

## Independent People's Tribunal Schedule

Time	Session Details	Speakers
<b>7 December 2024, Day 1</b>		
<b>9:30 am - 10:30 am</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
9:30 am - 10:20 am	Opening Plenary	Medha Patkar, Prafulla, Shalmali, Shaktiman Ghosh
10:20 am - 10:30 am	About the IPT	Asmi Sharma
<b>10:30 am - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Session 1: Introductory Session</b>	<b>Joe Athialy</b>
<p><b>About:</b> This session will provide a background on the involvement of the World Bank Group in India, its changing nature of interventions, operations and areas of focus. This session will also address the pressing issue of accountability, highlighting the Bank's legal immunity that limits recourse for affected communities and challenges the transparency of its operations. By examining these evolving roles and the significant accountability gaps, this session will establish a broad overview for understanding the World Bank's complex and penetrating influence in India.</p>		
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<i>The Bretton Woods Institutions in India: Foundations, Influence, and Evolution</i>	Edwin
10:45 am - 10:55 am	<i>Lending Priorities: The World Bank's Portfolio in India's Key Sectors</i>	Maju Varghese
10:55 am - 11:05 am	<i>From Loans to Leverage: The Evolving Tactics of World Bank Influence</i>	Ashwin Parthasarathy
11:05 am - 11:15 am	<i>Beyond Oversight: The Broken Mechanisms of World Bank Accountability</i>	Joe Athialy
11:15 am - 11:30 am	<i>Aiding and Abetting Authoritarianism</i>	Shalmali Guttal
11:30 am - 11:45 am	<b>TEA</b>	
11:45 am - 11:50 am	<b>Official Transfer of Proceedings to the Jury</b>	
<b>11:50 am - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 2: Legacy Cases: Lasting Impacts and Current Status</b>	<b>Joe Athialy</b>
<p><b>About:</b> This session will look at the impact of key legacy cases in India and the role they have played in shaping accountability and transparency mechanisms in the internal functioning of the Bank and other IFIs. The session will present learnings from these cases as well as reflect on their current status. It will also look at the role of grassroots advocacy and activism in shaping outcomes, driving reforms and holding institutions accountable.</p>		
11:50 am - 12:05 am	<i>Sardar Sarovar Dam and Power Project (SSDPP)</i>	Medha Patkar

12:05 am - 12:20 am	Tata Mundra Ultra Mega Power Project	Bharat Patel
12: 20 am - 12:35 pm	<i>World Bank Social Forestry Programme</i>	Roma
12:35 pm - 12:50 pm	<i>Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project</i>	(?)
12:50 pm - 1:05 pm	<i>India - Cement Project -Lafarge</i>	
1:05 pm - 1:20 pm	<i>Mumbai Urban Transport Project</i>	Shweta Damle
	<i>Singrauli (??)</i>	
1:20 pm - 2:00 pm	Q&A	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>3:00 pm - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 3: Influencing the Public Sector: Key Impacts</b>	<b>Thomas Franco</b>
<p><b>About:</b> This session will undertake thematic examinations on how World Bank policies have shaped key public sectors in India. The session will analyse the impacts of the Bank's financial and policy interventions, highlighting how these sectors have been influenced by the push for market-driven reforms. The session will assess the social, economic, and environmental consequences of these policies, including the erosion of public services, reduced access for vulnerable populations, and the prioritisation of corporate interests over public welfare and present the long-term implications for equitable development.</p>		
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	<i>Agriculture</i>	Vijoo
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	<i>Health</i>	Ravi Duggal
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	<i>Education</i>	Ramesh
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	<i>Water</i>	Rehmat
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>TEA</b>	
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<i>Urban</i>	Jammu Anand
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	<i>Energy</i>	Soumya Dutta
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	<i>Mining</i>	Ravi Pragada
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	<i>Transport</i>	Ranjit Gadgil
6:00 pm - 6:15 pm	<i>Promoter of Wealth Inequality</i>	Anirban B
6:15 pm - 6:45 pm	Q&A	
<b>8 December 2024, Day 2</b>		
<b>9:00 am - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Session 4: Undermining the Public Sphere, People's Rights and Democracy</b>	<b>Shalmali Guttal</b>

<p><b>About:</b> This session will look at the various financial mechanisms promoted by the World Bank that prioritise corporate interests at the expense of the public welfare. The focus of the session would be to demonstrate how financing strategies of the World Bank have come at huge social and environmental costs. Additionally, frameworks and initiatives promoted by the World Bank are used by Governments to adopt neo-liberal agendas that have resulted in significant dilutions of social and environmental regulations and safeguards in India.</p>		
9:00 am - 9:15 am	<i>Profits over People &amp; Planet: Who Really Benefits from Blended Finance?</i>	Kannan
9:15 am - 9:30 am	<i>EoDB &amp; B-Ready: Undermining India's Environmental and Labour Protections</i>	Lara and
9:30 am - 9:45 am	<i>Real-World Fallout: Case Studies - InVit, FI projects</i>	Gaurav Dwivedi
9:45 am - 10:00 am	<i>Right to Food and Work</i>	Swati Narayan
10:00 am - 10:15 am	<i>The Costs of Privatisation and the National Monetisation Pipeline</i>	Thomas Franco
10:15 am - 10:30 am	<i>Impact on Gender</i>	Mrinalini Jha
10:30 am - 11:00 am	<i>Championing Technologies of Surveillance and Exclusion: The Story of UID and DPI</i>	Usha Ramanathan
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Q&A	
11:15 am - 11:30 am	TEA	
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<b>Session 5: World Bank &amp; The Climate Paradox: <i>An Enabler of the Climate Crisis</i></b>	<b>Manshi Asher</b>
<p><b>About:</b> This session will examine the conflicting role of the World Bank in fueling the climate crisis while posturing itself as a leader in climate solutions. Despite continuing pledges to fight climate change, the Bank continues to finance projects that harm ecosystems and displace vulnerable communities, often under the guise of development. The session will look at the gaps in the World Bank's climate finance initiatives, showing how funds are channelled toward economic growth-oriented projects—such as energy and infrastructure—rather than invest in projects that genuinely address climate mitigation or adaptation.</p>		
11:30 am - 11:45 am	<i>Contradictions of a Climate Crisis: A Perpetuator of the Climate Crisis</i>	Soumya Dutta
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	<i>Lacuna of L&amp;D Fund</i>	Harjeet
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	<i>Climate Finance: Another Veil to Promote Infra and Energy Projects</i>	Indrajit
12:15 pm - 12:30 pm	<i>Testimonials from the Ground: Blue Economy</i>	Jesuratinam Christy
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	<i>Promoter of False Solutions</i>	S Lahiri
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Q&A	
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	
1:45 pm onwards	<b>LUNCH</b>	
3:30 pm onwards	<b>Press Conference with Preliminary Findings/Thoughts</b>	

