Tamarind Hall), Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Agenda

Time	Session
9.00 am - 9.30 am	Registration
9.30 am - 10.00 am	Introduction: PBI's Budget Justice Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none">Anjali Bhardwaj and Subrat Das (Co-convenors, People's Budget Initiative)
10.00 am - 11.30 am	Governance and Policy Paradigm in India: Perspectives on Equity and Social Justice <p>[The Inaugural session aims to set the context for the consultation. The speakers in this session would reflect on the governance and public policy paradigm prevailing in the country since the last few years, especially from the perspective of equity and social justice. The discussion would help us in understanding and articulating the narrative in which PBI's 'Budget Justice' campaign ought to be rooted.]</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Harsh Mander (Centre for Equity Studies)M.V. Rajeev Gowda (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha)Paul Divakar (National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights) <p>Moderator: Anjali Bhardwaj (People's Budget Initiative)</p>
11.30 am - 11.45 am	Tea Break

11.45 am - 1.00 pm	<p>Fault Lines in State Interventions and Entitlements for the Marginalised: Reflections from the Grassroots</p> <p>[There are a number of budgetary policies for the disadvantaged sections like SCP, TSP, GRB and PM's 15 Point Programme for Minorities, which are meant for channelising public resources across sectors towards the development of disadvantaged sections. There are also programmes/schemes meant exclusively for them. Are these policies and interventions making a difference to the lives of the marginalised? This session will give us a reality check based on reflections of civil society leaders who are working at the grassroots with these communities.]</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Akkai Padmashali (Ondede, Karnataka) ▪ Kuldeep Kumar Baudh (Bundelkhand Dalit Adhikar Manch, Uttar Pradesh) ▪ Rahima Khatun (Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan, West Bengal) ▪ Sunil Minj (Swadhikar, Jharkhand) ▪ Sunita Singh (Sahayog, Uttar Pradesh) <p>Moderator: Jashodhara Dasgupta (National Foundation for India)</p>
1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	Lunch Break
1.45 pm - 3.30 pm	<p>Budget Justice for the Disadvantaged Sections: Defining the Critical Minimum</p> <p>[The speakers in this session would highlight the gaps in budgetary policies and priorities meant for the disadvantaged communities. Each speaker would propose three-four priority budgetary demands that PBI could advocate for and popularise as part of its 'Budget Justice' campaign.]</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abhay Xaxa (National Campaign on Adivasi Rights) ▪ Beena Pallical (National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights) ▪ Kumar Shailabh (HAQ: Centre for Child Rights) ▪ Meenakshi Balasubramaniam (Equals - Centre for Promotion of Social Justice) ▪ Nesar Ahmad (Budget Analysis Rajasthan Centre) ▪ Suneeta Dhar (Jagori) <p>Moderator: Ravi Duggal (Jan Swasthya Abhiyan)</p>
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm	Tea
3.45 pm - 5.15 pm	<p>Building a Campaign for Budget Justice: Strategies for Outreach and Mobilisation</p> <p>[India has a rich history of civil society campaigns building countervailing power and leading</p>

	<p>to changes in policies and systems. However, building a popular, sustained and effective campaign is an extremely challenging process. In this context, we would get insights and suggestions from a few civil society leaders who have designed and led effective campaigns in different spheres over the last few years. The discussion would help us in identifying and prioritising the strategies that PBI needs to adopt in the coming years.]</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abhay Shukla (Jan Swasthya Abhiyan/ Jaganyacha Hakkache Andolan – Movement for Right to Live) ▪ Anshul Tewari (Youth Ki Awaaz) ▪ Rajendra Ravi (National Alliance of People's Movements) ▪ Sonali Khan (DASRA) <p>Moderator: Amitabh Behar (National Foundation for India)</p>
5.15 pm - 5.30 pm	<p>Way Forward: Translating Ideas and Strategies into Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basanta Nayak and Hilda Grace (People’s Budget Initiative)
5.45 pm onwards	<p>Annual NFI Media and C. Subramaniam Awards Ceremony (at Atrium, India Habitat Centre) followed by a conversation on “Challenges to Democracy: Role of Media and Civil Society” (at the Amphitheatre, India Habitat Centre)</p>