

About the Speaker



Montek Singh Ahluwalia is currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Stern School of Management, NYU. He served as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of the Government of India from 2004 to 2014. A key figure in India's economic reforms from the early 1980s onwards, he has held several important positions including Special Secretary to the Indian Prime Minister (1988–90); Commerce Secretary (1990–91); Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance (1991–93); and Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance (1993–98). He was also Member of the Planning Commission, Government of India and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (1998–2001). From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Ahluwalia worked as Director of the Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund. Mr. Ahluwalia holds a B.A. (Hons.) Economics degree from Delhi University; M.A. and M. Phil. from Oxford University.

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Sri Baru Pandu Ranga Vithal (1927-2020)



Sri B.P.R. Vithal, is the Founder Member and the first Chairman of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies. He positioned CESS as an autonomous national institution providing a platform between academicians and policy makers.

He was educated at Madrasa-e-Aliya High School, Hyderabad. In 1942 he quit his under-graduate studies at Nizam College, attended the Quit India session of the Indian National Congress in Mumbai and immersed himself in the national movement. He graduated from Madras Christian College with B.Sc. in Chemistry. He joined the Hyderabad Civil Service in 1949, and qualified for the IAS in 1950.

B.P.R. Vithal served the Planning and Finance Departments, Government of Andhra Pradesh for a continuous period of 13 years during 1969 to 1982, as Secretary and Principal Secretary. He was Deputy Chairman, A.P. State Planning Board and Member of the Tenth Finance Commission. He was also Chairman Expenditure Commission, Government of Kerala. He had a brief stint at the International Monetary Fund as Fiscal Advisor to the Governments of Sudan and Malawi. He was a Member of the K N Raj Committee on Taxation of Agricultural Income, Government of India (1969).

B.P.R. Vithal has many publications to his credit. Prominent among which are *A State in Periodic Crises - Andhra Pradesh*, (2012), *In Retrospect - A Miscellany*, (2012), *Gadgil Formula for Allocation of Central Assistance for State Plans*, (2002), and *Fiscal Federalism in India*, (2001). His research paper titled “The Telangana Surpluses: A Case Study” played an influential role in shaping the demand for a separate state of Telangana.



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Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India

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