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Invites you to
A Talk
by

Sri. Devinder Sharma
(Food, Agriculture and Trade Policy Expert)

on

**Is the present Planning Commission
threatening India's Food Security?**

Followed by Panel Discussions
by

Political Leaders, Farmer Leaders
and Civil Society representatives

Fourth Estate Hall
Press Club, Thiruvananthapuram
05:00 pm, 21st September 2012

Please come in time. Do bring friends

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Devinder Sharma



Devinder Sharma is a distinguished food and trade policy analyst. An award-winning Indian journalist, writer, thinker, and researcher well-known and respected for his views on food and trade policy. Trained as an agricultural scientist, he was with the Indian Express, before he quit active journalism to research on policy issues concerning sustainable agriculture, biodiversity and intellectual property rights, environment and development, food security and poverty, biotechnology and hunger, and the implications of the free trade paradigm for developing countries.

He has been awarded with the honorary degree of Professor at Large by the CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur (India), and also has formerly been a Visiting Fellow to the International Rice Research Institute, in the Philippines; Visiting Fellow at the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia, Norwich (UK); and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge (UK).

The popular Indian weekly magazine The Week in its Independent Day Special (issue dated Aug 16, 2009) has listed Devinder Sharma among the 25 Most Valuable Indians, calling him 'Green Chomsky'.

Sharma is associated with numerous national and international organizations, civil society groups and farmers organisations. He is also on the board of half a dozen national and international organizations, and is also a member of the CGIAR's Central Advisory Service on Intellectual Property Rights.

He has authored four books and writes relentlessly in innumerable dailies and magazines. He also maintains a very current blog called Ground Reality, which has a huge following. He travels extensively, spending most of his time in the villages. He also uses his regular columns to disseminate the analysis among the masses. He chairs an independent collective in New Delhi, called the Forum for Biotechnology & Food Security. The Forum is a collective of some of the well-known policy makers, agriculture scientists, economists, biotechnologists, farmers and environmentalists to examine and analyses the implications and fall-out of various policy decisions, both national and international.