

## Press Release

### Laveesh Bhandari Appointed President of the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP)



*New Delhi, May 2, 2023* – The Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Laveesh Bhandari as the next President of CSEP, effective May 2, 2023. Dr Bhandari will succeed Dr Rakesh Mohan, who has stepped down from the position of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company upon attaining 75 years of age. Dr Mohan is appointed as President Emeritus and Distinguished Fellow for a period of 3 years w.e.f. May 2, 2023.

Laveesh Bhandari is a Senior Fellow at CSEP. He has been leading climate change and sustainability research at CSEP. Dr Bhandari has published widely on subjects related to sustainable livelihoods, industrial, economic and social reforms in India, economic geography and financial inclusion. He received his PhD in economics from Boston University for which he was awarded the Best Thesis in International Economics. He has taught economics at Boston University and IIT Delhi. He has been the managing editor of the Journal of Emerging Market Finance, and worked at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. Apart from applied economics research, Dr Bhandari has built, seeded, and exited from three companies in the research, analytics and digital domains, including Indicus Analytics, a leading economic research firm. Currently he is conducting research on issues of inclusion, India's energy transition, and how it will impact the government as well as the economy.

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"We are delighted to welcome Laveesh Bhandari as the next President of CSEP," said Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, CSEP. "With his vast experience, exceptional leadership qualities, and expertise in the field of social and economic progress, I am confident that CSEP will continue to thrive and excel under his guidance."

"I look forward to my new role as President Emeritus of CSEP and to help CSEP continue in its endeavour to conduct independent and policy-relevant, evidence-based high quality research," said Dr Rakesh Mohan. "I also hope to now get time to further my own research and writing interests focused on accelerating India's growth trajectory."

"These are exciting times and being asked to head CSEP is a great honour," said Dr Laveesh Bhandari. "I hope to further build on the path laid out by Dr Mohan and continue to strengthen CSEP's goals of contributing to India's progress through robust, unbiased and credible research."

## **About CSEP**

The Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) conducts in-depth, policy-relevant research and provides evidence-based recommendations to the challenges facing India and the world. It draws on the expertise of its researchers, extensive interactions with policymakers as well as convening power to enhance the impact of research.

Our researchers work across domains including, but not limited to, Growth, Finance & Development; Energy, Natural Resources and Sustainability; and Foreign Policy and Security. All our research and policy recommendations are freely available to the public.

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