



Workshop on Medium Term Outlook for India's Food Sector

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Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi

[Summary of the Workshop](#)

- 09:00am **Registration and coffee**
- 9:30am–10:00am **Inauguration of the Workshop**
Welcome Remarks, Dr Shekhar Shah, *Director General, NCAER*
Inaugural address, Mr Ashish Bahuguna, *Secretary, Department of
Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture*
Comments on Agricultural Reports, Peter Kenmore, *FAO, New Delhi*
- 10.00am–11:30am **Session 1: Overview and Outlook for Foodgrains**
**Chair: Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner,
Ministry of Agriculture**
Opening Remarks by Chair
- 10.05am-10.20am: Overview of the Trends and Patterns in
the Development of India's Food Sector**
Dr Shashanka Bhide, *NCAER* [[Presentation](#)]
- 10.20-11.20am: Outlook for Foodgrains**
- Prospects and Challenges in foodgrain sector by Dr Ashok Gulati, *Chair Professor, Agriculture and Ms. Shweta Saini, Consultant, ICRIER, New Delhi* [[Presentation](#)]
 - Discussant Comments by Prof. Parmod Kumar, *Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore* [[Presentation](#)]
 - General discussion
- 11.20-11.30am: Final comments by Chair**
- 11.30am–11:45am **Tea**

11:45am–1:15pm **Session 2: Outlook for Fruits and vegetables, focusing on potatoes and onions**

Chair: Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, National Horticulture Mission, Ministry of Agriculture

Opening Remarks by Chair

11.50am-1.00 pm:

- Presentation by Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, *Deputy Director General, Horticulture, ICAR* [[Presentation](#)]
- Presentation on Onion Markets by Prof. P.G. Chengappa, *ICAR National Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore* [[Presentation](#)]
- Presentation on Issues in Onion Markets by Dr. Rajesh Chadha, *Senior Fellow, NCAER* [[Presentation](#)]
- General discussion

1.00-1.15 pm: Final comments by Chair

1:15pm–2:00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm–3.20pm **Combined Session on Edible Oils Sector Outlook, Dairy Sector and Marketing Channels**

Chair: Dr Mruthyunjaya, Former Director, National Centre for Agricultural Policy and Research (NCAP), New Delhi

2.05-2.45pm

- Presentation on the Edible Oils and Oilseeds Sector, by Vijay Sardana, *Independent Director, ACE Commodities & Derivatives Exchange Ltd. anchored by Kotak Mahindra Group*
- Outlook for the Dairy Sector by Mr. T.N. Datta, *General Manager (SA & S Group), NDDB, Anand* [[Presentation](#)]
- Presentation on New Marketing Channels in Agricultural Commodities by Dr. Nilabja Ghosh, *Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi* [[Presentation](#)]

2.45-3.10pm

- Comments by Ms. Nidhi Nath Srinivas, *Chief Marketing Officer, NCDEX*
- General discussion

3.10-3.20pm: Final comments by Chair

3.20pm–3:40pm **Tea**

3.40pm–5.00pm **Combined Session on Outlook for Input Sectors and Outlook for Sugarcane and Sugar**

Opening Remarks by Chair: Dr. Ashok Gulati, *Chair Professor, Agriculture, ICRIER, New Delhi*

3.40-4.20 pm

- Presentation on Trends in Input Sectors by Dr. Vaishali Chopra, *Rabobank, Gurgaon* [[Presentation](#)]
- Presentation by Mr. Roshan Lal Tamak, *Olam Agro India Ltd., Gurgaon* [[Presentation](#)]

4.20-4.45 pm

- Comments by Ms. Nidhi Nath Srinivas, *Chief Marketing Officer, NCDEX*
- Comments by Dr. Mruthyunjaya, *Former Director, National Centre for Agricultural Policy and Research (NCAP), New Delhi*
- General discussion

4.45-5.00 pm: Final comments by Chair

5.00pm

Closing Session

Vote of thanks by Dr Shashanka Bhide, *NCAER*

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