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**PRIME MINISTER TO INAUGURATE DELHI ECONOMICS CONCLAVE 2015
TOMORROW; UNION MINISTERS, STATE CHIEF MINISTERS AND GOVERNOR,
RBI WILL BE AMONG THE KEY PARTICIPANTS**

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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Delhi Economics Conclave (DEC) 2015 here tomorrow. The theme of the DEC this year is “Realizing India’s JAM (Jan-Dhan Aadhar Mobile) Vision”. The Session will have Inaugural Address by the Prime Minister followed by Opening Remarks from the Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley. Other dignitaries to participate in the Inaugural Session include Minister of State for Finance, Shri Jayant Sinha and Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) among others.

In the opening Plenary Session on ‘International and Indian Experience and Future’, Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman, Niti Ayog will be in the chair. Prof. Brian Forde, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Mr. Luis Henrique Paiva from Brazil would be among the key Speakers. Shri Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Cabinet Secretary will speak on ‘Indian Experience’.

In the second Plenary Session, on ‘The benefits and risks of biometric authentication-evidence from social programs in India’ Shri Yaduvendra Mathur, Chairman, EXIM Bank will be in the Chair. Prof. Karthik Muralidharan, Professor of Economics, University of California-San Diego will be the Speaker.

The Third Session in the afternoon on ‘Beneficiaries’ experiences with technology-based targeting’ will be chaired by Shri J.S. Deepak, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Communication Technology, Government of India. Mr. Paul Niehaus, Associate Professor of Economics, University of San Diego and Founder, Give Directly will be the Speaker. Mr. A. Babu, District Collector, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. A. Santhosh Mathew, Joint Secretary (Skills & IT), Ministry of Rural Development and Renana Jhabvala, SEWA Bharat President will be among the Discussants.

In the fourth Plenary Session on 'Financial Inclusion and DBT-the uncovered territory', Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance will be in Chair while Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Governor, Reserve Bank of India will be the Speaker. Shri Pawan Bakshi, Financial Services for the Poor Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder, Paytm and Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Mission Director, PMJDY will be the Discussants.

In the fifth Plenary Session on the theme 'Political economy and States' perspectives and preparedness', Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (IC) for Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will be in Chair. Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh will be the Speaker while Discussants will include Shri Ram Sewak Sharma, Chairman, TRAI, Vrinda Sarup, Secretary, Department of & Public Distribution and Sandip Sukhtankar, Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College, U.S.

The first post- tea Plenary Session will have Conversation on 'JAM+Vision for Future'. The participants will be Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser and Mr. Nandan Nilekani, former Chairman, UIDAI.

The Closing Session will have Panel Discussion on the theme of 'JAM Vision – Challenges and Way Forward' and will be moderated by the Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley. The Panelists include Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Oomen Chandy, Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (IC), MoPNG and Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance. The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, will wrap-up the discussions. With this, the one-day Conclave will come to an end.
