



# 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Conference on Pension 2025 (IRCP 2025)

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Thursday and Friday

## Programme Schedule

### Day -1 (3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Thursday))

Time	Event
08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Registration and Welcome Tea
<b>Plenary Session</b>	
10:00 AM - 10:03 AM	Inauguration and Lamp Lighting Ceremony
10:03 AM - 10:08 AM	Welcome Address by Dr Manoj Anand WTM (Finance), PFRDA
10:08 AM - 10:13 AM	Address by Dr. Deepak Mohanty, Chairperson, PFRDA
10:13 AM - 10:14 AM	Release of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) booklet
10:14 AM - 10:17 AM	Visual on the Journey of PFRDA
10:17 AM - 10:22 AM	Keynote Address by Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Ahmedabad
10:22 AM - 10:27 AM	Inaugural Address by Mr. Nagaraju Maddirala, Secretary (Financial Services), Government of India
10:27 AM - 10:42 AM	Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Government of India
10:42 AM - 10:45 AM	Vote of Thanks by Ms. Mamta Rohit, Executive Director, PFRDA
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Tea Break
<b>Panel Discussions</b>	
11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	<p><b>Theme 1 – Pension for Future – Building Resilient Old Age Income Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Member 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and Group Chief Economic Advisor, State Bank of India - Moderator</li> <li>Ms. Astrid Ludin, Deputy Commissioner, FSCA, South Africa</li> <li>Ms. Omolola Oloworaran, Director General, PENCOM, Nigeria</li> <li>Mr. William Price, CEO, D3P Global</li> <li>Dr. Deepak Mohanty, Chairperson, PFRDA</li> </ul>
12:45 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch
02:00 PM - 03:15 PM	<p><b>Theme 2 - Global Lessons on New and Innovative Investment Practices in the Pension Industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Abhiman Das, IIM Ahmedabad - Moderator</li> <li>Mr. Brian M. Miller, CFA, CFP® – Vanguard, Head of Target Date Fund Product Management</li> <li>Dr. Paul Yu, Director, (Policy and Regulation), Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, Hong Kong SAR, China</li> <li>Mr. William Price, CEO, D3P Global</li> <li>Prof. Prachi Mishra, Director and Head, Ashoka Isaac Center for Public Policy</li> <li>Mr. R. Mark Davis, CFA - Senior Financial Sector Specialist, WBG</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tushar Arora, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, WBG</li> </ul>
03:15 PM - 03:45 PM	Tea Break
03:45 PM - 05:15 PM	<p>Theme 3 - Pension Forum for Regulatory Coordination and Development of Pension Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. M. S. Sahoo, Former Chairperson, IBBI - Moderator</li> <li>Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Joint Secretary, DFS</li> <li>Mr. Ramesh Krishnamurthi, CEO, EPFO</li> <li>Mr. Amarjeet Singh, Whole Time Member, SEBI</li> <li>Mr. Rajay Kumar Sinha, Whole Time Member, IRDAI</li> <li>Dr. Manoj Anand, Whole Time Member (Finance), PFRDA</li> </ul>
Day -2 (4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Friday))	
Time	Event
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Research Paper Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing the Effect of Socioeconomic Factors on Pension Scheme Adoption and Financial Security in Retirement: A Regression Approach - Rahul Chauhan, Aalap Patel and Bhoomi Patel</li> <li>The Great Indian Pension Debate - Shweta Kalla Baxi, Sarthak Gaurav and Usha Ananthakumar</li> <li>Retirement planning: Understanding the impact of uncertainty and behavioral biases - Pankhuri Sinha and Lokanandha Reddy Irala</li> <li>On Safe Withdrawal Rate in the Indian Context under National Pension System - Pushpinder Singh</li> </ul> <p>Discussants –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Neerav Nagar, IIM Ahmedabad- Chair</li> <li>Mr. Ashok Kumar Soni, Executive Director, PFRDA</li> <li>Mr. Rahul Ravindran, Executive Director, PFRDA</li> </ul>
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tea Break
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	<p>Theme 4 – Fostering Financial Literacy for Sustainable Retirement Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Mamta Shankar, WTM (Economics), PFRDA – Moderator</li> <li>Prof. Simrit Kaur, Principal, Shri Ram College of Commerce</li> <li>Dr. Arvind Sahay, Director, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon</li> <li>Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli</li> <li>Dr. Ashok Banerjee, Director, IIM Udaipur</li> <li>Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur</li> <li>Sh. S Karthikeyan, Director, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India</li> </ul>
12:45 PM - 01:45 PM	Lunch
01:45 PM - 03:00 PM	<p>Theme 5 – Pension Fund Investments with a Focus on Risk and Return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. V Ravi Anshuman, IIM Bangalore – Moderator</li> <li>Prof. S.V.D. Nageswara Rao, Head, SOM, IIT Bombay</li> <li>Prof. Rupamanjari Sinha Ray, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Vivek Iyer, Partner and Financial Services Risk Leader, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP</i></li> </ul>
03:00 PM - 04:30 PM	<p><i>Research Paper Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strategies for Expanding Coverage, Improving Product Diversity, and Ensuring Adequate Retirement Security A Focus on the National Pension System NPS - Pankaj Saggi and Hitesh Bhatia</i></li> <li>• <i>Unlocking APY's Potential: How Early Enrollment Secures Retirement - Ranjan Paul and Bhartendu Singh</i></li> <li>• <i>Balancing Acts: Safe Withdrawal Rates in the Indian Context - Rajan Raju and Ravi Saraogi</i></li> <li>• <i>Analysis of Pension Funds on Economic Development in India and Brazil - Subham Saha and Chayan Ganguly</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Discussants –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prof. M P Ram Mohan, IIM Ahmedabad – Chair</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. Amit Mookerjee, Delhi Technological University</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Venkateswarlu Peri, Executive Director, PFRDA</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Executive Director, PFRDA</i></li> </ul>
04:30 PM - 05:00 PM	<p><i>Closing Ceremony</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Learnings from Conference and Way Ahead – Ms. Sumeet Kaur Kapoor, Executive Director, PFRDA</i></li> <li>• <i>Vote of Thanks – Mr. P Arumugarangarajan, Chief General Manager, PFRDA</i></li> </ul>
05:00 PM onwards	<i>High Tea</i>