

## Brief Biodata



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### **Gist of the Presentation:**

#### **Understanding the Present Agrarian Crisis**

There has been considerable agrarian unrest in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and other states, where farmers have protested over falling agricultural prices. This has preceded by a long tenure of farmers' suicides across states in the past two decades. Not only that employment has been falling in agriculture, but the agrarian distress coming from not only natural calamities is borne out, but even market vagaries. The focus of my lecture would be to through light on how does one understand this distress in the light of economic policies that are followed in the post liberalisation era and the nature of structural transition that India agriculture is undergoing. What should be the policy protection and what are the structural limits to policy support for enterprises which are essentially determined by market forces? The lecture is intended to provoke the young probationers to think critically on these issues.