

Science, Technology, and Alternative Modernity in India

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Abstract: The model of modernity accepted by India at the time of liberation from colonial rule still persists, although it is beset with contradictions. These contradictions are becoming more manifest with the advent of structural reforms that are giving free reign to market forces. The crisis is deepening for the people in both rural as well as urban areas. The resolution has to come from the working people as they struggle to creatively survive under hostile circumstances. This paper offers some insights into some principles of social production and distribution that emerge from such a praxis in India, and the role of science and technology in providing substance to those principles.