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## FARM REFORMS AS IF THE AGRARIAN CRISIS MATTERED

### **Abstract:**

This talk excavates the roots of the protests against the three farm laws in the transformations wrought by the Green Revolution program of the 1950s. This program made 'productivity' the dominant though fundamentally flawed paradigm to devise and assess agricultural interventions. Addressing the agrarian crisis, consequently, requires reorienting agriculture towards an ecological and justice-oriented paradigm. An alternative, four-point framework is proposed to assess agricultural reforms emphasizing a) nutritious, culturally appropriate, affordable food for all; b) environmental restoration; c) economic well-being and dignity for farmers and laborers; and d) large-scale employment opportunities. An approach that focuses on reducing costs of cultivation can help resolve the agrarian and environmental crisis.

### **The Speaker:**

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