

# APPEAL FOR GENEROSITY

## The French Institute of Pondicherry now has its own Foundation!

### Strategic research

The IFP is an institution internationally recognized for its collections (collection of palm-leaf manuscripts listed by UNESCO, herbarium, photo library...) and the quality of its research, in fields as diverse as Sanskrit studies, forest dynamics, and the social management of water ([www.ifpindia.org](http://www.ifpindia.org)).

However, in the present context which is not conducive to abundant public funding for research, the IFP has experienced financial difficulties for several years, despite the efforts made to reduce expenditure and increase external revenue. The subsidy received from the French Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Research represent only half of our budget: the rest comes from overheads levied on research projects, sale of our books and CDs, tourist visits... But this is no longer enough to maintain our beautiful heritage building and ensure salaries high enough to attract and retain talented Indian researchers. Also we can no longer afford to provide research fellowships from the Government subsidy.

It is important, however, to support emerging projects till they mature. The stakes are enormous, both for India and the planet as a whole, when dealing with issues of climate change, sustainable development, urbanization, food security, natural and cultural heritage, historical and religious identities!

This is why we are appealing to your generosity.

### A Foundation for the IFP

We have created a Trust, **the Indo-French Foundation for Research and Heritage (IFFRH)**, to make it easier to collect private donations and establish partnerships with companies in our fields of expertise. This Trust will function as a crowd-funding tool, with the flexibility of accepting donations that cannot be given directly to the IFP for administrative reasons.

You are free to target your donations by specifying the objectives for which they are intended. Our Foundation is governed by a committee of 7 members, all researchers at the IFP. This committee guarantees the sound management of the fund which will be entirely devoted to providing financial support to the Institute's scientific activities, in order to help it play its full role in Franco-Indian cooperation.

Reminder: a PhD scholarship in India costs less than € 4,000 a year. To give to the Foundation is to ensure a very high productivity in terms of research!



## HOW TO GIVE?

- If you live in India, you can send us a cheque in rupees, payable to "Indo-French Foundation for Research and Heritage", at the following address: F. Landy, Director, French Institute of Pondicherry, PB 33, 11, St. Louis Street, Pondicherry 605001

or carry out a bank transfer into the IFFRH's account: Account No: 00590210004067, UCO Bank, Pondicherry (Main) branch: Mahe of Bourdonnais Street, Pondicherry 605001.

- If you do not live in India, there are inexpensive methods of carrying out bank transfers (for example <https://transferwise.com>). IFSC Code of UCO Bank: UCBA0000059