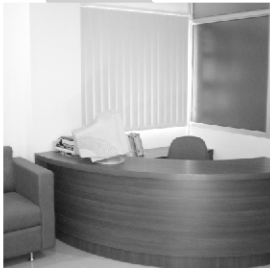


# CENTRE FOR CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT



## Eleventh Annual Report 2011-12



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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. The digitized library houses more than 5000 volumes in social sciences, and a large collection of articles, and reprints, making a total of about 9000, entries and newspaper clippings. **The late Professor B.V. Shah's children have donated around 200 books in English and Gujarati to CCD library during this year.** The library subscribes to 30 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 which can house fifteen guests with moderate comforts. CCD has a dynamic website: [www.ccdgujarat.org](http://www.ccdgujarat.org).

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The Board of Trustees met on October 15, 2011 at CCD. They appreciated the activities mentioned in the annual report of 2010-11.

## Research Advisory Committee

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The Research Advisory Committee met on October 7, 2011. It suggested a number of critical areas of social research in Gujarat which may be undertaken by the CCD in future.

CCD needs to prioritize research areas from among the areas suggested and then prepare proposals for funding. This should be done initially for a period of next five years.

A peer-review of CCD may help in securing funds. The Committee also suggested that the CCD should develop the parameters to evaluate its work undertaken so far.



### **Director**

Dr. Lancy Lobo

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Research Associate: Dr. Jayesh Shah  
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### **Administrative Staff**

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### **Lectures/symposia/workshops arranged at CCD**

1. Seminar on, “Local Elections of Gujarat – An Analysis” was held on April 3, 2011 at CCD.
2. CCD Decennial Report and Tribals in Transition Report were released on June 13, 2011 at CCD.
3. Panel Discussion on, “Communal Violence Bill” was held on October, 7, 2011 at CCD.
4. Panel Discussion on, “Poverty Measurement: An Evaluation” was held on November, 18, 2011 at CCD.
5. Seminar on, “Changes in a Globalising Gujarat” was held on December, 9, 2011 at CCD, Vadodara.
6. Workshop on, “Land Acquisition, Displacement and Resettlement in Gujarat” was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at CCD, for different NGOs at request of Lok Vikas, Vedchhi.

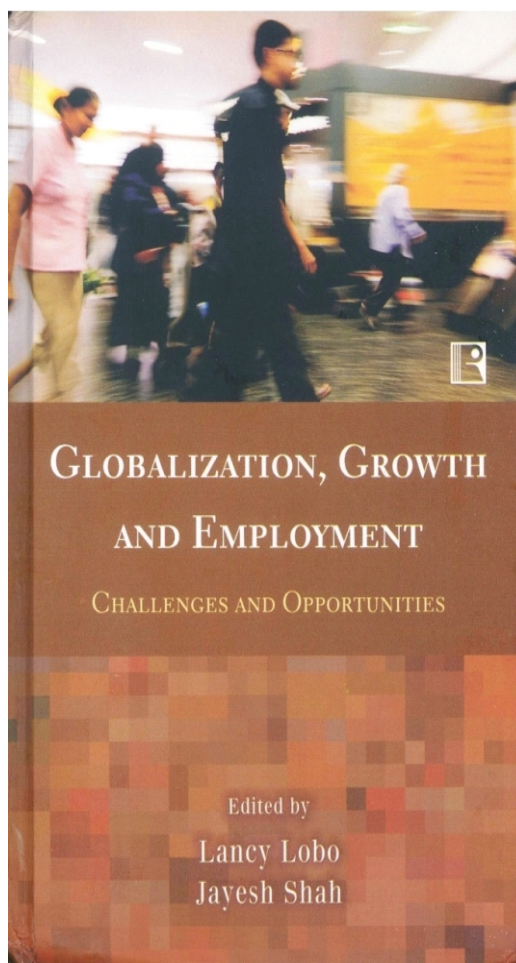
### **Lectures and Participation in Workshops and Seminars by Lancy Lobo**

1. Gave a keynote address on, “Ethics on Social Research: at the Social Work Department, South Gujarat University, Surat on May 9, 2011.
2. Gave a lecture on, “Land Acquisition and Displacement in Gujarat: 1947-2010” on June 18, 2011 at Bhasha Research Centre, Tejgadh.
3. Gave a course of 15 lectures on “Socio-Religious Canvas of Gujarat” for the first year Theology students at Gujarat Vidya Deep, Sevasi, Vadodara on August 1-6, 2011.
4. Gave a talk on, “Two Sentence Interview Format” at English Department, M. S. University of Baroda on November 26, 2011.
5. Presented a Paper on “Land Acquisition and Displacement in Gujarat: 1947-2010” at the International Conference on, “Gujarat Society after Five Decades: Retrospect and Prospect”, at Centre for Social Studies, Surat on 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012.



## Publications

Book by Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah eds., *Globalization, Growth, and Employment: Challenges and Opportunities*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications.



Globalization and subsequent changes are affecting all national economies irrespective of whether it is a transitional, controlled, socialist, or market economy. The result of this change is a paradigm shift in the employment structure of most of the countries. A common trend observed worldwide is that employment is moving away from traditional agriculture to industry and more to services. This volume makes an attempt to evaluate the employment scenario in different sectors of Indian economy after the reforms period. It also makes a comparative study of employment scenario between Gujarat, one of the developed states, and the country as a whole. Employment intensity of economic growth with focus on rural transformation, social security, quality and employability, survival of marginalized labouring poor and social income throws light on the realistic scenario. Retail boom, establishment of SEZs and social security schemes like MGNREGA have suggestive thrusts in the domain of employment and consequences such as migration and their effects on society and culture.



### Articles by Lancy Lobo

1. "Gujaratni Asmita ane Khristio", in Varghese Paul and Naveen Macwan (eds.), *Vikasna Hamsafar: Gujaratna Vikasna Kristionu Pradhan*, Anand: Gujarat Sahitya Praksh, 2011.
2. "Socio-Cultural Eco-Systems and their Challenges to the Church in India", *Third Millennium*, 2011, Vol. XIV, No. 1, pp. 73-85.
3. "Much Hype Over Anna", in *Indian Currents*, Vol. XXIII, No. 35, 22-28 Aug. 2011, pp. 26-28.

### Book Review by Lancy Lobo

Kancha Ilaiah: *Post Hindu India: A Discourse on Dalit-Bahujan, Socio-Spiritual and Scientific Revolution*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2008, 303 pp., in *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 60, No. 1, January-April 2011, pp.149-151.

### Current Projects

#### 1. Changing Character of Religiosity and Communal Consciousness in Gujarat (1980-2010)

There has been an upsurge in religion, religiosity, and fundamentalism, leading to fanaticism, manifesting in marked increase in the number of shrines, temples, churches, mosques, gurudwaras, religious activities and programmes, and in festivals. A notable increase is seen in religiosity, one-upmanship, nationalism and assertion of ethnic identity in Gujarat. Frequent communal clashes and riots erupt for real or fictitious reasons. This study focuses on social organisation of religion, based on an empirical study of shrines in rural and urban sites in Vadodara district.

A schedule was canvassed around each religious shrines at four sites in Vadodara District:

- (i) A multi-caste, multi-religious village – Jabugam (Taluka Jetpur Pavi)
- (ii) A multi-tribal, multi-religious village – Vadu (Taluka Padra)
- (iii) A small town – Areas under Dabhoi Municipality
- (iv) Two areas of Vadodara Municipal Corporation – part of Vadodara (East) and part of Vadodara (West)

Photography of each religious shrine, videography of religious celebrations and events, and interviews of religious leaders form part of data collection. This study was conducted by Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah guided by Professors A. M. Shah and Biswaroop Das. Also being conceived is an Atlas of Shrines and documentaries on different religious events. This study received financial assistance from the Indian Council of Social Research, Delhi.

#### 2. Booth Level Voting Pattern in Vadodara Rural and Urban Sites in the Taluka Panchayat Elections of 2011

Elections in Gujarat state provide case study of the relative strength of individual and group behaviour and modern orientations in Gujarat politics which may have long-lasting impact on regional politics. More specifically, it can throw light on the nature, extent and limits of different caste and community voting as well as individual voting patterns as an effective factor in electoral behaviour. Do primordial ties still influence voting behaviour of the individual voter? To what extent do individuals vote as individuals transcending caste and creed? To what extent has Indian democracy matured as far as electoral behaviour goes?



These are some of the questions which we would like to investigate in this study by analysing booth level voting.

The following sites were studied in detail:

- (i) Five election wards (Nos. 5, 6, 7, 17 and 19) comprising part of Vadodara (East) of Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) out of the total 25 election wards in VMC.
- (ii) All twelve election wards of Dabhoi Municipality
- (iii) All election booths of Jabugam Village (Taluka Jetpur Pavi)
- (iv) All election booths of Vadu Village (Taluka Padra)

The study of the 2010 local elections was made by Jayesh Shah and Lancy Lobo. It is planned to study elections in these sites over a period of time.

### **3. Study of the Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay**

Prof. A M Shah has undertaken a study of the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay* established in 1886. The Indian Council of Social Science Research has given to CCD a small grant for carrying out this study. The initial work of procuring the issues of the journal is progressing.

4. The study report on **Forests and Tribals' Livelihood: Their Changing Character in Gujarat (1947-2007)** has been substantially revised and the manuscript has been submitted for publication.

### **Persons to be especially thanked**

1. Mr. Stanley and Mala D'Souza, Vadodara
2. Mr. Paul and Irene D'Souza, Mangalore
3. Mr. Tarun, Mr. Ravi and Ms. Purvi Shah, Vadodara





# YEAR IN PICTURES



## Seminar on Elections in Gujarat on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011



## Seminar on Communal Violence Bill on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011



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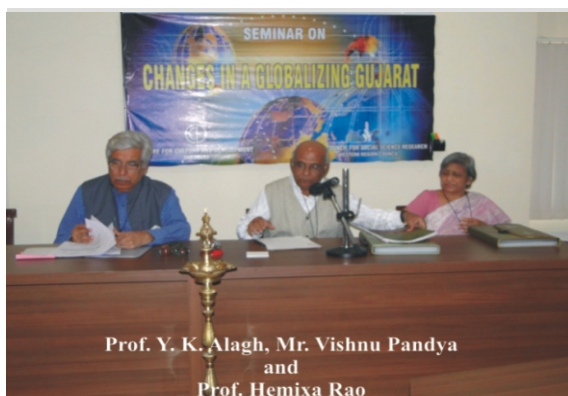


Drs. Lancy Lobo and Samir Joshi



Participants

## Seminar on Poverty Measurement: An Evaluation on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011



Prof. Y. K. Alagh, Mr. Vishnu Pandya  
and  
Prof. Hemixa Rao



Participants

## Seminar on Changes is a Globalising Gujarat on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011



Participants



Drs. Hemixa Rao, Lancy Lobo, R.C. Popat,  
Y.K. Alagh and Gaurang Jani

## Seminar on Changes is a Globalising Gujarat on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011