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Employment:

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Associate Professor, 1995-2003
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Education:

Ph.D, Agricultural and Applied Economics, 1989
University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

M. A. in Economics, First Class, 1982
Delhi School of Economics, Delhi.

B. A. (Hons) in Economics, First Class, 1980
University of Delhi, Delhi.

Research Areas:

Risk and Insurance in Agriculture
Agricultural Markets
Food Policy
Technology Supply and Diffusion in Agriculture

Visiting Faculty Positions:

Department of Agricultural and Environmental Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, U.S.A. (1989/90);

Department of Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden (1992, 1993, 1999);

Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (1996).

Honours:

Invited Keynote Paper, 62nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, December, 2002.

University of Minnesota Doctoral Fellowship, 1989.

Sriram Traveling Fellowship, 1981.

Centre for Advanced Study Scholarship, 1980-82.

Referee:

American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Bulletin of Economic Research

European Review of Agricultural Economics

Indian Economic Review

Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics

Journal of Quantitative Economics

Review of Development Economics

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Publications:

[21] Aggregation in Area-Yield Crop Insurance: The Linear Additive Model, (with T. Roe), Accepted for Publication, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

[20] Reforming Food Subsidies: Estimating the Gains from Self-Selection (with B. Dutta), Accepted for Publication, *Review of Development Economics*.

[19] Plant Biotechnology, Policy Response and Governance: The Indian Case, forthcoming in Le, Parrott and Freed, (ed.) *Plant biotechnology: perspectives from developing countries and partners; Towards global strategy, partnership and action plan for food security and poverty alleviation*, FAO, and the World Bank, 2003

[18] Labor Income and Risky Investments (with H. Andersson and B.S. Ramamurtie), 2003, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 50, 477-493.

[17] Food Prices and the Efficiency of Public Intervention: The Case of the Public Distribution System in India (with P. Balakrishnan), 2002, *Food Policy*, 27, 419-436.

[16] Understanding the Seed Industry: Contemporary Trends and Analytical Issues, 2002, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Conference Number, 57 (3): 417-429.

[15] Efficiency and Equity of Food Market Interventions, 2002, Special Article, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 37 (12): 1129-1135.

[14] Dissemination of Private Hybrids and Crop Yields in the Semi-Arid Tropics of India, (with C. Pray and T. Kelley), 2002, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 57 (1): 39-51.

[13] The Impact of Economic Reforms on R&D by the Indian Seed Industry (With C. Pray and T. Kelley), 2001, *Food Policy* 26 (6): 587-598.

- [12] Liberalization's Impact on the Indian Seed Industry: Competition, Research and Impact on Farmers (with C. Pray), 2001, *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, 2 (3/4): 407-420.
- [11] Targeting and Efficiency in the Public Distribution System: Case of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, (with B. Dutta), 2001, Special Article, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XXXVI (18), 1524-1532.
- [10] Forecasting Errors in the Absence of a Futures Market: Assessing the Speculative Efficiency of the Indian Wheat Market, June 2000, *Review of Development Economics*, 4 (2), 184-193.
- [9] Analyzing Public Intervention in Foodgrains Markets, (with P. Balakrishnan), N. Krishnaji and T. N. Krishnan (ed) *Public Support for Food Security*, pp 117-143, New Delhi: Sage, 2000.
- [8] Economic Reforms in Agriculture and Rural Growth, (with A. Kotwal) in J. D. Sachs, A. Varshney and N. Bajpai (ed), *India in the Era of Economic Reforms*, pp 121-159, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- [7] Economic Reforms of Agriculture and Rural Growth (with A. Kotwal), 1998, *Journal of Policy Reform*, 2, 369-402.
- [6] The Quality of the Public Distribution System: Why it Matters (with P. Balakrishnan), 1997, Special Article, *The Economic and Political Weekly*, XXXII (4), 162-165.
- [5] Public Intervention and Private Speculation: The Case of Wheat Procurement (with P. Balakrishnan), 1995, *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, 11, (2), 59-83.
- [4] Supply Response to Agricultural Insurance: Risk Reduction and Moral Hazard Effects, 1993, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 75: 914-925.
- [3] Production Risk and Optimal Input Decisions, 1992, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 74: 860-69.
- [2] Crop Insurance in Incomplete Markets (with T. Roe), 1992, in *Contributions to Insurance Economics*, 291-306, Ed. G. Dionne, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston.
- [1] A Framework for Seed Policy Analysis in Developing Countries (with C. Pray), 1990, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C. Portions reprinted in *Agricultural and Food Marketing in Developing Countries: Selected Readings*, 306-322, Ed. J. Abbot, CAB International, Oxford, 1993.

Book Reviews:

Globalization and Development Studies, Ed. F. J. Schuurman, Vistaar Publications, Forthcoming, The Book Review.

Globalization Unmasked, J. Petras and H. Veltmeyer, Madhyam Books, Forthcoming, The Book Review.

Food Policy and the Indian State: The Public Distribution System in South India, Jos Mooij, Oxford University Press, The Book Review 2001.

Weakening Welfare: The Public Distribution of Food in India, M. Swaminathan, LeftWord Books, The Book Review, 2001.

Analytical Development Economics, K. Basu, Oxford University Press, Indian Economic Review, XXXIII: 105-106.

Unpublished Manuscripts:

[3] Do Small Farmers Gain from Contract Farming? Conceptual Considerations, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C., 2003.

[2] Risk Management in Agriculture (with S. Ravi and S. D. Chopra), Paper written for Millennium Studies of the Ministry of Agriculture, 2003.

[1] Seasonal price risk and the cost of storage: Potato markets in India and the United States, (with K. Fuglie), July 2001.

Professional Talks:

Conference on Markets for the Poor Farmer, International Development Enterprises and India Development Foundation, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, June 2003.

Workshop on Grain Policy, Delhi School of Economics, February, 2003

Final Seminar on State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, February, 2003.

Keynote Speaker, 62nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, December, 2002.

South Asia Initiative Conference (IFPRI) on Agricultural Diversification in South Asia, Bhutan, November, 2002.

Department of Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden, November, 2002.

Symposium on Plant Biotechnology: Towards Global Strategy, Partnership and Action Plan for Food Security and Poverty Alleviation, Indianapolis, U.S.A., November, 2002.

Annual Meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association, Chicago, U.S.A., August 2001.

Conference on the Changing Role of Agricultural Research in the Era of Globalization, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, March 2000.

National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, January 2000.

Global Conference on Potato, CIP and CPRI symposium on Marketing, Lead Speaker in Session on Potato Storage, Processing and Marketing, New Delhi, December 1999

Department of Economics, Agricultural University of Norway, Aas, Norway, June 1999

National Centre for Agricultural Policy, Delhi, February 1999.

Meetings of the Econometric Society for India and South East Asia, Delhi, December 1998.
Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, August 1997.
First Conference on Recent Advances in Quantitative Applications to Economics, Bangalore, March 1997.
Department of Agricultural Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 1996.
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, May 1996.
Seminar on Food Security and the Public Distribution System, Planning Commission, April 1995.
Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, April 1994.
Meetings of the India and South East Asia Meetings of the Econometric Society, Mumbai, December 1992.
6th Conference on Economic Theory and Policy, Indian Statistical Institute, January 1991.
National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi, August 1990.
Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre, Delhi, March 1990.
Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, March 1990.
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, February 1990.
Centre for Management in Agriculture, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, February 1990.
Department of Agricultural Economics, Rutgers University, New Jersey, November 1989.
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley, April 1989.
Risk Theory Seminar, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 1989.
Annual Meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, August 1988.

Discussant/External Expert:

Inception workshop on the Roles of Agricultural Project, FAO/Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, September 2002.
Analysis of Market Reforms and Food Security – A Methodology Workshop, IFPRI/Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, July 2002.
Workshop on Economic Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands, October 2000.
Expert for Technical Session on Food Security, Seminar on WTO Agreement on Agriculture, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, June, 2000.

Popular Articles and Talks:

Talk on Intellectual Property Rights, Lady Shriram College for Women, September 2002.

Ending the Glut of Hunger, Outlook Newsmagazine, March 2002.

Are Some Indians Getting Poorer, The Economic Times, February 2002.

Surplus Food: What's to be done?, The Economic Times, September 2000.

The Issue Price Problem, The Economic Times, April 2000.

Talk on India's Seed Industry, Seed Association of India, New Delhi, August 1998.

Talk on India's Seed Industry, Seedsmen Association, Hyderabad, August 1998.

Conservation of Historic Housing: Is the Market the Enemy? (with A. Sen), Prahari, The Journal of the Conservation Society of Delhi, September 1995.

Panel Discussion on the Indian Economy, Business India, September 1995.

Chip Off the Old Block? Policy on Foreign Investment, Business Standard, April 1995.

A Shift in Perspective, Focus of Reform Process, Business Standard, February, 1995.

Essential Commodities Act: Essential? The Economic Times, January 1994.