

List of Previous Dr. V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture

Sl. No.	Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
1.	20 th January 2025	Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Social Science Research for Sustainable Future
2.	20 th January 2024	Prof. Ram Singh, Director and Senior Professor, Delhi School of Economics	Determinants of Reported Taxable Income: Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income?
3.	20 th January 2023	Dr. J.K. Bajaj, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi	Social Science Research in India
4.	7 th September 2022	Dr. C. Rangarajan, Former Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Former Governor, RBI, Chairman, Madras school of Economics	India's Economic Journey since Independence
5.	20 th January 2021	Prof. Kunal Sen, Dr.V.K.R.V. Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, Director of UNU-WIDER & Professor of Development Economics, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester	Finance, Gender and Entrepreneurship - India's Informal Sector Firms
6.	20 th January 2020	Dr. D. Narayana, Former Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram and Vice President, Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Bengaluru	National Pension System, Consumption and Growth
7.	21 st January 2019	Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru	The Importance of Ethics in Life
8.	19 th January 2018	Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India	Challenges & Opportunities Facing Indian Agriculture
9.	20 th January 2017	Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kerala	Changing Political Landscape of India and Contemporary Trends
10.	20 th January 2016	Prof. Amit Bhaduri, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Nationalism and Economic Development of India
11.	9 th February 2015	Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR & Former Chairman of University Grants Commission	On Inclusive Growth – Inequalities – Poverty Linkages
12.	22 nd May 2014	Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University (Formerly at JNU)	The Importance of being Rurban: Tracking Modernity in a Traditional Society
13.	31 st August 2012	Prof. Pranab Bardhan, Professor of Graduate School Dept. of Economics, University of California, Berkeley	Corruption : When Preaching Piety is Not Enough
14.	20 th January 2011	Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Professor in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Paradox of Rapid Growth and Persistent Poverty : A Tale of Two Countries
15.	20 th January 2010	Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya former Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi	The Concept of Civilization in the Nationalist Discourse: Mahatma Gandhi to Jawaharlal Nehru
16.	16 th February 2009	Shri Nandan M.Nilekani Co-Chairman, INFOSYS	India at the Crossroads: The Choices Before Us
17.	20 th January 2008	Prof. André Béteille Former Chairman, ICSSR	The Present Significance of Caste
18.	20 th January 2007	Prof. Narendra Jadhav, Vice-Chancellor University of Pune	Economic and Social Change in India: The Emerging Role of Higher Education
19.	20 th January 2006	Prof. C.R. Rao, Eberly Family Chair in Statistics, Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University	Statistics: A Gateway of Knowledge
20.	20 th January 2005	Prof. Ramachandra Guha Historian and Biographer	Verdicts on Nehru: The Rise and Fall of A Reputation
21.	20 th January 2004	Dr. K.S. Krishnaswamy, Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India	Prospects of Growth with Social Justice



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by

Prof. Ramesh Chand

Member NITI Aayog
Government of India
New Delhi

on

***“Viksit Bharat and Viksit States:
What Role for Agriculture?”***

Tuesday, 20th January 2026 at 11.00 a.m.
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Presidential Remarks

Dr. Ashok Dalwai, I.A.S.(Retd.)

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PROGRAMME

Welcome Address : **Prof. Parmod Kumar**
Acting Director, ISEC

Presentation of

- Prof. R.S. Deshpande
Award for Research in Agricultural Economics
- Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa Endowment Prize
- Mrs. Jameela Bibi Endowment Prize
- Ph.D. Degree Award Certificates
- Felicitation of an employee competing 25 years of service
- Release of Books

Founders' Day Lecture : **Prof. Ramesh Chand**
Member NITI Aayog
Government of India
New Delhi

Presidential Remarks : **Dr. Ashok Dalwai, I.A.S. (Retd.)**
Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC

Vote of Thanks : **Prof. Sunil Nautiyal**
Professor, CEENR

About Prof V.K.R.V.Rao



Padma Vibhushana Prof. Vijayendra Kasturi Ranga Varadaraja Rao was a multifaceted personality - Economist, Educationist, Administrator and Institution builder. After collegiate education in Bombay, he obtained a Ph.D in Economics from Cambridge University, UK in 1936. Commencing with his first professional employment as Lecturer in Economics at Wilson College, Bombay, Dr VKRV Rao has held various prestigious academic and administrative positions such as Vice Chancellor of Delhi University, Planning Commission Member, Union Cabinet Minister, first for Shipping and Transport and then for Education and Youth Services. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1974 for his services to the country. Prof. Rao was the founder of Delhi School of Economics and Institute of Economic Growth at New Delhi and Institute for Social and Economic Change at Bengaluru. ISEC celebrates Founders' Day on 20th January every year to commemorate Prof. Rao's contribution to the field of Social Sciences, in general and to ISEC, in particular. The Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Memorial Lecture is organised along with a celebration of Founders' Day on an annual basis.

About Prof. Ramesh Chand



Prof. Ramesh Chand is Member of National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog, the apex think-tank of Government of India. In addition, he is also member of the Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) of the CGIAR and member of the Policy Advisory Council (PAC) of the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). In the past, he was Member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission of Government of India, Member of Board of Trustees of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico and Member of Global Future Council on the Future of Food Security and Agriculture, World Economic Forum for 2016-18 term. Prof. Chand has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, India. He has been actively involved in policy research formulation in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors, food security, nutrition, science policy, impact analysis, food systems etc. and has worked in senior academic positions at National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, Institute of Economic Growth and Punjab Agricultural University. He was Visiting Professor at University of Wollongong, NSW Australia and at Institute of Developing Economies, Chiba Shi, Japan. He has also been Consultant with international organizations such as FAO, UNDP, ESCAP, UNCTAD, Commonwealth and World Bank. Prof. Chand has authored seven books and published more than 100 research papers in reputed national and international journals in the areas of agriculture growth and development, demand and supply, food policy, farmers' issues, agricultural markets and trade. In recognition of his contributions, Prof. Ramesh Chand has received several national and international awards.