



India Network for Basic Income

India Network for Basic Income is a nation-wide community of researchers, scholars, journalists, and concerned citizens who are keen to explore, research and advocate the idea of Unconditional Basic Income in the Indian context. It was established in 2015 by a small group of researchers who participated in the Madhya Pradesh Basic Income Pilot Study that was done from 2011 to 2013. The study was initiated by SEWA Bharat and UNICEF India Office. The results of this study were very positive and demonstrated that basic income, if designed and implemented well, can have a strong transformative and emancipatory effect on the lives of the poor. It is this conviction that propelled this small group to begin to talk about this big idea to more people, and that's how INBI was formed.

INBI's main objectives

1. To promote the idea of basic income by means of spreading awareness about it through publications, short films and other media
2. To conduct rigorous scientific research in order to generate evidence regarding the impact of basic income on households living in poverty
3. To conduct outreach activities such as seminars, talks, conferences at local as well as national level to stimulate and strengthen public conversation about basic income
4. To collaborate and work closely with local and national governments and their research organisations to explore and design different models of basic income for effective implementation
5. To collaborate with local, national and international organisations in the areas of research and advocacy of basic income, and generating awareness material

On-going Activities

1. Follow-up Study in the Tribal Village where SEWA Bharat with the support of UNICEF had conducted a pilot four years ago.
2. INBI is developing a research proposal with an International team of scholars on "Slavery, Freedom and Basic Income". INBI is collaborating with Dr. Neil Howard of University of Antwerp, Belgium, and Dr. Sam Okeyere of University of Nottingham, England.
3. INBI is collaborating with SEWA Madhya Pradesh to design and run a Basic Income Awareness Campaign in 10 districts in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
4. INBI is a member of Basic Income Earth Network's Outreach Committee, and undertakes activities pertaining to outreach with current and potential BIEN members in Asia and the Pacific.
5. INBI will be hosting the 18th World Congress of the Basic Income Earth Network in India in September 2019.

International Advisory Board

INBI has constituted an International Advisory Board comprising of six members. The list of members and their institutional affiliation is given below.

Pranab Kumar Bardhan	Professor of Graduate School, Department of Economics, University of California at Berkeley.
Barbara Harriss-White	Senior Research Fellow, Area Studies, Emeritus Professor of Development Studies, Oxford University, and Professorial Research Associate with the Department of Development Studies, SOAS.
Sunil Khilnani	Professor of Politics and Director of the King's College London India Institute.
Philippe Van Parijs	Professor at the Faculty of economic, social and political sciences of the Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium. Co-founder of the Basic Income Earth Network.
Guy Standing	Professor of Development Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and co-founder of the Basic Income Earth Network.
Karl Widerquist	Associate Professor at SFS-Qatar, Georgetown University, and co-chair of Basic Income Earth Network.

Affiliation to Basic Income Earth Network

INBI received its affiliation to the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) in 2016. The affiliation was approved by BIEN's General Body when it was convened during the 16th Congress in Seoul, South Korea. INBI is now a member of BIEN's Outreach Committee and undertakes activities to support and promote new and potential groups working around the idea of Basic Income in Asia and Pacific.

Award from World Economic Forum

In 2017, INBI has received '**Best Practice in Governance Award**' from the World Economic Forum. Our story will be featured on their new web platform "New Vision for Development" to be launched in October 2017

INBI hosts 19th BIEN Congress in 2019

INBI is going to host 19th BIEN Congress in India in the month of September 2019. The Congress will bring together some of the finest thinkers who have been at the forefront of shaping the idea of universal and unconditional basic income, and also about seven to eight hundred participants from across the world..

Become a Member

Any Indian citizen can become a member of INBI. All you have to do is write to us a letter of consent. By joining the network you would only be expressing your interest in moving towards the realisation of a basic income in India. This however does not automatically mean that you would not be committing yourself to any particular variant or route to realising it. You would merely be expressing your interest in basic income, and the desire to learn more about it. As a member of the network you will be entitled to receiving all the research material and other publications produced by INBI.

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