



# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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

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

**Day 1**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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	09:45-09:55
ii.	Opening Remarks by Ms. Nidhi Chhibber, CEO, NITI Aayog & DG, DMEQ	09:55-10:10
iii.	Address by Shri Raj Shekhar Joshi, Former Vice Chairman, SETU Aayog, Uttarakhand	10:10 -10:25
iv.	Address by Guest of Honour- Shri V. Vualnam, Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance	10:25-10:40
v.	Address by Chief Guest- Shri Suman Bery, Vice-Chairperson, NITI Aayog	10:40-10:55
vi.	Vote of Thanks by Shri Dhrijesh Kumar Tiwari, Joint Secretary, DMEQ	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 integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence</b> Chair: Ms. Nidhi Chhibber, CEO, NITI Aayog & DG, DMEQ	<b>11:30-13:00</b>
<b>Lunch</b> Time: 13:00-14:00		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Session 2: Integrating AI and Data Sciences in Evaluation Design</b> Moderator: Dr. Abinash Dash, Director, DMEQ	<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> Moderator: Shri Antony Cyriac, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation	<b>16:00-17:30</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by Shri S. Arputhaswamy, Economic Adviser, DMEQ</b>	<b>17:30-17:45</b>

# Day 2

## 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

SN	SESSIONS	TIME
	Registration and Tea @ Venue	09:00-09:30
1.	<b>Address by Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Former CEO, NITI Aayog</b>	09:30-09:45
2.	<b>Session 4: Global Perspectives on M&amp;E</b> Chair: Shri Dhrijesh Kumar Tiwari, Joint Secretary, DMEO	09:45-11:00
<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> Moderator: Ms. Fariha Ahmed, Partnerships Specialist, Independent Evaluation Office, New Development Bank	11:30-13:00
<b>Lunch</b> Time: 13:00-14:00		
4.	<b>Session 6: Monitoring &amp; Evaluation In Indian States/UTs - Widening And Deepening Engagement</b> Moderator: Dr. Radha Ashrit, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation	14:00-15:30
5.	<b>Closing Remarks by Shri Samarendra Prakash Srivastava, Deputy Director General, DMEO</b>	15:30-15:45

