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SPECIAL EVENT

From Agricultural Growth to Farmer's Income: Reforms in Policy, Technology and Institutions

Venue- IIC, Delhi | Date- July 8, 2026 | Time- 6:00 P.M-8:00 P.M

Concept Note

The average growth rate of Indian agriculture has been an impressive four per cent in the last decade or so. However, the same has not translated into a corresponding increase in farmers' income. This has serious implications since the proportion of the population employed in the sector is almost half.

In addition to the traditional output price support (MSP and procurement) and input subsidies (fertilizer, power and credit) for agriculture, several programs have been launched in the last decade relating to irrigation (PMKSY), soil fertility (Sol Health Card scheme), risk mitigation (PMFBY), marketing (e-NAM), deficiency payments (PM-AASHA) and direct benefit transfers (PM KISAN).

There are several state-level initiatives, such as Rythu Bandhu, KALIA, etc. However, the effectiveness of these programs in improving farmers' incomes has not been to the same extent as increasing the growth rate of agriculture and production of several commodities. There have been initiatives to increase private participation through Model Acts (e.g., the Model APLM Act 2017), but states' implementation record has been mixed.

On the other hand, heightened uncertainty in global food markets due to wars has increased the importance of food production. Can India leverage its vast diversity of agro-climatic conditions and resources to dovetail its production systems to meet the increasing global demand? Can an appropriate trade policy be formulated to enable a transition to export-led growth in agriculture? Most importantly, can the ‘traditional’ Lewisian structural transformation (or Lewis model), be delayed or even avoided? Can the surplus labour be retained in agriculture for increasing food production (for meeting world demand), rather than shifting it out to a ‘high-productivity’, ‘modern’ industrial sector?

Given that agriculture is a state subject under the Indian Constitution, is there a need for forums where the Union and the states can engage in meaningful discussions to evolve a consensus on policy formulation and implementation in agriculture and rural development?

In this backdrop, the following issues assume importance for realising better incomes to farmers

- Reforms in the output, input and factor markets, and trade policy
- Technological options available and the enabling policies for their adoption
- Reforms needed in the current institutional framework

IEG is organising a special event to deliberate on these critical issues on the 8th of July at the India International Centre, New Delhi on the Eve of Founder’s Day

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Registration & Tea	5:45 P.M - 6:00 P.M
Welcome Remarks <i>Director, Institute of Economic Growth</i>	6:00 P.M - 6:10 P.M
Introductory Remarks <i>Head, Agricultural Economics Research Unit, IEG</i>	6:10 P.M - 6:15 P.M
Keynote Address <i>Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman, PM-EAC</i>	6:15 P.M - 6:30 P.M
Special Address <i>Prof. Ramesh Chand, Distinguished Professor, ICRIER, Former Member NITI Aayog</i>	6:30 P.M - 6:45 P.M
Question & Answer	6:45 P.M - 7:00 P.M
Panel Discussion <i>Moderator- Prof. CSC Sekhar, IEG</i> <u>Panelists</u> <i>Prof. A .Ganesh Kumar, CACP</i> <i>Dr. Raka Saxena, NITI Aayog</i> <i>Prof. Pratap Singh Birthal, RIS</i>	7:00 P.M - 7:45 P.M
Question & Answer	7:45 P.M - 8:00 P.M
Vote of Thanks- Prof. Balaji SJ	8:00 P.M - 8:02 P.M
Dinner	