

A brief bio of RaviShankar, PhD

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Dr. Ravishankar is an accomplished leader at the intersection of academia & industry with unique capabilities. In the early part of his career, he excelled in academics – as a topper at the UG & PG levels. Subsequently, he was involved in teaching & research at the ICAR, MoA&FW, GoI as well as San Jose Univ in the USA. In a short span of five years, he made more than 25 publications pertaining to policy making in Agricultural Economics both nationally & internationally.

He then transitioned to industrystraddling AMEX to Blackstone to Dell to GE to PwC in Data Science related leadership roles in the Indo-US corrido for over two decades but never losing touch with academia. Amidst his unrelenting corporate life, he continued guiding students, team members, attending seminar / conferences, delivering keynotes and special guest lectures at various institutes of eminence in India, US & Middle East.

He also specializes in IR4.0 technologies & data driven AI enabled transformation especially in the Agricultural, BFSI, Education, Healthcare, and the IT sector. He crafts learning journeys and delivers AI-ML courses for CXO's in the Healthcare, BFSI and Retail/CPG verticals. Over the last seven years, Ravi has designed & delivered over 1800 hours of corporate training programs & master classes in areas relating to AI-ML. He is also a marquee key note speaker. Recently (July 2025) he was invited to deliver a master class on 'Prompt Engineering' by Salesforce at their annual 'Great India Summit'.

Currently a Visiting Professor, at leading business schools in India & abroad including the prestigious **ISB** & Singapore Management University (**SMU**). At the ISB, Ravi continues to deliver a popular on demand course on "Leadership with AI" (14 cohorts over 2 years totaling 540 global senior executives). Ravi specializes in teaching Strategic AI Leadership, AI Business Adoption, Computer Vision and Deep Learning. He also consults & drives Data Science driven Digital Transformation initiatives at Fortune 1000 firms.

Dr. Ravi Shankar is also an entrepreneur, mentor & investor in the AgFood Tech &

rural impact startup eco systems. He is also involved in fostering FPOs/ FPCs at scale and driving innovation & technology adoption in the Indian Agriculture community across Ag-Food value systems. He is also a seasoned AgTech mentor with numerous accelerators & incubators including UASB & UASD, C-CAMP, Ah Ventures, Antennae Ventures, FAAD network (Agrimunch), A-Idea NAARM (AgriUdaan), AgFoodTech360, FKCCI startup's, TiE Bangalore, & Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM). He continues to contribute to the overall growth & development of the Agri ecosystem by virtue of being on the Advisory Boards of NDRI & IIHR - Central Research Institutes (ICAR, GoI), MoFPI, ICRIASAT, CIMMYT, ITC, JUAIV, DRL Foundation, Yara International etc.

During 2025, Dr. Ravishankar served as a Principal Subject Matter Expert in shaping global professional certification frameworks for Data Science and AI/ML. He played a lead role in developing and refining the learning content around global Data Science Body of Knowledge (DSBOK) and the AI knowledge standards (AMDEX) for Data Scientist, Data Engineer, Data Analyst and AI Engineer designations. Most recently, Dr. Ravi Shankar was selected as an Indian Administrative Fellow (IAF) with the Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. In Dec, 2025, Dr. Ravishankar, authored & released five books – three pertaining to Agriculture & two relating to AI.