

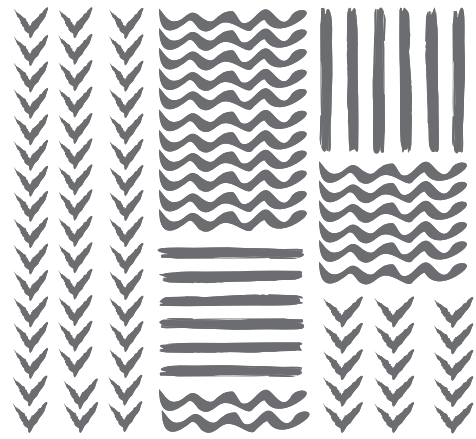
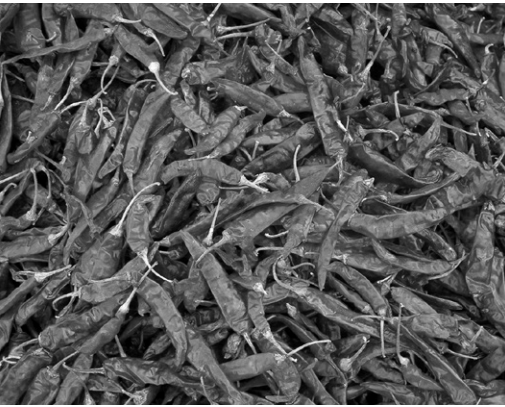


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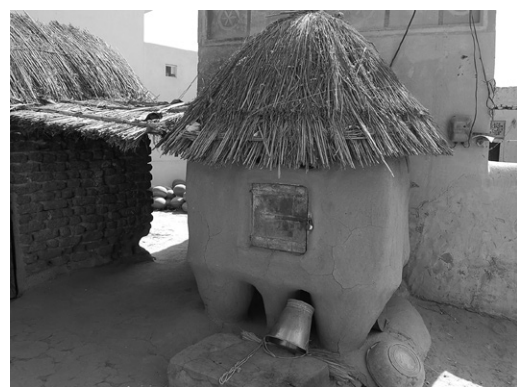


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# INTRODUCTION

The Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS) is a charitable trust established in 2003 and based in India. The major objective of the Foundation is to facilitate multi-disciplinary theoretical and empirical research in the field of agrarian studies in India and other less-developed countries.

FAS works in association with a wide section of people interested in the agrarian question, including persons associated with academic institutions, social and political activists, members of agrarian-based mass organisations, and other professionals and scholars.



# COVID-19 AND THE RURAL ECONOMY

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a deep and multifaceted impact on life, production, and work in rural India. While some of these effects are temporary, the pandemic has also changed the Indian countryside in certain permanent ways. It is clear that the effects of the Covid-19 crisis are still unfolding.

FAS has been in the forefront of studies on the impact of Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns on the Indian countryside. The contributions of FAS are now being cited and linked to leading websites of agrarian studies internationally. The trustees and research collaborators of FAS have been speaking on the subject in different online platforms reaching

out to young students and scholars, unions of peasants and agricultural workers, and women's associations.



## RESEARCH PROJECTS ON COVID 19 AND THE INDIAN COUNTRYSIDE

### *Rapid Assessment Survey*

The Foundation for Agrarian Studies conducted a Rapid Assessment Survey to study the impact of Covid-19 on rural India from April 13 to April 18, 2020. This survey was based on telephone interviews of 43 informants from 21 villages across 10 States of India. These were villages where detailed socio-economic surveys had been conducted during the last decade by the Foundation

under its village studies programme.

The survey team selected two to three informants from each village making sure to identify at least one manual worker and one peasant household. The questionnaire canvassed with each informant had three broad sections: health, household employment and incomes, and government benefits.

### *Pandemic Study Unit*

In August 2020, FAS set up a Pandemic Studies Unit to study the deep and multifaceted impact of Covid-19 on the rural economy and country, with a particular focus on agricultural production, non-agricultural and agricultural employment, food security, women's work, and agriculture and rural development policy.

As part of the initiative of the study unit, a survey of 164 informants from 26 villages across 13 States of India was conducted between mid-September and mid-October, 2020. The survey was based on telephone interviews. These villages represent a diverse cross-section of the Indian countryside. Detailed socio-economic surveys of 24 of these villages had been conducted by the FAS over the past decade under its India-wide programme of village studies titled the Project on Agrarian Relations in India (PARI).

In addition, interviews were conducted in two village panchayats, Adat and Tholur, in Thrissur district, Kerala which were surveyed by Deepak Johnson in 2018–19.

The findings from the surveys have led to a series of publications, blog posts, and policy briefs. They have been widely disseminated through online seminars and panel discussions conducted by the FAS. A round of follow-up surveys in these villages is planned for July–August, 2021.

The work by FAS on the Covid-19 Pandemic and rural economy of India has been published in different forms including policy briefs, articles, and blogs. It has also led to a series of online events.

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### *Events*

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented us from conducting physical events in 2020-21. In view of this, we decided to organise all scheduled events in an online mode. An online events management team was constituted in June 2020 for this purpose. The team included: Deepak Johnson, Divya S Devadiga, Hitesh T Potdar (intern), Nihira Ram, Noopur Varma, Sandipan

Baksi, and Tapas Singh Modak.

The team organized nine online events between June 2020 and March 2021. Six of them highlighted the work of FAS on the Covid-19 Pandemic. The online events have proved to be instrumental in expanding the outreach of the Foundation.

*Way Forward: Covid-19 and Indian Agriculture,  
Bangalore: June 4, 2020*

The Foundation jointly organised a webinar on the topic “Way Forward: Covid-19 and Indian Agriculture,” with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung – South Asia, in collaboration with Focus on the Global South, Living Farms, and Newsclick on June 4, 2020.

The webinar was broadcast live by Newsclick. Speakers in this event were Madhura Swaminathan, Ranjini Basu, and Debjcet Sarangi.

These speakers deliberated upon the various ways in which the pandemic had impacted agricultural production, prices, and incomes. There was also a discussion on the simultaneous supply and demand constraints faced by the sector during the lockdown.

*Inauguration of the Pandemic Studies Unit, September 29, 2020*

The inaugural seminar for the FAS-Pandemic Studies Unit was held on September 29, 2020. The Study Unit was inaugurated by Jakob Littmann. This was followed by brief presentations by Madhura Swaminathan, R. Ramakumar, and Deepak Johnson. A Panel discussion on Agriculture Policy in the Time of a Pandemic, chaired by Vijoo Krishnan, and Aparajita Bakshi and Sudha Narayanan, as panelists was held after the presentations.

*Impact of Covid-19 on Food Security, October 31, 2020*

The Foundation organised a panel discussion on the topic “Impact of Covid-19 on Food Security” on October 31, 2020. Abhijit Sen, Kalyani Raghunathan, and Madhura Swaminathan were the panelists for the session and V. Sridhar chaired the event.

The panel discussed the worsening situation of food and nutrition security due to Covid-19 pandemic. Covid-19 has severely disrupted the supply chains of agricultural production and further reduced many people’s ability to afford nutritious diets. The worsening crises of unemployment and declining incomes along with the rising difficulty in accessing agricultural markets, the panel concluded, has widened the pre-existing gaps.

*Annual Public Lecture, Building Agricultural and Rural Resilience, November 26, 2020*

The Foundation organised its second annual public lecture on November 26, 2020. The lecture, “Building Agricultural and Rural Resilience,” was delivered by Shenggen Fan. This session began with an introduction by Sandipan Baksi. It was chaired by V. K. Ramachandran. This was followed by the presentation by Shenggen Fan. He discussed four major points pertaining to the effect of pandemic on China: i) the impact of Covid-19 on Chinese agriculture and food systems; ii) the policy response; iii) some lessons to learn; and iv) the importance of resilience and inclusion.



*Panel Discussion on Findings from Telephone Surveys, December 28, 2020*

The Foundation organised a panel discussion on findings from telephone surveys in 26 villages across 13 States in India on the impact



of Covid-19 on the *Kharif* production cycle and consumption in the countryside. The seminar was held on December 28, 2020.

Tapas Singh Modak, and Soham Bhattacharya, presented on the topic “Impact of Covid-19 on the Kharif Production Cycle” while S. Niyati and R. Vijayamba, elaborated on the “Impact of Covid-19 on Consumption in the Countryside”. The Chair for the seminar, Amit Basole.

*Impact of Covid-19 on Employment in the Informal Sector, February 11, 2021*

More than 80 percent of the non-agricultural workforce in India depends on the informal sector. This number exceeds 90 percent if we include agriculture. The impact of COVID-19 has been most severe on this segment of

the Indian population and may have led to certain permanent changes in their lives and livelihoods.

In order to deliberate on some of these aspects, the Foundation for Agrarian Studies organised a panel discussion titled “Impact of COVID-19 on Employment in the Informal Sector.”

The panelists for the event were Jayan J. Thomas, Shamsher Singh, and Arindam Das. They spoke on COVID-19 and the informal sector, the migrant worker in the pandemic era, and rural employment and wages respectively. The event was chaired by Surbhi Kesar, whose research areas include labour economics, particularly informality and exclusion.



# RESEARCH PROJECTS

## *A. Agrarian Relations in the Lower Cauvery Delta*

In 2018, The Foundation initiated a study titled “Agrarian Relations in the Lower Cauvery Delta.” The study aims to understand the nature and characteristics of agrarian relations in two villages, Palakurichi and Keezhvenmani, in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, locating them in their unique historical context of agrarian struggle and change. These villages were surveyed by the Foundation in 2019 as part of PARI.

The study has three core components that will contribute to understanding the nature and characteristics of agrarian relations in the region. They are (a) a study of agrarian relations in Palakurichi village (b) a study of Keezhvenmani village, focusing on class and caste in agrarian relations; and (c) a detailed reconstruction and review of the Keezhvenmani atrocity that took

place on December 25, 1968.

The data from the surveys conducted in the two villages have been processed and analyzed, and the preliminary results have been presented in an in-house workshop. The Foundation is now preparing a book on the contemporary agrarian relation in the region based on this data. The book is being edited by V. Surjit, Madhura Swaminathan, and V. K. Ramachandran. It will be part of the Socio-Economic Surveys Series published by the Foundation.

As part of the project, we have also collected archival material on the Keezhvenmani atrocity. We plan to prepare a monograph on the social and political history of the atrocity based on this material. It will be authored by Aardra Surendran and Parvathi Menon.

## *B. Village-level Spatial Information using GIS Technique: Palakurichi, Tamil Nadu*

The FAS has recently initiated a research project titled “Village-level Spatial Information using GIS technique: Palakurichi, Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu.” The project started as part of a collaborative study with Yoshifumi Ikejima. Tapas Singh Modak is coordinating the different activities under this project.

The project is exploratory in nature. It aims to look at the potential use of digitised village maps, with the aid of GIS technology, in studying land



use patterns, cropping patterns, and other socio-economic characteristics in rural India. The Foundation through its India-wide programme of village studies has prepared a vast archive of primary data on socio-economic characteristics in village India. This project will also explore the possibility of integrating this data archive with digitised village maps.

Palakurichi village in Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu, is currently being studied under this

project. The village was surveyed in May–June 2019 by the Foundation as part of its project on ‘Agrarian Relations in the Lower Cauvery Delta.’

Under this project, Tapas Singh Modak and Sethu C.A. from the FAS visited the Palakurichi village between January 19 and January 25, 2021. The purpose of this field visit was to collect Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) points across the village for geo-referencing of the village maps.

### *C. Public Expenditure on Agriculture in India*

In 2020, the Foundation undertook a study to analyse the trends, patterns, and composition of public spending in agriculture (and rural development) in India during the last decade (2010-11 to 2019-20). The study is part of a global initiative by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung to analyse the public spending on agriculture over time, in different countries, including Tanzania and Zambia in the African continent, and India and Vietnam in the Asian continent.

The study is an assessment of the public budget for agriculture in India. It aims to highlight

the general trend of public expenditure in the agriculture sector -- including crop production, livestock, fishery, irrigation, and rural development -- in the last decade, in absolute terms, and as a share of overall public expenditure. It will also highlight the flow of budgetary support across different programmes and schemes in agriculture, including the specific budgetary measures that target small farmers, and women farmers.

The report of the study will be published in 2021.

### *D. Project on Estimation of Surplus Labour in Crop Production*

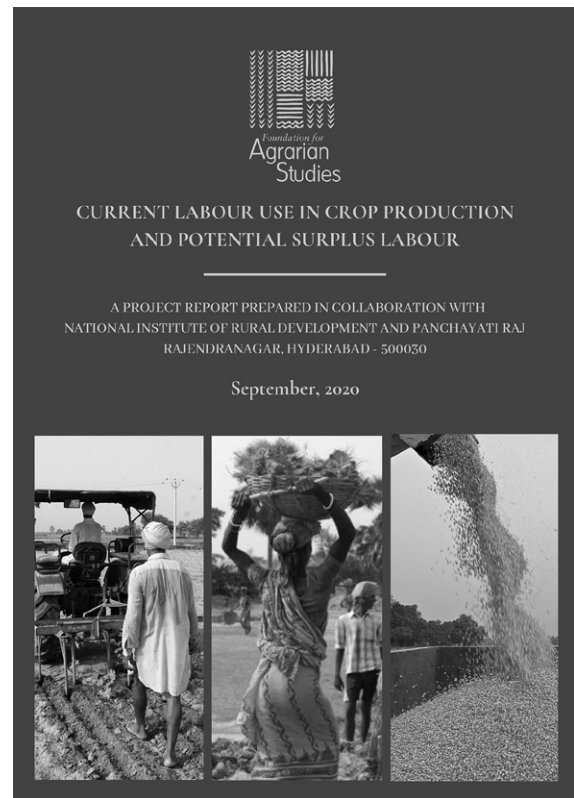
The Foundation and the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on March 07, 2019. As per the MoU, the Foundation was to undertake research projects to study different aspects of the socio-economic characteristics of rural India, in collaboration with NIRD&PR. This research project is the first to be incorporated under the MoU. The work under this project

began in January, 2020. The final project report was submitted in September 2020.

This project seeks to examine the levels of labour absorption in crop production and identify the variations in these levels across 20 villages located in different agro-ecological zones. The study estimates the magnitude of surplus labour that exists in each village, given the labour supply in the village. The relevance



of such a study is based on the fact that agriculture in India is the major employer of the rural workforce, both in the form of family labour as well as hired labour. As in many other less-developed countries, Indian agriculture is marked by seasonality and the rural economy by the presence of a large reserve of workers, who theoretically can be withdrawn from the agricultural sector and gainfully employed in the non- agricultural sector without any decline in agricultural output. In India, the ‘surplus’ workforce is reflected in the complex problem of large-scale underemployment. To understand the extent of the problem of underemployment among the rural workforce and to estimate the pool of workers available for employment in gainful activities elsewhere, an in-depth analysis of labour absorption in crop production across agro-ecological regions is essential.



### *E. Women's Work in Rural Economies*

The research project titled “Women’s Work in Rural Economies” was initiated by the Foundation in 2018-19. The objective of the project was to document, describe, and analyse the myriad activities, economic as well as “non-economic” or unpaid work, in which women in rural India are engaged, and the relationships into which they enter as part of the process of production.

As part of the project, an International Conference was held at Vayalar, Kerala in 2018. The Conference led to an edited volume titled *Women and Work in Rural India*, edited by Madhura Swaminathan, Shruti Nagbhusan, and V. K. Ramachandran. This book is the sixth in the Agrarian Studies series published by the Foundation. The book was released in an online function on August 25, 2020.

### *F. Project on Agrarian Relations in India (PARI)*

The Foundation’s longest ongoing project, the Project on Agrarian Relations in India (PARI) was initiated in 2005 with the following objectives:

- To characterise the nature of capitalism and class relations in the countryside;
- To conduct specific studies on the oppression of Dalits and Scheduled Tribe sections of rural working people, and of women within them;
- To report on the state of basic village amenities and the access of the rural masses to the facilities of modern life.

The villages studied under PARI represent a wide range of different agro-ecological regions in the country. As of March 2021, PARI had conducted surveys in 27 villages in 12 States of India with re-surveys in three villages of Karnataka and West Bengal, and two villages of Bihar. The results from PARI are published as part of a book series termed the Socio-Economic Surveys Series. We have recently undertaken an exercise of standardizing the PARI database. This exercise will be completed in 2021.

As part of PARI, the Foundation undertook

socio-economic surveys of three villages in West Bengal namely, Panahar in Bankura district, Amarsinghi in Malda district, and Kalmandasguri in Cooch Behar district, in 2010 and again, in 2015. These villages are located in three different agro-ecological zones of the State. The Foundation is now preparing a book based on the data collected through these surveys. This will be sixth in the Socio-Economic Surveys Series published by the Foundation. The book is being edited by Aparajita Bakshi and Tapas Singh Modak, and will be published in 2021.

### *G. Project on Wage Rates in Rural India*

This ongoing research project conducted by Yoshifumi Usami and Arindam Das aims to evaluate the methodology used by different agencies that collect and publish data on wage rates in rural India. It also analyses data on wage rates and wage earnings from the village studies conducted as part of the Project on Agrarian Relations in India. The study further attempts to explain diverse arrangements or modes of

wage employment, variation in wages paid for different agricultural operations, agricultural wage differentials across States of India, and gender-based wage disparities.

The results from the study have been published as multiple research papers. In 2022, we plan to conduct an international conference to showcase the main results of this project.



# PUBLICATIONS

## A. Journal

The *Review of Agrarian Studies* is the peer-reviewed journal of FAS ([www.ras.org.in](http://www.ras.org.in)). The journal publishes articles on agrarian studies - on the forces and relations of production in agriculture and in rural areas, on living standards, and on different aspects of social formations in the countryside. The *Review* carries theoretical and empirical articles on social, economic, historical, political, scientific, and technological aspects of agriculture and rural societies.

TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd. ([www.tnq.co.in](http://www.tnq.co.in)) has designed the web and print versions of the journal, and manages production of both versions. The print edition of the *Review* is published jointly by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies and Tulika Books, New Delhi, a noted publisher of books in the social sciences.

The *Review of Agrarian Studies* is on the list of journals recognised by the University Grants Commission and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India. It is

indexed by Commonwealth Agriculture Bureau (CAB) Abstracts and Web of Science (Emerging Sources Citation Index). It has also been selected for indexing by Indian Citation Index (ICI) and AgEcon Search.

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During 2020-2021 two issues of the journal – Volume 10, No. 1, and Volume 10, No. 2 – were published online and in print.

#### *Highlights of Volume 10, No. 1:*

A major special issue of the *Review of Agrarian Studies* that brings together articles on the pandemic and agrarian conditions in India and different parts of the world. The In Focus section, features articles by R. Ramakumar on the impact of Covid-19 on Indian agriculture, by Shenggen Fan on the state of agriculture, and food and nutrition security in China during the pandemic, by Sudha Narayanan and Shree Saha on agricultural policy in India during the lockdown, by T. Sundararaman and Alok Ranjan on challenges to India's rural healthcare system, and by Ravi Srivastava on circular migration in India in during the lockdown. A paper by

Carolina Alves and Ingrid Harvold Kvangraven examines the discipline of economics in the context of the Pandemic.

The issue has research articles by Tapas Singh Modak, Sandipan Baksi, and Deepak Johnson on the impact of Covid-19 on Indian countryside based on primary data collected through telephone surveys, and by S. Niyati and S. Nelson Mandela documenting the effect of the pandemic on Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) in India.

Editorials focus on questions of food insecurity, the rural non-farm sector, and climate change, in the context of the pandemic.

Pallavi Chavan writes on women's access to banking in India. An article by Awanish Kumar discusses the views of Dr. B R Ambedkar on caste and land relations in India

There are book reviews by Urs Geiser and Judith Heyer, and a tribute to A. Vaidyanathan (1931–2020) by K. Nagaraj. This issue also features a discussion by Gerry Rodgers in the Agrarian Novel Series section.

The contents of this issue of the *Review* can be found in Appendix I.

#### *Highlights of Volume 10, No. 2:*

The issue features four research articles: "The Human Cost of Fresh Food: Romanian Workers and Germany's Food Supply Chains," by Valer Simion Cosma, Cornel Ban, and Daniela Gabor; "Tenancy and Accumulation: A Study of the Capitalist Farm Sector in Punjab," by Gaurav Bansal; "Methodology of Data Collection Unsuitable to Changing Rural Reality:

A Study of Agricultural Wage Data in India,” by Yoshifumi Usami, Arindam Das, and Madhura Swaminathan; and “The Genesis, Process, and Implications of the Forest Rights Act, 2006,” by Geetanjoy Sahu.

The issue includes a review article by Sukhpal Singh on the policy of “Doubling Farmers’ Income,” and a research note by Madhura Swaminathan on learnings from Time-Use Survey Report (2019).

Editorials bring focus on the Hathras tragedy, and the farmers’ protests.

There are book reviews by Michael Roberts, and Sunil Mani.

The issues features commentaries by K. N. Ganesh, John Harriss under the Agrarian Novels Series section.

The contents of this issue of the *Review* can be found in Appendix II.

### *B. Books*

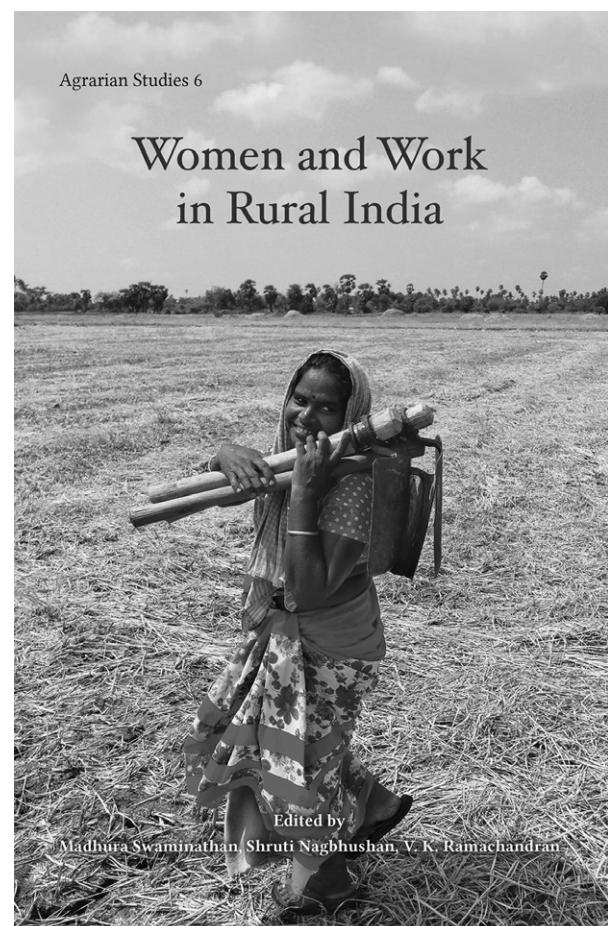
Swaminathan, Madhura, Nagbhushan, Shruti and Ramachandran V. K. (2020), *Women and Work in Rural India*. Tulika Books, New Delhi.

#### **Abstract:**

This book is an outcome of a two-year research project on women’s work in the rural production system conducted by the FAS with funding from the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS). It is the sixth book in the Agrarian Studies Series published by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS). The empirical study of women in rural production systems in India is inadequate, and the project was designed to address that gap in scholarship.

The book draws on empirical evidence from a wide range of sources of data, secondary and primary. The database includes materials from a small-scale intensive time-use survey conducted by FAS in two villages of Karnataka. The results of this survey were crucial in contributing to the debate on the definition of work (paid and unpaid), and in evaluating the actual participation of rural women in the production process.

The research brought together in this volume was first presented at an international conference



titled “Women’s Work in Rural Economies” organised by FAS and held at Vayalar, Kerala, in December 2018. The book has six sections, with papers covering a range of issues on the

general subject of women in rural production. These include conceptual, theoretical, and methodological issues in understanding women's work, women's work in agriculture and allied sectors, women in non-agricultural work, the

gender gap in wage rates, class and caste issues, and rural women's access to finance.

The contents of the book can be found in Appendix III.

### *C. Report and Articles*

Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS) (2020), "Current Labour Use in Crop Production and Potential Surplus Labour," a report submitted to the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Research Funding Programme, Hyderabad.

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# EVENTS

## *Book Release of Women and Work in Rural India, August 25, 2020*

An online release function for the book titled “*Women and Work in Rural India*” was held on August 25, 2020. The book is edited by Madhura Swaminathan, Shruti Nagbhusan, and V. K. Ramachandran.

The book was released by Brinda Karat. The formal release was followed by a panel discussion. Amit Basole, Judith Heyer, K. Hemlata, Madhura Swaminathan, Mariam Dhawale, Pallavi Chavan participated in the discussion.



## *Author's Workshop, November 2-5, and December 11-12, 2020*

A two day “*Author's Workshop*” was held on November 02 and 05, 2020 under the Project on Agrarian Relations in the Lower Cauvery Delta. The main purpose of the event was to present the major findings from the surveys conducted in the two villages – Palakuruchi and Venmani,

Nagapattinam district in Tamil Nadu. The findings led to a critical discussion on various aspects of the agrarian economy of the region.

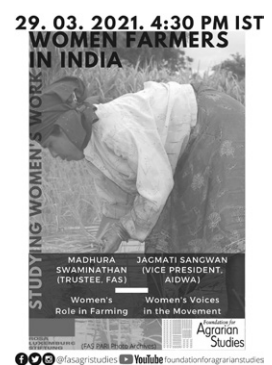
This was followed by another workshop held on December 11-12, 2020.

## *Studying Women's Work: Women Farmers in India, March 29, 2021*

Women play a critical role in agricultural production in India. In addition to performing gruelling farm operations, like sowing, transplanting, weeding, and picking, they are also invariably involved in activities such as maintenance of kitchen garden, livestock management, and collection of agricultural products for family consumption. The crucial contribution of women to agricultural production is gradually being recognized by scholars. The significant presence of women in the ongoing farmers' movement in India is yet another evidence of their strong linkages with the farm economy.

In relation to this, FAS organised an event,

‘Studying Women's Work: Women Farmers in India,’ on March 29, 2021. This talk was an attempt to expand our understanding of women's work in agriculture, their role in farming, and the issues and demands specific to them.



The speakers for this event were Madhura Swaminathan and Jagmati Sangwan. Madhura spoke on the role of women in farming in India while Jagmati shed light on women's voices in the ongoing farmer's movement.

# LIBRARY

The Library of Agrarian Studies (LAS), is a specialized academic resource and reference library of roughly 12,000 publications with a primary focus on agrarian studies, including agricultural economics and rural development. It is a valuable resource for scholars working in the field of agrarian studies and rural development, and, more generally, in related social sciences. The current collection of the library covers some 13,200 books, reports, working papers, and dissertations, back issues of journals, and other documents and publications. The library collection also includes publications on development studies (including development economics), history, politics and sociology. The library is a repository library for all publications of Left Word and Tulika publishers.

At the core of the collection is a gift to the

Foundation of about 7,000 books and other publications by Yoshifumi Usami, retired Professor of Economics at the University of Osaka, Japan. The library has also received a gift of 347 books on the Indian economy and polity from N. Ram, Director, THG Publishing Private Limited.

The collection has been duly catalogued, classified, and shelved. We have also digitised our library catalogue in OPAC (<https://libcatfas.informaticsglobal.com/>). We plan to open the library for interested scholars and students after the pandemic.

The Foundation is seeking financial and technical assistance for preserving, and partially digitising the collection in its library.



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### Independent Auditors' Report

UDIN: 21219645AAAAALY2449

To the Board of Trustees of FOUNDATION FOR AGRARIAN STUDIES,

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financials statements of FOUNDATION FOR AGRARIAN STUDIES ("the Trust"), which comprise the Balance sheet as at 31st March 2021, the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year then ended, and a summary of significant policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Trust in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes the maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting the frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial control, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depends on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the Trust's preparation of the financial statements that give true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the Trust's Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.



**Opinion**

The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income and Expenditure dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements, give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India;

- a) in the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31,2021;
- b) in the case of Statement of Income and Expenditure, of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.





Place: Bengaluru  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> August,2021

*for Kalyanasundaram and Associates*  
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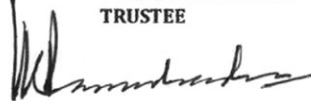
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<b>BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH,2021</b>			
Particulars	Sch. No.	31-Mar-2021	31-Mar-2020
<b>(I) SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
(a) Corpus	1	55,225,000	55,225,000
(b) Reserves & Surplus	2	8,070,660	6,992,114
(c) Current Liabilities	3	57,144	135,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>63,352,804</b>	<b>62,352,114</b>
<b>(II) APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
(a) Fixed Assets	4	679,201	779,432
(b) Investments	5	55,225,000	53,000,000
(c) Cash and Bank Balances	6	4,749,460	6,100,958
(d) Other Current Assets	7	2,699,142	2,471,724
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>63,352,804</b>	<b>62,352,114</b>
<b>NOTES TO ACCOUNTS &amp; SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</b>			
Schedules referred to above and notes attached there to form an integral part of Balance Sheet			
This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our Report of even date.			
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<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2021</b>				
Sr. No	Particulars	Sch. No.	1st April 2020- 31st March 2021	1st April 2019- 31st March 2020
			Amount	Amount
	<b>Income:</b>			
I	Grants & Donations	8	2,000,000	1,100,000
II	Interest Income	9	4,644,830	4,468,675
III	Project Receipts	10	7,432,258	9,208,707
IV	Review of Agrarian Studies (RAS) Journal Grant	11	130,000	130,000
V	Other Income	12	33,136	134,501
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>14,240,224</b>	<b>15,041,883</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>			
VI	Fellowships, Salaries & Honorarium	13	8,794,211	8,498,306
VII	Field Survey Expenses	14	93,236	3,267,543
VIII	Review of Agrarian Studies (RAS) Journal Expenditure	15	635,542	1,048,532
IX	Academic Collaboration Expenditure	16	999,050	463,734
X	Administrative Expenditure	18	2,477,869	2,031,215
XI	Depreciation	4	161,770	197,502
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>13,161,678</b>	<b>15,506,833</b>
	<b>Surplus/(Deficit) carried over to Balance Sheet</b>		<b>1,078,546</b>	<b>(464,950)</b>

Schedules referred to above and notes attached there to form an integral part of Income & Expenditure Statement  
This is the Income & Expenditure Statement referred to in our Report of even date.

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