

TAAS Foundation Day Lecture by Dr. Prabhu Pingali

Thursday, 24 January, 2019 at 11:00 am
Dr. B.P. Pal Auditorium



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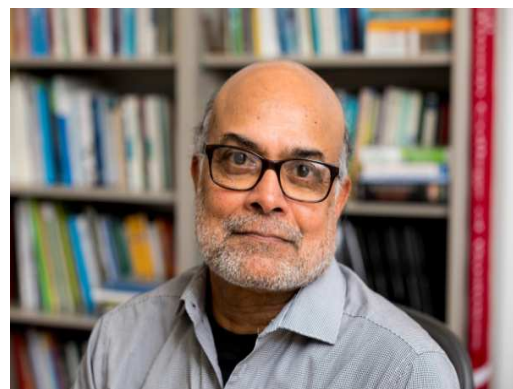
Can India Achieve SDG 2 – Eliminate Hunger and Malnutrition by 2030

This talk will examine the prospects for India achieving the Sustainable Development Goal targets for eliminating hunger and child malnutrition by 2030. It will examine the centrality of agriculture and specifically small farm productivity growth as the primary pathway for hunger reduction and nutrition improvement. Rapidly rising urban food demand, both in terms of quantity and diversity, provides new opportunities for rural income growth. However, climate change can dampen the prospects for doubling productivity growth, especially in the lagging states. Even as India works towards achieving zero-hunger, the malnutrition challenge has become even more complex with the rising obesity and non-communicable disease trends. The role of food systems in enhancing the access to nutritious food is examined as a solution to both the under nutrition and the over nutrition problems. The multi-sectoral nature of the malnutrition problem will be presented, especially the interaction with access to clean drinking water and improved sanitation. Finally, women's education and empowerment play a central role in enhancing intra-household equity in food access and improved child nutrition outcomes. This talk will present a comprehensive policy agenda for meeting the SDG goal of zero-hunger and expected to generate

lively discussion regarding Way Forward to achieve household nutrition security.

About Dr. Prabhu Pingali

Dr. Prabhu Pingali is a Professor in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University, with a joint appointment in the Division of Nutritional Sciences, and the Founding Director of the Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI). Dr. Pingali has over three decades of experience working with some of the leading international agricultural development organizations as a research economist, development practitioner and senior manager. Prior to joining Cornell, he was the Deputy Director, Agricultural Development Division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, from 2008–2013. Earlier, he was Director of Agriculture and Development Economics Division, FAO, Rome from 2002-2007. In addition, he worked with the CGIAR for 15 years at IRRI and CIMMYT. Dr. Pingali was elected as a member (Foreign Associate) of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association. He is a former President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. Dr. Pingali has written 12 books and over 120 referred journal articles and book chapters on food policy. He has



received numerous international awards for his research and professional achievements.

About the Lecture

TAAS started the foundation day lectures by the leading scientists/research managers with established record of scientific leadership. The first foundation day lecture was delivered on 17 October, 2003. This will be the 11th Foundation Day Lecture by Dr. Prabhu Pingali. A large number of scientists, faculty members and students have been benefitted from these special lectures delivered mainly on themes of global and national importance.

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