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SPECIAL LECTURE

on

Data Driven Policy Making



SPEAKER

SHRI ASHISH KUMAR

Former Director General,
Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India

Friday, 31 October 2025 | 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Imaginarium, Savitri Jindal Faculty Office Block, Ground Floor,
O.P. Jindal Global University

PROGRAMME

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	WELCOME REMARKS Prof Alok Pandey Professor & Vice Dean, Jindal School of Banking & Finance; Dean, Office of Career Services, O.P. Jindal Global University
3:40 pm – 3:45 pm	INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER Prof Chavi Asrani Associate Professor, Jindal School of Banking & Finance
3:45 pm – 4:40 pm	DATA DRIVEN POLICY MAKING Shri Ashish Kumar Former Director General, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India
4:40 pm – 4:55 pm	Q&A SESSION Moderated by Prof. Amlan Das Gupta Associate Professor, Jindal School of Banking & Finance
4:55 pm – 5:00 pm	CONCLUDING REMARKS Prof Nishika Bhatia Associate Professor, Jindal School of Banking & Finance

Presenter

Mr. Sankalp Agarwal and Ms Mahima Kashyap

Student, Jindal School of Banking & Finance, O.P. Jindal Global University

BIO OF SPEAKER

Shri Ashish Kumar started his professional career as an officer of Indian Statistical Service in 1977 and served for over 38 years in various capacities in Government of India and retired as Director General, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in December 2015. In his long and illustrious career, he has been involved in the base revision of national accounts statistics and other economic statistics including digitization of data collection system of the Annual Survey of Industries, collection and processing of socio-economic survey data, policy formulation and implementation of programmes for empowerment of persons with disability, development and implementation of programmes for North-eastern region and much more. He was a Senior Fellow at the NITI Aayog, pursued projects on the estimation of size and composition of digital economy and measurement of knowledge economy.

Prior to joining the NITI Aayog, Mr. Kumar was the Director of the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in Japan where he was involved in the strategic planning for capacity building of nation statistics offices in the Asia and the Pacific region.

Currently, he is associated with Pahle India Foundation, a think tank as a Distinguished Fellow. He is also an Advisor and Consultant on One Trillion Dollar Project of Government of UP. He heads three committees of Government of India: Committee for base year revision of Consumer Price Index and Screening Committee for the Grant-in-Aid proposals setup by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, and Committee to develop Gender Parity Index for corporate sector setup by Ministry of Women and Child Development. He also heads the Committee set up by the UP Government for Development of Methodology for compilation of District Domestic Product and conduct of Labour Force Survey and Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises for pilot districts. He is a member of the Advisory Committee for preparation of Investment Friendliness Index for Sate setup by NITI Aayog and Technical Advisory Group for Measurement of Knowledge Economy by MoSPI. He is on advisory panel to develop Digital Accessibility Index in rural areas of Telecom Regulatory Authority. He completed his master's in mathematical Statistics from the University of Lucknow, before going on to get a PG Diploma in Business Administration from University of Delhi and another master's in development economics from University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. He has been consultant on monitoring and evaluation and official statistics for various International and national organizations like International Fund for Agriculture Development, Food and Agriculture Organization, UNICEF, National Foundation of India etc. He has authored numerous reports and research papers which have been published in the Journal of Indian Association for Research in National Wealth, the Journal of National Sample Survey Organization, and as the Handbook of Social Statistics 2007, etc.