



## **FOCUS ON THE GLOBAL SOUTH, INDIA**

### **Consolidated Report**

#### **Activities, Key Events and Outputs (2017-2021)**

Focus on the Global South, India (**Focus**) is a research and policy analysis organisation that was set up in 2005 in order to conduct and support research on economics, trade, finance, society and governance issues as relevant to India and the South Asian region in general. It was set up as a non-profit organisation to provide relevant and timely information about policies to organisations, networks and individuals interested in the promotion of peace and socio-economic justice.

Since 2005, Focus has shared information and knowledge in the country and South Asia region by organising conferences, seminars, press conferences, publishing briefing papers, articles, research reports and videos on a range of issues.

To conduct these activities the Focus office comprises staff members including the Head of the India office, policy officers, freelance researchers and a finance and administration officer.

Below are the key highlights of the events and publications that have been done between 2017 and 2020.

#### **April 2017- March 2018 REPORT**

Focus co-organised a consultation in Delhi on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 on the UN 'draft declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas' with the objective to spread the information about the declaration and seek inputs from various peasant groups as well as others like fisherfolk, pastoralist, forest workers, dairy workers, NGO activists and youths

Focus staff was invited as keynote speaker to present at the International Symposium on Asian finance (including debt), development & environment (including climate change), agriculture, development & human rights (including water), labour, trade (TPP, RCEP, FTA, etc) organised NGO Forum on ADB and many others at Tokyo on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Focus was invited as a resource organisation for a four-day Agroecology and Climate Justice Encounter, organised by LVC in Sri Lanka in June, and attended their 12th International Conference in Spain in July

Focus participated in the 7th General Assembly of the WFFP in New Delhi in November. Focus was the facilitator of the different workshops, one on Climate Justice and the other on Food sovereignty and Agroecology.

Focus initiated a series of workshops and trainings on agroecology and Food Sovereignty in Cambodia. The first agroecology workshop took place on 24-26 December in Phnom Penh, and brought Cambodian and Thai activists together to learn about the concept of agroecology. Focus also started a study on Understanding the use of seeds and its impacts on Food Sovereignty, Food Security and Food Safety of Small-Scale Farmers in Cambodia, which will be released in 2018.

Focus imparted training to more than 1000 farmers in eight different workshops around the country. The two booklets published this year tackled the impacts of contract farming, and the other on relationship between women, agroecology and gender equality.

Focus staff views of the RCEP, including the impact and implications of RCEP and other free trade agreements, were quoted in The Hindu-Business Line, Scoop (NZ) and The Hans India.

### **April 2018- March 2019 REPORT**

In April 2018, Focus was invited as a resource organisation for a training workshop on *Understanding and Addressing Agrarian Crisis*, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Sambhavna Institute Policy School at Palampur (Himachal Pradesh). Afsar Jafri made a presentation on *WTO and Free Trade Agreements: Impact on Agriculture* on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April, Focus along with LVC, ETC Group, CECOEDECON and Pairvi co-organised a *National Consultation on New Technologies* titled “*Who Wants to Fix our Climate and Eat Our Lunch: Role and Responsibility of Big Technology in Sustainable and Inclusive Development*” at the India Habitat Centre. Report available here:

<https://pairvi.org/Publications/Who%20wants%20to%20fix%20our%20climate%20Consult%20Report.pdf>

In May, Focus conducted three farmers training workshops on *organic farming for small farmers* for tribals at three different villages, in Vaghmal and Bhedmal Villages of Waghai Tehsil and at Chirapada Village in Ahwa Tehsil of Dang District in Gujarat, organised in collaboration with Eklavya Foundation of Ahmedabad.

In May, Focus co-organised a Strategy meeting on Walmart-Flipkart Deal, at the Delhi Science Forum in New Delhi, to discuss the implications of the Walmart takeover of Flipkart and the way forward in terms of a campaign.

Focus was invited as a resource person at the Thousand Currents partners meeting in Kathmandu organised in May 2018, Nepal. Focus representative made a presentation on *Overview of Trends and Themes in Asia*.

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, Focus organised a three days intensive training program on Organic Farming, AgroEcology, Homotherapy, Briksha Ayurveda, at the Kamgaon Junior College, Kamgaon, Bargarh, in Odisha where more than 225 people participated.

On 4<sup>th</sup> June, Focus along with the Forum on FTAs and others organised a Press Conference in New Delhi on the recently concluded mega merger of Walmart with Indian e-commerce company Flipkart and to analyse its impact on FDI rules, and its potential implications on Indian retail.

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a *Peoples Convention on Infrastructure Financing: A response to AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank) Annual Meeting* was held at different venues in Mumbai (YMCA, YWCA & Mumbai Press Club) and it was organised by the Working Group on International Financial Institutions, of which Focus is one of the members. Focus made inputs at three workshops during the convention.

In July, Focus participated at a *Meeting on Inland Waters* organised by National Platform for Small Scale Fishworkers (Inland) at the Gandhi Peace Foundation (GPF) in New Delhi.

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July, Focus organised a two-day farmers training workshop on the issue of *Water Efficient, Toxic free, Multicrop sugarcane farming* at Sheerpur Khelmow village in Roorkee District in Uttarakhand. Focus representative was one of the key resource persons.

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, LVC South Asia invited Afsar Jafri for a LVC South Asia Conclave in Kathmandu to make a presentation on the UN Peasants Rights Declaration.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August, Focus attended a meeting on new E-Commerce Policy, introduced by the Government of India, at the Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, Focus attended a workshop on Trade and Investment with a special focus on RCEP at the Constitution Club in New Delhi organised by Forum for Trade Justice and Public Services International (PSI).

In October 2018, Afsar Jafri visited the BIOFACH exhibition on Organic Products at the Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. He was invited by the Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI) to display and distribute Focus publications on Agroecology at the exhibition.

In October, Focus was invited as resource person at the two-day strategy workshop on Agrarian Issues organised by Action for Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra (AFARM) and Kisan Mitra Centre India at Nagpur. Afsar Jafri made a presentation on the Agrarian Situation in the country and how trade liberalization, mergers in Seed Transnational companies like Monsanto with Buyer; Dow with Dupont, Syngenta with ChemChina would monopolize agriculture and food system and what could be a possible solution.

In November, Focus was invited as resource person at the Kisan Swaraj Sammelan to present on *FTA, RCEP and Indian Agriculture* at the Plenary Session on 3<sup>rd</sup> November as well as to coordinate 4 parallel workshops on *RCEP*.

In November Focus organised a two-day farmers training workshop on *Water Efficient, Toxic Free and Multi Crop Farming Technique* in Yawatmal (Maharashtra), which was attended by 48 farmers from across India. On 27<sup>th</sup> November, Afsar Jafri attended a Pre-CoP 24 Consultation, organised by Beyond Copenhagen, CECOEDECON, PAIRVI and SADED in collaboration with Embassy of the Republic of Poland in India.

In December Focus along with Economic Research Foundation and Centre for Financial Accountability organised two-day *Conference on Global Financial Crisis: A Decade after Lehman* at the Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi to deliberate on the experiences of other countries which faced the economic crisis, drawing parallels with the changes undergone in banking sector in India and its impacts on the economic stability, peoples' economic security, local businesses, workers and others. The list of speakers, detailed report, and presentations can be accessed here <https://conferenceonfinance.in/>.

In December, Focus was invited as a key speaker for a half day *workshop on FTA and RCEP* in Rohtak (Haryana) by Saptrang, and its coordinator Prof. Rajender Chaudhury. The workshop was held at the MDN Public School and Afsar made a presentation

In December, Afsar Jafri participated at a workshop on RCEP organised by Third World Network at the Constitution Club in New Delhi.

In December along with LVC South Asia and LVC Agroecology School Amrita Bhoomi, organised a farmers training workshop in Agroecology at the Amrita Bhoomi campus in Chamrajyanagar, Karnataka. Afsar Jafri was a resource person at the workshop. This was attended by farmer representatives from LVC member organisations.

### **April 2019- March 2020 REPORT**

In January 2019, Focus joined the fight inequality day of global action in Delhi which included a public meeting. The India chapter of the Fight Inequality Alliance of which Focus is a member initiated, organised and coordinated this event.

In March, Focus attended a national level consultation on the impacts of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and other Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on farmers and agriculture in India

In March, Focus joined the Nation for Farmers Alliance which is a diverse network of groups and activists from various sectors active across several states in India. As part of this, we helped organise a three-day conference on the agrarian crisis and the need for a special session of the parliament.

In May Focus was invited to the Strategy Meeting of the International Planning Committee (IPC) for Food Sovereignty in Rome. Focus made a presentation on the infrastructure rush in Asia with a focus on finance

In May 2019, Focus staff from India and Philippines participated in the Global Network for Right to Food and Nutrition Meeting in Jakarta in Indonesia. Focus made interventions on the linkages between trade and investment and right to food and nutrition. Focus has been invited to head the working group on Trade and Right to Food.

In June, Focus initiated and hosted a meeting with a few organisations on mapping corporate power in various sectors in India. This led to the formation of an informal working group with the intent to monitor, analyse and respond to the rising power of corporations in politics, economics and society.

In June Focus attended a Strategy Meeting of the South Asian People's Action on Climate Crisis.

In June, Focus and Alternative Law Forum organised a 2-day Symposium on Corporate Concentration in Food and Agriculture.

In July Focus co-organised a roundtable on Global Trade Wars in the Age of Digitalisation. Focus staff was resource person at the workshop

In July, Focus co-organised a panel discussion with the Economic Research Foundation (ERF) on Women in Agriculture: Challenges and Way Forward.

In July Focus was invited to a national conference organised by the All-India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) on the 'Agrarian Crisis and Systemic Crisis of World Capitalism -Role of Worker Peasant Social Cooperatives in Building Alternatives. Focus staff presented a paper on the role of workers and peasants in the democratisation of cooperatives

In July Focus attended a People's Conference on Farmer's Seed Rights- that was organised by ASHA (Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture) to collectively re-examine the recent episode in Gujarat when farmers' seed rights were challenged by multinational corporation PepsiCo.

In August, Focus co-organised with Solidarity for Sustainable North East and ActionAid a workshop on 'Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges ahead for India's North East'. Focus staff made three presentations at the workshop in Guwahati.

In September in a Seminar on 'Beyond Corporate Driven Industrial Agriculture to Climate Resilient Agroecology: For a Hunger Free, Suicide Free, Poison Free Republic' organised by CEJI. Focus staff was resource person in the session on agrarian crisis.

In October, Focus staff made a presentation at a Regional consultation on 'Root Causes and Drivers of Migration' organised by the Migrant Forum in Asia in Sri Lanka.

In August, Focus co-organised alongwith various members of the Forum for Trade Justice a 3 day national conference on Trade and Investment Policy. Focus drafted the concept note and chaired a session and made an input on Alternative Trade Policy at the conference

In September, Focus organised a Panel Discussion on Trade Wars and the Economic Slowdown

In September Focus co-organised a Workshop on Agriculture at the National Right to Food Conference. Focus was a resource person and organiser of the Workshop on Agriculture and spoke on Impacts of FTAs on Agriculture.

In November, in the National Technical meeting on FTA was organised by Delhi Network of Positive People. Focus staff was invited as resource person to speak about how FTAs, especially RCEP would impact the Indian economy and what movements are doing about it.

In the November NAPM National Convention. Focus co-organised and made inputs in two workshops on Corporate Power and Accountability and Free Trade Agreements and WTO.

In November in the National Consultation on Global Compact for Migration organised by Centre for Indian Migrants Studies, SEWA-Union and supported by ILO, MFA and others. Focus staff made a presentation on Corporate impunity and implications for migrants.

In November, Focus co-organised a roundtable on India's climate challenges.

In December, Focus was invited to speak at the National Conference of the National Forum of Fishworkers (NFF) on WTO/ FTA issues on implications on fisheries

December 10-11 Delhi Focus organised two-day symposium on 'Indian Agricultural Markets: Policy, Challenges and Alternatives'. Ranjini spoke on territorial markets and Benny chaired session on trade and price volatility

## **April 2020- March 2021 REPORT**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic on March 19, 2020. In response the Government of India declared a national lockdown from March 24,

2020. While it was initially intended for 21 days, the Government extended the lockdown till the end of May and unlock policies were gradually put in place in the subsequent months with various restrictions in place for the whole of 2020.

From March 2020, Focus India shut its offices and staff were asked to work from home due to lockdown and quarantine protocols. For the entire duration of 2020 we were not able to conduct activities that required travel and physical meetings and we reorganized our work to maximise what we can do under these conditions. The travel restrictions and bans on physical gatherings that were particularly stringent during the onset of the lockdown and that remain in some regions and provinces have necessitated the utilization of online platforms for communication.

Focus India adopted flexible approaches and strategies in the implementation of activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These strategies include using online platforms to initiate communication and sustain discussions and strategic planning with our allies, partners and networks, as well as engage in local, regional, and global campaigns and advocacies across FOCUS' thematic programmes. This adoption of flexible approaches and strategies allowed us to maintain a substantive, balanced spread of research, writing, campaigning, solidarity and support activities, from grassroots to international levels.

From April to December 2020, Focus published a monthly COVID-19 Bulletin to highlight the stories and perspectives of grassroots communities amid the pandemic, analyze the impacts of lockdown measures and recovery programs on different sectors and peoples, monitor and expose the systemic attacks on democratic institutions, rights, and freedoms, and present alternative development paradigms including food sovereignty. The bulletin aimed to inform the public and raise critical issues on the COVID-19 situation across Asia and to provide snapshots of the different aspects of COVID-19 and responses to it by governments, social movements, and regional-international institutions. The bulletin includes articles, statements, webinars, videos, and cultural performances which were updated periodically on the microsite:

For various articles, videos and analysis related to COVID-19 published by Focus from April 2019- please see our microsite - <https://focusweb.org/covid-19-updates/>.

In April 2020, Focus joined as a member of Group 4 on economic issues under COVID lockdown constituted by the Peoples Health Movement- India (Jan Swasthya Abhiyan). As part of this we contributed regularly to the updates brought out by PHM during the lockdown period. For example, the statement on the economic package announced by the Government: [http://phmindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/JSA\\_Economic\\_Package\\_Demands\\_April-1.pdf](http://phmindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/JSA_Economic_Package_Demands_April-1.pdf)

Focus also organised and co-organised a series of webinars on the challenges arising from COVID. These included a series on a Peoples Response to COVID, A Webinar on Kerala's response to COVID-19, Webinar on COVID-19 and way forward for Indian agriculture.

Focus staff also coordinated and conducted research and analysis on a range of topics under our work programme areas. Some of the publications done during this period include

1. Dossier on Corporate concentration in Agriculture and Food:  
<https://focusweb.org/publications/corporate-concentration-in-agriculture-and-food/>.

2. India Compromises Its WTO Strategy: A critical look at the 2020 agricultural market reforms. <https://focusweb.org/publications/india-compromises-its-wto-strategy/>
3. Interrogating the Food and Agriculture Subsidy Regime of the WTO: An Indian Perspective: <https://focusweb.org/publications/interrogating-the-food-and-agriculture-subsidy-regime-of-the-wto-an-indian-perspective/>
4. Farm workers during COVID: biggest casualty of neoliberal food systems. <https://focusweb.org/publications/farm-workers-during-covid-biggest-casualty-of-neoliberal-food-systems/>
5. Complete disruption: COVID-19 and agriculture in South Asia: <https://focusweb.org/publications/complete-disruption-covid-19-and-agriculture-in-south-asia/>
6. Kerala's Gendered Response to the Pandemic: <https://focusweb.org/publications/keralas-gendered-response-to-the-pandemic/>
7. India's new farm laws and underlying corporate bias: <https://focusweb.org/publications/indias-new-farms-laws-and-underlying-corporate-bias/>

#### **Other Publications from 2017 to 2020**

1. ***The Agrarian Crisis and Forced Migration: Its Roots, Implications and Consequences***; a booklet by Karan Raut, published in English and Hindi
2. ***Politics of Seeds: Common Resource OR a Private Property***; a booklet by Afsar Jafri, published in English <https://focusweb.org/content/politics-seeds-common-resource-or-private-property>
3. ***Climate Smart or Corporate Smart Agriculture: Its Implication***; published in Hindi (English version was published in 2017)
4. ***A Vexed Contract: Contract farming and its implications on small scale farming in India***; published in Hindi (English version was published in 2017)
5. ***“Kisan Ki Wayatha, Kisan Ki Zubani”***, a illustrative booklet on Agrarian Issues, published in Punjabi (Hindi version was published in 2017)
6. ***“Mukt Vyapar Samjhauta aur Bharat: Krishi Aur Kisano ko RCEP se Khatra”*** [Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) & India: Dangers of RCEP for agriculture & farmers] an article written in English by Afsar Jafri for the Kisan Swaraj Sammelan. Hindi translation of this article was printed (5000 copies) as a pamphlet for the Farmers Rally in New Delhi on 29th and 30th November 2018
7. ***“GM Sarson Ka Virodh Zaroori Kyun?”*** (Why do we oppose Genetically Engineered Mustard); 5000 copies this Pamphlet in Hindi was printed for the Farmers Rally in New Delhi, held on 29th and 30th November 2018.
8. Women in Agriculture: Challenges and the Way Ahead August, 2019  
Food Sovereignty and Agroecology, Peoples' Alternatives Discussion paper from a panel discussion organised on 10 July 2019, assessed the challenges faced by

women in agriculture in India. Available for download at:  
<https://focusweb.org/publications/women-in-agriculture-challenges-and-the-way-ahead/>

9. Book: Public Finance for the Future We Want. June 2019, Peoples Alternatives Book co-published by Transnational Institute, Focus on the Global South and others  
<https://focusweb.org/publications/public-finance-for-the-future-we-want/>
10. कृषि में महिलाएँ : चुनौतियाँ और आगे की उपाय August, 2019 Food Sovereignty and Agroecology, Peoples' Alternatives Hindi translation of 'Women in Agriculture: Challenges and the Way Ahead'. Available for download at:  
<https://focusweb.org/publications/women-in-agriculture-challenges-and-the-way-ahead-hindi-version/>
11. Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities in North East India August, 2019 Food Sovereignty and Agroecology. This discussion paper is a report of a workshop held on 29-30 August, 2019 at Guwahati, jointly organised by Focus on the Global South, ActionAid and Solidarity for Sustainable North East
12. Assamese translation of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities in North East India August, 2019 Food Sovereignty and Agroecology Assamese translation of discussion paper 'Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities in North East India.
13. Manipuri translation of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities in North East India August, 2019 Food Sovereignty and Agroecology Manipuri translation of discussion paper 'Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities in North East India.
14. India's Climate Challenges December, 2019 Political Economy of Development This discussion paper is a report of a round table discussion held on 20 November, 2019. It was jointly organised by Focus and All India People's Science Network
15. भारत का जलवायु परिवर्तन December, 2019 Political Economy of Development Hindi translation of 'India's Climate Challenges'.
16. Indian Agricultural Markets: Policy, Challenges and Alternatives, December, 2019, Discussion paper from a two day symposium organised by Focus in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung- South Asia on 10-11 December, 2019 in New Delhi. Available for download at: <https://focusweb.org/publications/indian-agricultural-markets-policy-challenges-and-alternatives/>
17. Corporate Concentration in Agriculture and Food, December, 2019. Dossier includes papers presented in workshop on the same theme organised by Focus along with Alternative Law Forum in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung- South Asia in July, 2019

## Videos

1. Trade Wars and the Economic Slowdown: Where Does India Stand? September, A round table discussion was organised by Focus and Third World Network. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SUQPGmcV7A&t=18s>
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3. RCEP: Meaning of India's Exit November 6, 2019, Benny Kuruvilla from Focus on the Global South spoke with trade expert, Prof. Biswajit Dhar from the Jawaharlal



Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi and Ranja Sengupta, senior economist with the Third World Network. The panel discussed India's decision to exit the RCEP talks and issues around democratisation of trade negotiations. Available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XisC1mTXars>

4. The Global Climate Crisis: Are Movements Stepping Up? December 24, 2019 India's Climate Challenges Part 1. Nagraj Adve, of the Climate Crisis Group –Delhi, points to equitable pathways to mitigate the crisis that do not undermine the developmental needs of developing countries. Video Available at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=117&v=S--34cCbSGE&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=117&v=S--34cCbSGE&feature=emb_logo)
5. Climate Change: India's International and Domestic Challenges December 25, 2019, India's Climate Challenges Part 2. D Raghunandan of the All-India Peoples' Science Network (AIPSN) discusses the inequity and inadequacy of the Paris Agreement to tackle the global climate crisis. Available at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bq5En2WfCFY>
6. Climate Change and Urban Transport in India January 8, 2020, India's Climate Challenges Part 3: Professor Geetam Tiwary speaks on urban transport policy in India. Video produced by Available at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=489&v=Mj\\_Q79jrJIM&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=489&v=Mj_Q79jrJIM&feature=emb_logo)
7. Changing Dynamics in Indian Agricultural Markets January 14, 2020  
Part 1 of series on Indian Agricultural Markets: Professor Abhijit Sen, former member of the Planning Commission, talks about the evolution of agricultural market reforms in India. Available at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPbLEXTnBYA&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPbLEXTnBYA&feature=emb_logo)
8. Agricultural Markets in India: A Case of Misplaced Reforms, January 16, 2020  
Part 2 of series on Indian Agricultural Markets: Professor Vikas Rawal of the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi contextualises agricultural commodity markets within the overall production system. Available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B0Gc\\_NCL34](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B0Gc_NCL34)
9. India's e-NAM (National Agricultural Market) scheme: Bane or Boon? January 18, 2020, Part 3 of series on Indian Agricultural Markets: Dr. Sudha Narayanan from the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) explains the National Agricultural Market or e-NAM scheme rolled out by the Indian Government. Available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=46&v=27LxGmU8-vs&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=46&v=27LxGmU8-vs&feature=emb_logo)
10. Contract Farming and the Model Lease Law: Backdoor Entry for Corporations? January 18, 2020, Part 4 of series on Indian Agricultural Markets: Professor Sukhpal Singh, of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, lays out the basic conceptions around, and different models, of contract farming in India. Available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgXbqBNN0HE&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgXbqBNN0HE&feature=emb_title)

## Articles/Book Chapters

1. *From Dream to Reality: UN Declaration on Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas*, an article by Afsar Jafri  
<https://focusweb.org/content/dream-reality-un-declaration-rights-peasants-and-other-people-working-rural-areas>

2. Web of Cooperatives in Kerala: Advancing the Solidarity Economy, June, 2019, Benny Kuruvilla contributed the chapter in the book 'Public Finance for the Future We Want
3. How Kerala's Cooperative Model is Making Strides Despite Odds August 22, 2019, Benny Kuruvilla wrote this op. Available at: <https://www.newsclick.in/Kerala-Cooperative-Model-Making-Strides-Despite-Odds>
4. Economic Slump: Busting Official Myths on Consumer Preferences September 14, 2019. Ranjini Basu wrote this op-ed. Available at: <https://www.newsclick.in/Slump-in-Market-Economic-Slowdown-Nirmala-Sitharaman>
5. India's RCEP Dilemma: Is There a Way Out? October 19, 2019 Trade and Investment. <https://www.bilaterals.org/?india-s-rcep-dilemma-is-there-a>  
Kannada translation at: <https://www.naanugauri.com/rcep-article-by-newsclick-translatin-to-kannada-nawaj-heggere-ಭಾರತದ-ಆರ್ಥಿಕ-ಇತಿ-ಹಾಸ/>
6. Statement from Forum on Trade Justice on RCEP Ministerial Meeting November 4, 2019 . Available at: <https://www.bilaterals.org/?no-rcep-is-better-than-a-bad-deal>.  
Also related media report: <https://www.businesstoday.in/current/economy-politics/civil-society-group-welcomes-failure-sign-rcep-calls-bad-deal-democracy/story/388447.html>
7. Energy Democracy and Climate Debates in India November 21, 2019 Political Economy of Development Benny Kuruvilla co-authored this chapter in the book 'India in a Warming World: Integrating Climate Change and Development', OUP, 2019