

The IFFCO Foundation *Bulletin*

One of the key areas of work identified by the IFFCO Foundation is the research and analysis of agrarian and more broadly, rural developments in the Indian context. One way of doing this is by being a print forum for critical theoretical deliberation and field based scholarship. This is also an important way of responding to the challenges facing rural India. By incorporating the voices of researchers, policy-makers and grass-roots organizations, a dialogue can be initiated and possibly outcomes be influenced. In line with the Foundation's objectives, the *Bulletin* is a medium for original work that can help us understand emerging trends in specific contexts; provide important insights relating to structures of hierarchy and governance in rural India; and more generally, contribute to and question existing knowledge bank and policy debates and identify alternatives. In particular, it would attempt to promote young, upcoming researchers who, through their articulation, give voice to the marginalised sections of the Indian society. This is of utmost importance since the baskets of problems facing Indian countryside and agriculture today are historically unprecedented, complex and intricate and interdependent and global.

The IFFCO Foundation has identified certain broad areas of work such as agriculture, producer/farmer organisations, rural development, environment, micro-enterprises and skill development, gender, art and culture, governance. Each of these can be deconstructed into a multitude of specific topics. For example, agriculture could relate to its technological aspects, land relations, debates on models of farming, impact on farmers of government policies such as liberalisation of the trade regime and decontrolling prices and related global trends. Similarly, relating to gender, prospective studies could be on labour market organisation, impact on female farmers of increasing costs of cultivation and instability of earnings and more so in the face of male out-migration, how gender and other social identities intersect and relate to local power matrices, women's participation in local governance and institutions, improving their access to and effective ownership of critical assets etc. Rural development could relate to agrarian relations, poverty, food insecurity, health conditions, social protection, labour migration, agricultural technology etc.

The *Bulletin* is published once in four months (April, August, December). Each issue would comprise four to five articles of about five to eight thousand words (including everything) each. Submissions from prospective contributors can take several forms:

- (i) Commentary on a topical issue or policy review (for example, cash transfers)
- (ii) Analysis of models, mobilizations (for example, small holder farming model, farmers' movements)
- (iii) Theoretical/conceptual explorations (for example, the relevance or not of the 'peasantry')
- (iv) Field based research (qualitative and/or quantitative)

The above are only indicative and the *Bulletin* welcomes other enterprising studies as well. Though the articles would be India specific, a comparative analysis drawing on evidence from other countries in the process of analyzing implications for India, would be welcomed.

Contributions are welcomed from scholars/researchers in the fields of political science, economics, sociology, geography, development studies, labour studies, gender/women studies, anthropology, environment and other interdisciplinary areas. Authors are encouraged to use a simple and precise writing style so that it can be easily understood by non-

academic readers as well. Diverse analytical styles are welcomed. Selected submissions will be reviewed internally and externally.

Notes for Contributors:

- (i) Papers are to be written in English and submitted at [nilanshatiwari@iffcofoundation.net](mailto:nilanshاتيwari@iffcofoundation.net).
- (ii) For further information or details log email [nilanshatiwari@iffcofoundation.net](mailto:nilanshاتيwari@iffcofoundation.net).
- (iii) The submitted article or a similar article with only stylistic variations cannot be submitted for publication elsewhere at the same time.
- (iv) Future reprints elsewhere would require permission of the organisation (i.e. IFFCO Foundation) and the author.
- (v) Submissions to be accompanied by an abstract of not more than two hundred words indicating the article's relevance, objective, methodology and main conclusions.
- (vi) The Chicago Manual of Style is to be followed.
- (vii) Authors are requested to provide a brief autobiographical note mentioning institutional affiliation, areas of research and email address for purposes of contact.