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2nd R. RADHAKRISHNA MEMORIAL LECTURE

“Some Observations on an Employment-Centered Perspective of Development”



SPEAKER

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B.P.R. Vithal Auditorium
CESS, Hyderabad

Location

Prof. R. Radhakrishna was an eminent economist, former Director and Chairman of CESS, and Vice Chancellor of Andhra University. He played key roles in national poverty estimation committees (Lakdawala and Tendulkar) and led several international development initiatives. He served as Member Secretary of ICSSR and Director/ Vice Chancellor of IGIDR, and advised institutions like the World Bank, ADB, and UNDP. He guided 25 Ph.D. scholars and published over 100 research papers on poverty, food security, and economic welfare. Honoured with the VKRV Rao Prize and Telugu Atma Gaurava Puraskaram, his legacy continues to inspire generations of scholars and policymakers.

Lecture

The lecture titled *"Some Observations on an Employment-Centered Perspective of Development"* outlines a strategic vision for India's growth, placing employment generation at the heart of the development agenda. It highlights three key pillars: promoting immediate job creation through labour-intensive industries that match the existing skill base; transforming the workforce in the medium to long term through vocational training and higher education reform to align with emerging technologies like AI; and boosting agricultural productivity sustainably by shifting towards high-value and less water-intensive crops, along with allied sectors such as dairy and fisheries. Together, these pillars aim to ensure inclusive growth and prepare India for its transition to a high-income, Viksit Bharat.

Prof. Sudipto Mundle is Chairman of the Board at the Centre for Development Studies and former Emeritus Professor at NIPFP. He served on key policy bodies including the Fourteenth Finance Commission, RBI's Monetary Policy Advisory Committee, and the National Statistical Commission. He held several positions at the Asian Development Bank, Manila, including that of a director in the strategy and policy department as his final assignment. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Yale and Joan Robinson Fellow at Cambridge. His research spans development economics, fiscal and monetary policy, governance, and interstate development. He has published several books and papers in professional journals and is a columnist for the financial newspaper *Mint*.

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