

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following advisory committee members provide guidance from time to time with a perspective to add significant value to the career path of graduating students.

Dr. Singh is currently the Honorary Chairman of India Natural Resource Economics and Management Foundation, which is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation committed to promoting teaching, training, and research in the field of natural resource and environmental economics. He was formerly Director, IRMA and RBI Chair Professor. He holds an M.S. and a Ph.D. degree both in agricultural economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He has to his credit over 150 publications including nine books.



Dr. Katar Singh
Former Director, IRMA
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Vinod is an Associate Professor and Chairman, Economics Area, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA). He has also been the Chairperson, Post-Graduate Program in Agribusiness Management, IIMA. He is a doctorate from the Maryland University, USA. Vinod has earlier worked with the office of Chief Economist, East Asia region, of the World Bank and was member of the core team for World Development Report 1995. He has consulted for FAO, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, USAID and Danish Agricultural Advisory Services. He teaches a variety of programmes in the areas of statistics, econometrics, micro-economics, and knowledge management.

Dr. Vinod Ahuja
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Pankaj holds a Masters degree in management from IMI, Delhi. He has over 27 years of rich experience in building successful businesses from scratch in diverse sectors like Polyolefin's, Rubber, Chemicals, Synthetic Elastomers, Telecom and Retail. In his current assignment he leads planning and execution for supply chain management, Logistics, Fresh and Hyper Stores Networking, Operations, IT, Training, HR with an intent to timely execution of projects.



Mr. Pankaj Rajpal
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Ramkrishna, a Post-Graduate in Management from IIM-Ahmedabad, is currently heading DuPont's Crop Protection (DCP) business in South Asia as the Business Director and is also a member of the board of directors of DuPont India. He has 24 years of experience in agricultural input industry including two years stint in the US in crop protection head quarters leading international project on insecticide renewals and also representing India on the global commercialization team for Indoxacarb.

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Arvind is currently Head Sourcing, Wal-mart Cash and Carry. He has spent more than 22 years in Agribusiness and has worked for Hoechst, Smithkline, Cargill, General Mills, RK Foodland, Pantaloon.



Mr. Arvind Chaudhary
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Murali is a senior retail professional. Armed with management education from IIM, Ahmedabad, he carries over 17 years of work experience with several well known corporate giants such as Lintas, Foodworld, Metro and is currently with Wal-Mart as VP – Hardlines, Home – Entertainment & Fresh Foods.



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Nishchint is a Management Graduate from IIM-Ahmedabad. He has more than 14 years of experience in Agri and Rural markets. He is currently associated with Pepsico International (Foods division), heading sourcing as Executive Vice President. He has prior experience in Monsanto India Limited in areas of Marketing, Sales & Project Management. He is credited with path breaking marketing for farmers, specially for transgenic products. He is also seen as an expert in rural distribution and setting up newer projects in agri space.

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Vinay is a Management Graduate from IIM-Ahmedabad. He is a career banker with over 27 year's experience. He has held senior management positions in multinational banks in India as well as abroad. He has contributed a number of articles in professional publications. At present he is working as Senior Vice President with DBS Bank, India.



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Alumnus of premier institutes like IIT- Kharagpur and IIM-Ahmedabad, **Mr. Patra** has more than three decades of corporate exposure. He has expertise in Rural Marketing and is a regular invitee to various National & International Forums. He has also represented the Industry in CII, PHD & FICCI Chambers. Currently, President with ACME Rural Mission.

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Ashish is a PG from IIM-Ahmedabad and an Agricultural Engineering graduate from Rajasthan Agriculture University. He has worked in Rural domain with companies like Wipro Consumer products and ITC Zeneca. He has been in Indonesia for more than eight years with world's leading forestry company and has contributed to various functions in high growth environment. Currently he is CEO with Mission Biofuels India Pvt Ltd.



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Pravin holds a Masters Degree in Human Resource Management from NMIMS, Mumbai. He is associated with the well known Multi Commodity Exchange as Assistant Vice President-HR. Pravin has spent the last 17 years in human resources domain, overseeing a whole gamut of personnel activities seen in large organisations, inclusive of mass recruitment and training. Pravin interacts with several rural management institutions in the country for their campus placement activities and has knowledge of current and future trends related to career management.

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