



## **Accelerating India's Development: A State-Led Roadmap for Effective Governance**

A CASI Book Talk with Author **Karthik Muralidharan**  
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***Accelerating India's Development: A State-Led Roadmap for Effective Governance*** (Penguin, 2024) systematically analyses India's governance challenges, especially in delivering essential public services, and highlights how these are limiting India's development. Drawing on a wealth of research and practical insights, it provides actionable, evidence-based strategies, emphasizing state-level reforms as critical for India's advancement. The book is addressed to all Indians—leaders, officials, entrepreneurs, teachers, students, citizens, and civil society—and provides an urgent call to action. It argues that building a more effective state is the great unfinished task of Indian democracy, because quality public services are key to translating the political equality of “one person, one vote” into greater equality of opportunity for all Indians.



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*Light refreshments will be served*