

Profile of the Key Participants

Seema Bathla is Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She has previously worked in the Institute of Economic Growth, The Energy Research Institute and Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Delhi. She was fellow under the International Visitors Program sponsored by the US government. She obtained her M.Phil. from Delhi School of Economics and Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Professor Bathla has to her credit four books (three co-authored) and more than 50 research articles in refereed national and international journals. She is on the editorial board of Agricultural Economics Research Review and Indian Journal of Economics and Development. She has undertaken several assignments for the World Bank, IFPRI, UNCTAD, WWF-India and IASRI. She was conferred Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Outstanding Post-Graduate Agricultural Research by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi in 2008. She is also the recipient of Dr. R.T. Doshi award for best paper published in Agricultural Economics Research Review in 2014 and 2015. During recent years, she has undertaken important research studies on public and private capital formation and subsidies in Indian agriculture, agrarian change and food security, growth performance of food processing industry, multilateral and regional trade agreements in agriculture.

Pratap Singh Birthal is currently ICAR National Professor at the National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, India. He has also served the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-arid Tropics, as Principal Economist, and the Institute of Development Studies as Director. He has made significant contributions in the field of agricultural economics and policy research. His pioneering research on agricultural diversification and poverty, livestock development and policy, agri-food value chains and climate change are widely acclaimed by peers and policymakers. Dr. Birthal is a Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), and is a recipient several prestigious awards including Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Award, and Young Scientist Award from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; Recognition Award in Social Sciences from the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences; DK Desai Prize (thrice) from the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics; and RT Doshi Award (thrice) from the Agricultural Economics Research Association (India) for his outstanding contributions to social science research.

Ramesh Chand is currently Member of NITI Aayog and the Fifteenth Finance Commission (in the rank and status of Union Minister of State). He is Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics. Prior to joining NITI Aayog, he was Director National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi. In addition, Prof. Ramesh Chand is also Member of Board of Trustees (BOT) of CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center), Mexico; and the Policy Advisory Council (PAC) of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), Canberra, Australia.

Prof. Chand has authored seven books and published more than 150 research papers in reputed national and international journals in the areas of agriculture - production, growth, development policy, farmers' issues, markets and trade. He was presented Jawaharlal Nehru Award (1984) and Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Award (2006) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. He was President of the 2016 Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics held at Mumbai, India. He is also the President-elect of the Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA) 2018 scheduled to be held at NDRI, Karnal, India. He has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi.

S. Mahendra Dev has been the Director and Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) in Mumbai, India since 2010. Prior to this position, he was Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, Ministry of Agriculture from 2008 to 2010. He was Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, India for 9 years from 1999 to 2008. He is Vice Chairman of the *Board of Trustees of International Food Policy Research Institute*, Washington, D.C. He received prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for outstanding research work on development studies. He is currently the President of the Indian Economic Association. He was conference President of the Indian Society of Labour Economics in 2017.

He has around 130 research publications in national and international journals. He has written or edited 21 books. He has been a consultant and adviser to many international organizations, such as UNDP, World Bank, IFPRI, UNESCO, ILO, FAO, and ESCAP. He was member of several working groups for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Five-Year Plans in India. He received his Ph.D. from the Delhi School of Economics and did his postdoctoral research at Yale University. He received honorary doctorate (D.Litt) from the Acharya Nagarjuna University.

Pramod K. Joshi is the director for South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute. Previous to this, he held the position of the director of the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad, India. His areas of research include technology policy, market, and institutional economics. Dr Joshi has received the Professor R.C. Agrawal Lifetime Award of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics and Dr MS Randhawa Memorial Award of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He is the fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Indian Society of Agriculture Economics. Dr Joshi has also served as the chairman of the SAARC Agricultural Centre's governing board in Dhaka, Bangladesh and UN-CAPSA governing board in Bogor. He served as the member of the intergovernmental panel on the World Bank's International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development; International Steering Committee for the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Challenge Program of CGIAR.

A. Narayanamoorthy is currently working as Member (Official), Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. He is on deputation from Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu, where he was working as Senior Professor and Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development. Earlier, he worked with Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune and Madras Institute of Development Studies, Madras. He specializes in the areas of irrigation including micro-irrigation, farm economics and benefit-cost analysis. Narayanamoorthy has published nine books (including from Routledge and Springer), three mimeographs and over 200 research papers in well recognised journals. He has completed several research projects sponsored by the national and international agencies. He is a recipient of the prestigious Professor Ramesh Chandra Agrawal Award of excellence, awarded for the outstanding contribution in the field of agricultural economics by Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has also awarded the coveted NABARD Chair Professor position to him. He also worked as Member of the policy committees constituted by the Government of India, New Delhi. Dr. Narayanamoorthy's current 'h' index is 24.

Mihir Shah has spent the past three decades living and working in remote, central tribal India, forging a new paradigm of inclusive and sustainable development, and strengthening Indian democracy through initiatives for people's empowerment, led by women. From 2009 to 2014, he was Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, holding the portfolios of Water Resources, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. He is the youngest ever Member of the Planning Commission. Dr. Shah was chiefly responsible for drafting the paradigm shift in the management of water resources enunciated in the 12th Five Year Plan.

After teaching for some years at the Centre, he resigned to explore fresh terrain beyond the ivory towers of conventional academia, which culminated in 1990 in the formation of Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS). Inspired by the life and work of Baba Amte, SPS is today one of the largest grass-roots initiatives for water and livelihood security. Dr. Shah is a Founding Signatory of the Geneva Actions on Human Water Security, 2017. He is the first President of the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation, set up by the Government of India to support innovative civil society action in close partnership with state governments. His papers have been published extensively in pre-eminent journals.

Manoj Panda is Director of Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi since November 2012. He is a member of the National Statistical Commission. He earlier served as Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad and as Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Indian Statistical Institute. He has spent a year at the Yale University, USA on a post-doctoral fellowship. His research areas span monitoring and analysis of macroeconomic trends and prospects, development of computable general equilibrium (CGE) models and applications to analysis of alternative trade and fiscal policy options, construction of Social Accounting Matrices (SAM), measurement issues in poverty and human development, linkages between macroeconomic policy and poverty reduction, and interaction of carbon emission with economic growth and its pattern. He has published his research output in several referred international and national journals and edited books.

Devesh Roy is a Senior Research Fellow with a system wide program of Agriculture for Nutrition and Health based in International Food Policy Research Institute office in New Delhi. He earned his PhD from University of Maryland College Park specializing in international trade. Prior to that, he earned his master's degree from Delhi School of Economics. His main area of research is agricultural markets where he focuses on the issues related to food safety. Recently he has started working on Food Systems for healthier diets. He has published several journal articles in the areas of international trade and domestic agricultural markets. He has published a peer reviewed book on trade and Food Security in South Asia and completed another book viz. Pulses for Nutrition in India: Changing Patterns from Farm to Fork. Apart from research work he is actively engaged in capacity strengthening, taking classes on issues and methods for young researchers. He has conducted training particularly on empirical trade analysis, food safety assessment and impact evaluation.

Sukhpal Singh is Professor, Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and Former Director General, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) Chandigarh. He is founding co-editor, Millennial Asia-an intl. journal of Asian studies. He has 12 books, the latest being: Institutional innovations in the delivery of farmer services in India (2018, Springer), and more than 130 research papers in international/national journals/edited books.

He was a visiting fellow at the IDS, Sussex, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, the University of Manchester; and the Copenhagen Business School, and a member of various committees/working groups of the Planning Commission/NITI of India, the National Development Council, the Food Safety Standards Authority of India, and the EC of the Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). He is a member of the expert group on agriculture and allied activities of the Niti Aayog, standing working group on agri and allied sectors of Chattisgarh Planning Commission, and the committee for FPO policy for Punjab and committee on MSP and other mechanisms for farmers in Chhatisgarh. He has provided research support to international agencies like ADB, FAO, ILO, ICCO, IFAD, International Trade Centre of the UN, Traidcraft, and the World Bank.

Suresh Chandra Babu is a Senior Fellow and Head of Capacity Strengthening at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, D.C. He is also an Extraordinary Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Before joining IFPRI as a research fellow in 1992, Babu was a research economist at Cornell University. He has published 20 books and monographs and more than 100 peer-reviewed journal papers on food and agricultural policies in developing countries. Over the for the past 30 years, he has trained more than 10,000 professionals in food, nutrition, agricultural and natural resource policy analysis through face to face courses in more than 50 countries. Dr. Babu received his Ph.D. and M.S. both in Economics from Iowa State University, where he was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award for his services to global development. He completed his M.Sc. (Ag) in Agricultural Economics from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and B.Sc (Ag) from Annamalai University in Tamil Nadu, India.

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