



Colloquium: Rural Livelihoods in India: The Challenges Ahead

Speaker:

Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission of India

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Venue:

10th Floor, Auditorium, APU

A Note on the Speaker:

Dr. Mihir Shah is Member, Planning Commission of India. He is Co-Founder, Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS), one of India's largest grass-roots initiatives for water and livelihood security. He has co-authored *India's Drylands* (Oxford University Press, 1998), which showed the macro-economic significance of watershed programmes for food security and employment guarantee in India. Dr. Shah was Adviser to the Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case from 2002-2009. As Honorary Adviser to the Technical Committee on Watershed Programmes set up by the Government of India in 2006, he was largely responsible for drafting its landmark report that argues for radical reforms in India's watershed sector. In 2007 he co-founded the National Consortium of Civil Society Organisations that works to support Panchayat Raj Institutions for more effective implementation of NREGA. He writes regularly for the *Economic and Political Weekly* and *The Hindu*. More details about him are at <http://planningcommission.nic.in/aboutus/history/mirishah.htm>