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Professor Pranav N. Desai served the Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) as a Professor and the Chairperson from April 1997 till June 2017. He specializes in the analysis of science and technology policy and technology futures analysis. He obtained his PhD in Science Policy Studies from JNU in 1985. Over the years, Dr. Desai has conducted extensive research across a wide range of science policy areas, including emerging technologies, intellectual property rights, and energy and environmental issues. His expertise lies at the intersection of science, technology, and international affairs.

Dr. Desai has authored several influential publications, including *Science, Technology, and International Cooperation* and *Science, Technology, Coastal Zone Management and Policy*. He also serves as the Director of the JNU-STEPS Centre South Asia Sustainability Hub and Knowledge Network, which fosters collaboration in sustainability research across the region.

In addition to his research, Dr. Desai has designed and taught courses focused on the analysis of science and technology policy and technology futures analysis, contributing significantly to the academic discourse in these fields. As the founding Director of both the JNU-STEPS Centre and the Transdisciplinary Research Cluster on Sustainability Studies (JNU TRCSS), he has been instrumental in advancing transdisciplinary research and promoting sustainable development in South Asia.

In the upcoming conference, Prof. Desai is *invited as Chairperson* for the panel discussion titled **“Challenges in R&D Governance in India”** under the theme of **“Foresight in R&D Governance”**.