



# 4<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> NCMEL 2026)

*Strengthening Development through Global and National M&E Practices*

**7 May, 2026: Day 1**

SN	SESSIONS	TIME
	Registration and Tea @ Venue	09:00-09:45
<b>1.</b>	<b>Inaugural Ceremony</b>	<b>09:45- 11:00</b>
i.	Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries	09:45-09:50
ii.	Opening Remarks by Ms. Nidhi Chhibber, CEO, NITI Aayog & DG, DMEO	09:50-10:05
iii.	Address by Guest of Honour- Sh. V. Vualnam, Secretary, Department of Expenditure (DoE), Government of India	10:05-10:20
iv.	Address by Keynote Speaker- Sh. B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Former CEO, NITI Aayog	10:20-10:35
v.	Address by Chief Guest- Sh. Suman Bery, Vice-Chairperson, NITI Aayog	10:35-10:55
vi.	Vote of Thanks by Sh. Dhrijesh Kumar Tiwari, Joint Secretary, DMEO	10:55-11:00
<b>High Tea</b> Time : 11:00-11:30		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Session 1 : Advancing Evaluation Frameworks and Methods: Global Lessons on bridging Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence</b> <i>Moderator. Dr. Sekhar Bonu, Former DG, DMEO, NITI Aayog.</i>	<b>11:30-13:00</b>
<b>Lunch</b> Time: 13:00-14:00		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Session 2: Integrating AI, GIS and Data Sciences in Evaluation Design</b> <i>Moderator. Dr. Abinash Dash, Director, DMEO</i>	<b>14:00-15:30</b>
<b>Tea</b> Time : 15:30-16:00		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Session 3: Innovations in M&amp;E and Adaptive M&amp;E Systems</b> <i>Moderator. Sh. Antony Cyriac, Economic Adviser, MoSPI</i>	<b>16:00-17:30</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by Sh. S. Arputhaswamy, EA, DMEO</b>	<b>17:30-17:45</b>

## 8 May, 2026: Day 2

SN	SESSIONS	TIME
	Registration and Tea @ Venue	09:00-09:30
1.	<b>Opening Remarks by Sh. Samarendra Prakash Srivastava, DDG, DMEO</b>	<b>09:30-09:45</b>
2.	<b>Session 4: Global Perspectives on M&amp;E</b> <i>Chair: Sh. Dhrijesh Kumar Tiwari, Joint Secretary, DMEO</i>	<b>09:45-11:00</b>
<b>Tea</b> Time : 11:00-11:30		
3.	<b>Session 5: Bridging Borders through Evaluation: NDB and its Partners Advancing Cross-Country Learning and Collaboration</b> <i>Moderator: Ms. Fariha Ahmed, Partnerships Specialist, Independent Evaluation Office, NDB</i>	<b>11:30-13:00</b>
<b>Lunch</b> Time: 13:00-14:00		
4.	<b>Session 6: Institutionalising Monitoring &amp; Evaluation in Indian States - Decentralized Systems of Evaluations</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Radha Ashrit, Deputy Director General (DDG), MoSPI</i>	<b>14:00-15:30</b>
5.	<b>Closing Remarks by Sh. Dhrijesh Kumar Tiwari, JS, NITI Aayog</b>	<b>15:30-15:45</b>