

# CENTRE FOR CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT



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### **About CCD**

CCD is an institution established in 2001 with the main aim of doing research in social sciences on issues of social, cultural and political significance, with particular reference to Gujarat. It is an academic centre meant to harness the knowledge of social sciences to the service of Gujarat society, particularly its disadvantaged sections, and more specifically, minorities, tribals, dalits, and women. The specific focus of CCD is on conflict resolution, the interface between culture and economic development, and social discrimination violating human rights. The Centre's field of activities includes research, evaluation, training, and relevant interventions. It undertakes research projects and publishes literature with an activist orientation when required.

### **Infrastructure**

CCD is located on the XTI campus, two kilometers from the periphery of Vadodara city, in a rural area surrounded by greenery. Baroda (now Vadodara) is geographically central in Gujarat, well connected by road, rail and air. The campus is lined by huge trees and is somewhat cooler than the city. CCD is housed in its own building. Presently the building has the administrative block on the ground floor and the academic block on the first floor. The administrative block contains an air-conditioned conference room with seating arrangement for 25 persons. It also houses a digitised library with more than 4500 volumes in social sciences, and a large collection of articles, reprints, making a total of about 9000 entries and newspaper clippings. The Library subscribes to 25 journals. The Centre has a laser printer and copier, seven computer systems, and a multimedia projector for training courses and workshops. It also has a modest guest house with an attached kitchen for visiting scholars.

Space in the library was fast narrowing down. The makeshift conference room was not conducive for workshops, seminars and training programmes. Hence the Board of Trustees approved the plan and budget for the construction of the library cum conference hall adjoining the guesthouse. The Two floor building with ground floor for library and first floor for conference hall has been under construction since December 2008 and is expected to be ready by June 2009.

### **Board of Trustees**

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The Board of Trustees met on October 4, 2008 at CCD. They appreciated the activities mentioned in the annual report of 2007-08.

### **Research Advisory Committee**

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Dr. Bachaspatimayum Mary

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**Lecture Arranged at CCD**

CCD arranged a lecture at Jivan Darshan on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, by Prof. Mehtab Ali Shah from the University of Sindh (Pakistan) on “India-Pakistan Relations after Mumbai Bomb Blasts”.

**Lectures by CCD Faculty**

Dr. Lancy Lobo and Dr. Jayesh Shah each gave 7 lectures on “Socio-Religious Canvas of Gujarat” for the third year Theology students at Gujarat Vidya Deep, Sevasi, Vadodara on 25-29 August 2008.

**Participation in Workshops and Seminars by Dr. Lancy Lobo**

1. Presented a paper on “Hindutva: Cultural Nationalism and Cultural Intolerance” at a Seminar of the CBCI Commission for Education & Culture on “Cultural Challenges for Christian Mission in 21<sup>st</sup> Century” on August 2-4, 2008 at Ishvani Kendra, Pune.
2. Presented a paper on “Cultural Nationalism & Missionary Education in India” at Jesuit Alumni for JAAI-Western Zonal Congress at Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad on October. 1, 2008.
3. Presented a report on “World Religions Conference, Mahuva” at a workshop on “Region, Religion and Identity” on 12 January 2009 at the Department of English, M. S. University, Baroda.
4. Presented a paper on “Religious Fundamentalism - a Challenge to Democracy in the World, with Reference to India” at a seminar on “Spirituality and Religion” organised by Signis India General Assembly at Varansi on 13 February 2009.

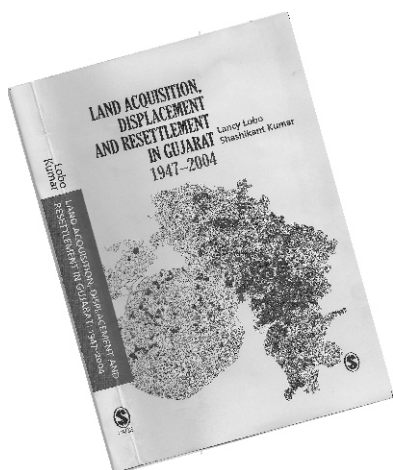
**Other Activities**

Produced a ten minute documentary film on CCD.

Revised the Website of CCD and made it more comprehensive.

**Publications****Books****English**

1. With Shashikant Kumar, *Land Acquisition, Displacement and Resettlement in Gujarat 1947-2004*, Delhi: Sage Publications, 2009. Price : Rs. 895.



This book is a first-ever detailed analysis of the land acquired for development projects and their impact on the displaced and project-affected people of Gujarat, from 1947 to 2004. It begins with a debate on the meaning of the term 'development' and focuses on displacement, marginalisation and impoverishment as direct consequences of admittedly debatable methods of progress adopted in Gujarat in the name of development.

The book presents a comprehensive account of land acquired for water resources, industries, mines, HRD, transportation, communication, and urban development projects and focuses on the people displaced and affected by them. Additionally it pays special attention to the legislative hurdles in rehabilitation and



compensation procedures which follow displacement, analysing the behaviour of officials towards people, the role of village leaders and the impact on people, especially tribals, dalits, the 'backward' castes, women and children.

The information presented covers 139 sites and 1,937 households from different regions of Gujarat. The book is special in that it discusses the issue of the current and future state of land acquisition in Gujarat as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), thereby contributing to the debate on the necessity and the significance of SEZs.

This book is an important addition to the available resources in the field of economics and development studies and political sociology. It will be useful as a reference book to researchers and academics working in these areas as well as the professionals involved in the field.

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Foreword **Ghanshyam Shah** / Preface / Introduction / Regional Characteristics and Development Projects / Trends in Land Acquisition and Families Affected / Water Resource Projects / Industrial Projects / Other Projects / Deprivation by Developmental Projects / Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Monetary Compensation / Background of the Displaced and Deprived Respondents / The Process of Displacement / Consequences and Impact on People / Development-induced Displacement: Policy Issues / Annexures / Bibliography / Index

### Gujarati

1. With Shashikant Kumar, *Gujaratno Vikas Jameen Sampadan, Visthapan ane Asargrasto Ek Vanthmbhi Kuch*. Second Edition.

This is a popular summary of the larger report in English, *Land Acquisition, Displacement and Resettlement in Gujarat 1947-2004*, for wider readership to those who read Gujarati only.

2. With Jayanti Macwan, *Adivasionun Shoshan ane Avhelna*. Fourth Edition.

The demand for this book has been so much that a fourth edition was brought out by downsizing it, updating it with more and latest data, as well as a new title. This book in Gujarati has filled in a useful gap as providing fairly comprehensive information and analysis of the tribals and their situation.

### Articles by Lancy Lobo

1. "Continue Your Work, Sisters, Although Evil Forces May Target You!", *The New Leader*, 2008, Vol. 121, No. 8, p.25.
2. "A Heavy Price for Empowerment", *Indian Currents*, 2008, Vol. XX, No. 13&14, p. 27.
3. With A.M.Shah and Pravin J. Patel, "Nashilu Misran: Gujarati ane Hindu Gaurav" (in Gujarati), *Nayamarg*, April, 2008, pp. 21-24.
4. "A New-Look RSS Coming", *Indian Currents*, April, 2008, Vol. XX, No. 16, p.13.
5. "Hindutva: Cultural Nationalism as Cultural Intolerance", in S. M. Michael et al (eds.), *Cultural Challenges in Christian Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, 2008, pp.60-78.
6. "*Gujaratni Asmita ane Khristio*" (in Gujarati), in Uttambhai Parmar (ed.), *Gujaratni Asmita: Mari Najare*, Kim: Kim Education Society, 2008, pp. 369-376.
7. "Why Does Lay Collaboration Remain Elusive?", *Jivan*, Nov. Dec. 2008, p. 9.
8. "Will the Real Jesuit Alumni Please Stand Up?", *Jivan*, January, 2009, pp.16-17.
9. "Cultural Nationalism and Missionary Education in India", *Vidyajyoti*, Vol. 73, No. 3, March 2009.



### Completed Projects

1. The report, “Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat”, was revised for publication in English, and was published by Sage Publications, Delhi in 2009.
2. A popular summary of the above mentioned report in Gujarati, *Gujaratma Visthapan* was revised under a new title, *Gujaratno Vikas Jameen Sampadan, Visthapan ane Asargrasto Ek Vanthmbhi Kuch* published by Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, 2008.
3. A project on “Ethnography of Malaria in Surat District” was directed by Lancy Lobo while at the Centre for Social Studies, Surat during 1996-2000, with a grant from the Department for International Development (DFID), UK. The revised report of the project is now accepted for publication by Rutledge, New Delhi under the title, *Malaria in the Social Context: A Study in South Gujarat, Western India*.

### Current Project

The CCD has undertaken a project on “Changing Character of Forests and its Impact on Tribal Livelihood in Eastern Gujarat (1947-2008).” This study is being conducted in the eastern hilly region of Gujarat where tribal communities and forests are located. The study area has distinct geographical and topographical characteristics extending from the hilly tracts of north Gujarat to the eastern hilly areas and the Dangs district. This study intends to reconstruct the history, including legal history of forests in Gujarat. It has the following objectives:

- To find the changes in the forest areas/forest cover in Gujarat State since 1947 by using Satellite imagery, census data and Working Plans of the Forest Government.
- To study the impact of deforestation and reforestation on the life and livelihood of tribal population in the study area.
- To study the impact of the Forest Department, the Joint Forest Management, the Forest Co-operatives, and their related policies on the forests and the tribals in the study area.
- To find the number of tribal families/people displaced and deprived by the development projects in the study area.
- To investigate the nature and background of the tribal struggles in the study area.
- To present the findings and policy recommendations for sustainable tribe-forest relationship in the study area.

Methodology: In phase I: Secondary data collection from Archives and Satellite Imagery. And in Phase II: Primary data collection through ethnographic approach, Focus Group Discussion, and enumeration of sample households. Having completed the first phase, CCD is now in the process of collecting primary data with the assistance of 20 research investigators, in 180 sampled villages, and ethnographic study in four villages.

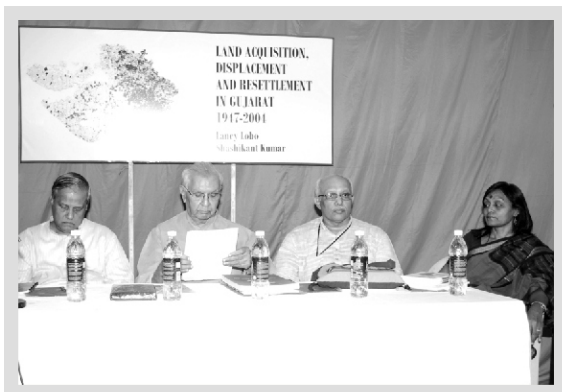
### Persons to be especially thanked

1. Dr. Jayesh Shah, for his contributions to the development of the website, and other works.
2. Fr. Xavier Manjooran and his team, of Rajpipla Social Service Society for the collaboration in the project, “Forest and Tribals” in primary data collection.





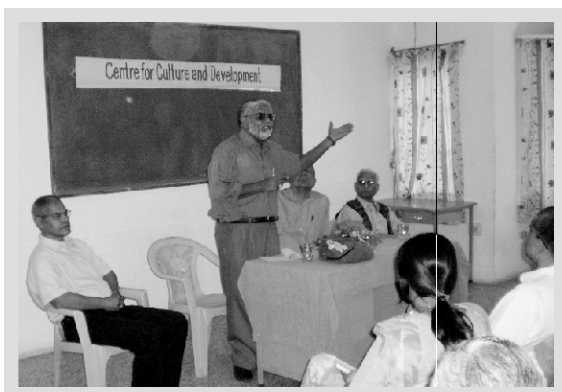
## YEAR IN PICTURE



Book Release Function  
Ex-Finance Minister Mr. Sanat Mehta, Prof. Priyavadan Patel  
and Mr. Indukumar Jani are seen in the picture



Prof. Tiplut Nongbri of JNU-New Delhi (Right)  
and Prof. Sridevi Xavier (Second from Right) of  
MSU-Vadodara visited the CCD



Prof. Mehtab Ali Shah  
of Sindh University-Pakistan  
had addressed the scholars in Vadodara



Dr. Jayesh Shah in the field  
for the project on Forest and Tribals



Field Investigators Camping and on the Move in the Forests of Eastern Gujarat