

## EDITORIAL POLICY AND STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK

### **Purpose of the publication:**

Farmers' Movement led by Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) is the latest manifestation of the fundamental conflict between ordinary people, i.e., the *Lokavidya Samaj* on the one hand, and the extractive-accumulative ways of the modern world on the other. It has also brought into focus the leadership role of the *Kisan Samaj* in any people's movement to challenge the established order. Right since the days of publication of *Mazdoor Kisan Neeti* in late 1970's, we have been well-wishers, unconditional supporters, and active participants in the Movement. Never have we believed that *Kisan samaj* is a reactionary force. Just the opposite! We always believed and continue to believe that the Kisan Samaj and its struggles hold the promise of the emancipation of the broader *Lokavidya Samaj* of ordinary people, of which *Kisan Samaj* is the most significant part.

The rich history of the Farmers' Movement in India has brought into the public discourse many ideas about nature and path of this desired social change. In particular, the most recent phase of the Movement, characterised by mass participation cutting across social and ideological divisions, has thrown up entirely new ideas, beyond the received categories of thought, of social transformation and modes of coming together. This is a historical moment for the Farmers' Movement and for us all, who desire a just and fraternal society. We felt that this is an opportune moment to share with you some ideas that we have been able to distil from our observations of and limited participation in the Farmer's Movement as well as the broader *Lokavidya Jan Andolan* in the hope that they will provoke further debates, ultimately strengthening and enriching the Movement. This is our motivation in bringing out this book. We do not claim any finality for the ideas expressed herein. On the contrary, we sincerely hope they will stimulate a public discussion on what shall be the future vision for India that motivates such a people's movement and the modalities required to lead such a movement to success.

## **Organization of Articles:**

The articles have been broadly classified into four themes. But this is not a very exact classification, as the many of the articles address more than a single theme. So, the classification may appear somewhat arbitrary. We hope the reader will bear with our limitations.

- The Movement: Promise and Organization
  - sunil\_Farmers\_Movement (971)
  - krish Farmers Movement Pamphlet (97)
  - girish-किसान अन्नदाता तो है ही...(970)
  - gandhi\_FarmersMovement-Promise.. (4341)
  - Invited articles from Darshan Pal etc...
- Markets and Income
  - Sunil-Local Market (8717)
  - gandhi-Thoughts\_on\_Markets (2688)
  - krish-Lokavidya\_Bazar (5085)
  - girish- आंदोलन\_और\_आय (4671)
  - gandhi-आय का सवाल और किसान आंदोलन (1844)
  - girish\_Income\_and\_Future-Vision (1265)
- Knowledge and Politics
  - jksuresh\_gsrkrishnan-Knowledge\_Society\_and... (3977)
  - krish-NyayaTyagaBhaichara\_withComments (1890)
  - Sunil- Agenda for a Knowledge Politics (419)
  - चित्राजी- लोकविद्या समाज की एकता (787)
  - कौल- न्याय त्याग और भाईचारा
  - krish-State\_of\_Nation-Lokavidya\_Perspective (865)
  - sunil-Nyaya\_Tyaga\_and\_Bhaichara (595)
- Future Vision, Swaraj and Autonomy
  - chitraji-PillarsOfSocialOrganization (2094)
  - girish-Autonomy (2716)
  - girish-AutonomyAndPoliticalSubject (2558)
  - gandhi-Vyakti\_Samaj\_Gyan\_and\_Dha... (2101)
  - gandhi-Unity\_in\_Diversity (2895)
  - amit-Lokavidya\_Economy (846)
  - gandhi-Autonomy\_Federalism\_Constitution... (3259)

## The Preface (Lead Article):

Lead article elaborating on the world and national situation from the point of view of lokavidya samaj, the important task as seen in the context of the movement, and the overall look at content of the booklet. (Sunil will write first two parts, and Girish and Gandhi will help him in writing the third part, only if it is necessary.)

Note: I and Girish have formulated the above editorial policy, organisation and selection of articles. Comments and suggestions are invited on the following aspects:

- 1) Modification of "The purpose of the publication"
- 2) Selection of existing articles and their revision, and translation to English, when required.
- 3) Incorporation of invited articles from persons outside the group, and who among us will be responsible for getting those articles done, and what will be themes of the invited articles
- 4) Further articles from group members, are they needed to fill some gaps
- 5) We have decided on a smaller number of themes (four). Is there a need to increase the thematic divisions of articles?
- 6) Some of the articles under the same thematic heading are written by the same person like the two articles on Autonomy by Girish and the three articles written by Gandhi in the last thematic section. Should they be condensed and merged into one article?