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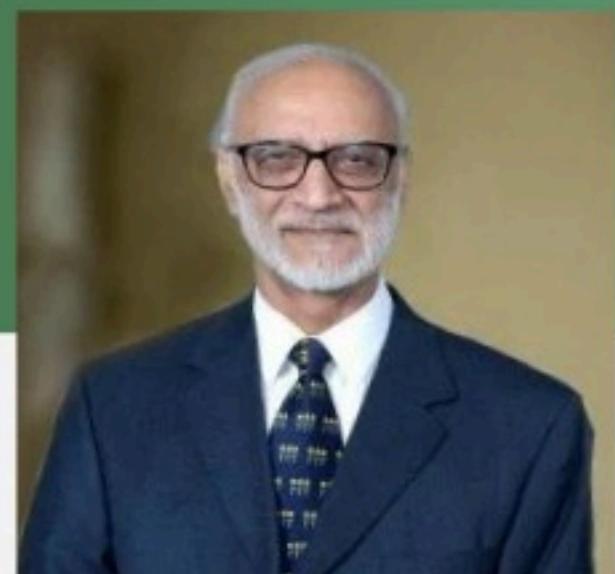
Swastibhavatu Lecture Series  
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### Feeding India while protecting Nature- The Role of Agri-Policies and New Technologies

Date: 9 January 2026

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Venue: Outreach Auditorium, IIT Kanpur



Speaker

**Prof. Ashok Gulati**

Indian Council for Research on  
International Economic Relations (ICRIER)

### Context

India has made extraordinary progress in achieving food security, feeding a population of 1.45 billion people, moving from chronic shortages to providing free rice or wheat to over 800 million people through sustained policy, technological, and institutional interventions. Yet this success has come with growing stress on the country's natural resource endowment—soil, water, air, and biodiversity—which now threatens the long-term sustainability of agriculture. This talk is set against the urgent need to reconcile food security with ecological regeneration. It will examine how regenerative agriculture, supported by precision farming technologies and well-aligned agricultural policies, can restore natural systems while improving farmer incomes. The discussion will also highlight the importance of partnerships across stakeholders in shaping a sustainable pathway for Indian agriculture.

### About The Speaker

Dr. Ashok Gulati is Distinguished Professor at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and is a leading authority on agricultural and economic policy. He has served as Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Director at IFPRI, Independent Director on the boards of RBI, NABARD and NCDEX, and as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. He is a Padma Shri awardee (2015).

High Tea at 4:45 PM