



## A Newsletter on Creativity and Innovation at the Grass Roots

An invitation to join a global movement to conserve biodiversity through documentation, experimentation, value addition and dissemination of local innovations by farmer, pastoralist, artisan and horticulturist men and women. You may also like to join the campaign for the protection of the Intellectual Property Rights of grassroots level innovators.

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The name *Honey Bee* signifies a philosophy of discourse that is authentic, accountable and fair. A honeybee does two things which many of us do not. It collects pollen without impoverishing the flowers, and connects flowers through pollination. The idea is that when we collect people's knowledge, we should ensure that they do not become poorer for having shared their insight with us. Further, we should connect one innovator with another through feedback, communication and networking in their local language. We have to let the providers of knowledge know what we with their knowledge. If we generate consultancies or other sources of income by writing on people's knowledge, a fair share of this income must accrue to the providers in as transparent a manner as possible.

*Honey Bee is an experiment in people to people learning:* We write in English language which connects us globally but alienates locally. We are unable to reach the people from whom we have learnt. Thus, while we grow in our careers, achieve wider recognition and reap professional rewards, the people suffer, often silently. The ethics of knowledge extraction, documentation, dissemination and abstraction into theories, institutions or technologies, is thus one of our central concerns. *Honey Bee* is brought out in six languages through collaborators. Write to us if

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