

# Dr. Ramesh Chand

**Current status:** Independent Agrifood Economist, Policy expert and strategic thinker.

## Positions held

- Member of National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog, the apex think-tank of Government of India, in the rank and status of Union Minister of state. Sept 2015 to April 2026.
- Chairman of the Governing Body of Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, New Delhi. April 2022 to April 2025.
- Director, National Institute for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, April 2010 to Sept 2015.
- ICAR National Professor in Agricultural Economics, National Institute for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, June 2005 to April 2010.

## International Experience and Recognitions

- Member of Integrated Partnership Board, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). October 2024 till date.
- Board member, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C. since Feb. 2025.
- Member of the Policy Advisory Council (PAC) of the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), in Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Govt of Australia.
- Member of Board of Trustees of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico, 2016 to 2023.
- National Convener, India, for U.N. Food System initiative.
- Member of Global Future Council on the Future of Food Security and Agriculture, World Economic Forum for 2016-18 term.
- Visiting Professor at University of Wollongong, NSW Australia, 2000 and at Institute of Developing Economies, 2003 Chiba Shi, Japan.
- Consultant with international organizations such as FAO, UNDP, ESCAP, UNCTAD, Commonwealth, and World Bank.

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 and formulation in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors, food security, nutrition, science policy, impact analysis, and food systems. Generated and promoted innovative ideas for transforming agriculture.