

Obituary

Professor Ramesh Chandra Agrawal
(24 May 1936 - 19 April 2026)



The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) deeply mourns the passing of Professor Ramesh Chandra Agrawal, an eminent agricultural economist and a stalwart of the discipline whose contributions left a lasting imprint on agricultural research and policy.

Professor Agrawal had a distinguished academic career spanning more than four decades, including a tenure at Humboldt University of Berlin, where he made significant contributions to teaching, research, and international collaboration in sustainable agricultural development. His work was marked by a rare ability to bridge rigorous theoretical insights with their practical applications in policy planning and development practice. He also served as a consultant to several leading international organisations, including the United Nations, KfW, and GIZ.

In recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions, the ISAE has instituted the “Professor Ramesh Chandra Agrawal Prize Award,” which honours excellence in the field and continues to inspire scholars across generations.

Professor Agrawal will be remembered for his intellectual depth, global perspective, and unwavering commitment to advancing sustainable agricultural development. His legacy will endure through his scholarship, his students, and the institutions he helped shape.

The ISAE extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and students.