

## **Press Release**

## Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, new Director General of RIS

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has appointed Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma as new Director General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous policy research institute. RIS specializes in issues related to international economic development and cooperation, trade, investment, finance and technology. RIS is a forum for effective policy dialogue among countries of the Global South on global and regional economic issues.

Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma is succeeding Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, the present Director General, who has recently taken over as the Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University.

Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma has been a Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. He has more than 15 years of experience with progressively increasing responsibilities as an economist and agricultural trade expert for domestic policies and multilateral & regional trade negotiations.

Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma pursued his M.Phil. and Ph.D in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, focusing on WTO, international trade, and agriculture. He is recipient of the prestigious fellowships awarded by the University Grant Commission for his doctoral studies. After completing his Ph.D, he worked as a consultant for 'National Human Development Report', a joint project by the UNDP and the Planning Commission of India. Over the years, he has completed various certification courses on trade agreements and quantitative techniques to keep abreast of new developments. Also, he is skilled in econometrics, GTAP model, and statistical tools.