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A Story of a Social Intervention: The Promotion of Self-Reliant Organic Farming in Haryana

Speaker

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Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

Social change is multi-faceted and equally diverse are the strategies for bringing that about. This talk offers a story of trying to bring about change within civil society rather than change the state policy. It is a story of how an informal group, without external funding or a organizational structure, challenged the dominant development paradigm. It is story of a campaign that evolved from being owned by a single individual to being owned by at least a few dozen. Neither unique nor amongst the most successful ones, it is a story of challenging the Green Revolution in its heartland, in an area that does not have a history of social movements.

About the Speaker

Rajinder Chaudhary is an alumnus of Panjab University, Chandigarh, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is former Professor of Economics, M D University, Rohtak, Haryana and is presently Advisor to Kudarti Kheti Abhiyan, Haryana. Guided by an urge to find ways of making society more democratic, more just and more equitable, I have tried to combine academics with intervention at grassroots level. His doctoral thesis was on the class character of the Soviet Union. His interest in the forms of economic organization has led him to document real (not just de jure) cooperatives across states. Besides, he has actively participated in the Total Literacy Campaign, the Teachers' Movement, Self-Help Groups and now self-reliant organic farming. He has published articles in *Economic and Political Weekly*, *International Journal of Rural Management*, *Alternative Economic Survey*, *Samayik Varta*, among others.