

34TH ANNUAL AERA CONFERENCE

CGIAR Policy Innovation Hub's Special Session on REIMAGINING INDIA'S FERTILIZER POLICY LANDSCAPE: FROM PRICE MANAGEMENT TO AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAINS TRANSFORMATION

14 OCTOBER 2026 | 11:30 – 13:00
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, PUDUCHERRY

AGENDA

TIME	PROGRAM
CHAIRS: Prof. S. Mahendra Dev , Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) Dr. P.K. Joshi , President, Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA), India	
11:30 – 11:35	Welcome and Framing: Rethinking India's fertilizer policy — from price management to resilience and nutrient security
	Dr. Anjani Kumar , Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Dr. Mamata Pradhan , Senior Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
11:35 – 12:35	Moderated Panel Discussion: Rethinking India's Fertilizer Policy Landscape: From Price Management to Market Resilience and Nutrient Security
	Shri. Chhabilendra Roul , Former Secretary, Government of India Dr. Prem Chand , Member, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, Government of India Dr. Smita Sirohi , MS Swaminathan Chair ICAR-National Professor, ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research Dr. Amit Rastogi , Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, Coromandel International Limited Smt. Priyanka Uday , Associate Director, Agriculture Research and Advisory, CRISIL Limited

	Prof. Seema Bathla , <i>Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University</i>
12:35 – 12:45	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A (Audience response form on screen – please ask audience to scan QR and submit their responses)</i>
12:45 – 12:55	Remarks by Chairs
	Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, <i>Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)</i> Dr. P.K. Joshi, <i>President, Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA)</i>
12:55 – 13:00	Vote of Thanks Dr. Shalander Kumar, <i>Deputy Global Research Program Director, Enabling Systems Transformation Program & Cluster Leader, Markets, Institutions and Policies, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</i>