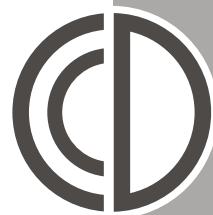
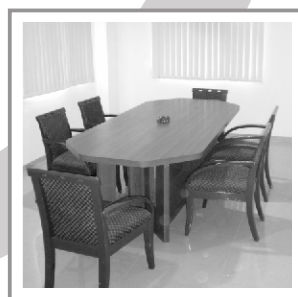
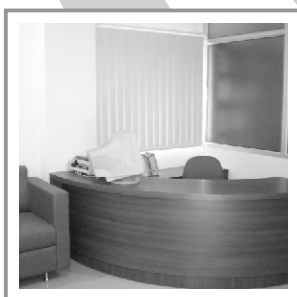


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About CCD

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 6,500 volumes in social sciences, and a large collection of articles, reprints, making a total of about 10,000 entries, and newspaper clippings. Library subscribes to 30 journals. The Centre has a laser printer and copier, seven computer systems, and a K-yan projector with computer 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.

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1. Member, National Committee on Labour Reforms.
2. Ambassador of The Parliament of the World's Religions, USA from December 1, 2014 to December 1, 2016.

Empanelment of CCD by the NCSR

The National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Hub based at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai has approved the Empanelment of Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, for Research, Consultancy and Advocacy in Gujarat. This makes CCD eligible to be considered for projects under CSR initiatives of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and connects it with all empanelled organizations in the country.

Seminars/symposia/workshops arranged at CCD

1. One day workshop for the Editorial Team of the Journal, *Adilok* on 27th April 2014 at Centre for Culture and Development.
2. Seminar on "Changing Dynamics of Corporate Social Responsibilities: Moving from Charity to Responsibility (CSR)" on 20th May 2014 at Centre for Culture and Development.
3. Colloquium on Election Processes of 2014 on 21st May 2014.
4. Launch of the book "*Federalism in India: Towards the Fresh Balance of Power*", edited by Lancy Lobo, Mrutujanaya Sahu and Jayesh Shah launched the book Lord Bhikhu Parekh at a function held on 7th August 2014 at Vasvik Auditorium, Vadodara.
5. National Seminar on "Legacy of Nehru: Analysis and Appraisal" on January 29–31, 2015 at Centre for Culture and Development.

Lectures and Participation in Workshops and Seminars by Faculty

1. Lancy Lobo presented a paper on '100 days of Modi' on 29th April, 2014 at Jeevan Vikas Kendra, Pethapur, Gandhinagar.
2. Jayesh Shah and Kanchan Bharati, participated in the workshop on 'Rural–Urban Linkage' at IRMA, Anand, on 27th August, 2014.
3. Lancy Lobo presented a paper on 'Identity Based Mobilization of Tribals by Sangh Parivar in Gujarat' on 14 October 2014 at CSSS, Mumbai.



4. Lancy Lobo sent a paper on 'Ethnography of a Disease: Malaria in the Social Context, a Study in Western India' on 14–15 November 2014 at ICSSR – Western Regional Centre, Mumbai.
5. Lancy Lobo gave a course of 15 lectures on "Socio-Religious Canvas of Gujarat" for the first year Theology Students at Gujarat Vidya Deep, Sevasi on 8-12 December 2014.
6. Jayesh Shah participated and gave a valedictory address at a national seminar on 'Corporate Social Responsibility in India: Challenges, Possibilities and Prospects for Socio-economic Transformation' on 12-14 March 2015 at Chandigarh.
7. Lancy Lobo gave a lecture on 'Post-Election Review in India', at Colloquium among Bishops and Major Superiors of Gujarat State on 24th March, 2015 at Gujarat Vidya Deep, Sevasi, Vadodara.

Publications

Books

1. Lancy Lobo, Mrutuyanjan Sahu and Jayesh Shah (eds.), *Federalism in India: Towards the Fresh Balance of Power*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2014.
2. Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah (eds.), *Democracy in India: Current Debates and Emerging Challenges*, Delhi: Primus Publications (in the press).
3. Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah (eds.), *The Trajectory of India's Middle Class: Economy, Ethics and Etiquette*, London: Cambridge Scholars Publications (in the press).
4. *Forests and Tribals' Livelihood: Their Changing Character in Gujarat (1947-2007)*, Delhi: Concept Publishers (in the press).

Books under Preparation

1. *Changing Icons and Icons of Change in the Religions in Gujarat: An Outline for a Kaleidoscopic Presentation of Gods, Goddesses and Shrines in Gujarat.*
2. *Visual Panorama of Religions in Gujarat.*
3. *Essays on Suicide: Archives of Anthropology in Bombay-1886-1936.*
4. *Ethnography of East and South-East Asia: exploration and comparison.*
5. *The Parsees: Their traditional Culture and Society.*

Articles by the Faculty of CCD

1. Lancy Lobo, 2014, "Family, Marriage and Divorce among Catholics of Central Gujarat", *Third Millennium*, Vol. XVII, No. 3, 2014, pp. 34-58.
2. Lancy Lobo, 2014, "A Hundred Days! Narendra Modi Completes 100 days in Office with Development on his Lips and Hindutva in his Heart", *Indian Currents*, Vol. XXVI, No. 36, 1-7 September, pp. 31-32.



Current Projects

1. Longitudinal Election Studies in Vadodara District of Gujarat

CCD has decided to carry out empirical studies on elections in limited rural and urban sites of Vadodara district at various levels, viz., Village Panchayat, Municipal/Corporation, Taluka, District, Assembly, and Parliament. The objective of these longitudinal studies is to provide the relative strength of individual and group behaviour and modernist orientations in Gujarat politics which may have long lasting impact on regional as well as national politics. More specifically, they attempt to throw light on the nature, extent and limits of different caste and community voting, as well as individual voting, as an effective factor in electoral behaviour. The other factors considered are character of party organization, effective booth management, ideological appeal, and issue of development and personal incentives to the voters. Are primordial, ties e.g. religion and caste, still influencing the pattern of voting behaviour of the individual voter? To what extent individuals are voting as individuals transcending caste and creed? To what extent Indian democracy has matured as far as electoral behaviour is concerned? These are some of the questions which we would like to investigate in this study by getting down to the booth level voting analysis.

We studied the following sites:

- a. Five election wards comprising part of Vadodara (East) of Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) (Ward No. 5, 6, 7, 17 and 19) out of total 25 election wards in VMC
- b. All twelve election wards of Dabhoi Municipality
- c. All election booths of Taluka Panchayat Seat of Jetpur-Pavi Taluka for Jabugam Village
- d. All election booths of District Panchayat Seat of Vadodara District for Jabugam Village
- e. All election booths of Taluka Panchayat Seat of Padra Taluka for Vadu Village
- f. All election booths of District Panchayat Seat of Vadodara District for Vadu Village

The first study was begun with the “Booth Level Voting Pattern in Vadodara Rural and Urban Sites in the Taluka Panchayat Elections of 2010”. The second study engaged with the “Assembly elections held in Gujarat state in 2012”. Now, the third study focuses on Parliament elections to be held in May 2014 in the same sites.

Dr. Kanchan Bharati, assisted by Drs. Jayesh Shah and Lancy Lobo are conducting this study.

2. Urban Transformation and Social Change in Gujarat: A Study of Villages on the Periphery of Vadodara City (1961-2011)

The urban areas in India have been experiencing demographic, environmental, economic and social changes since the last two decades. Given the changes in the fringe areas have been complex and multifaceted; an analysis of more than just demography and land use is required. Its impact on local culture, social relations and religion is only fuzzily understood. The processes of change are most vicious in the vicinity of urban fringes.



The main aim of this project is to study intensively the fringe villages as well as the villages that have become part of the city boundaries, with particular reference to the city of Vadodara in Gujarat. We would like to have a detailed study on the growth of fringe settlements, nature of housing, land use pattern, occupational structure, traditional social structure, fringe village's governance, and continuity and change in old settlements, to capture the overarching impact of urbanization. This study will be conducted in selected villages in and outside Vadodara city for the period between the years 1961 and 2011.

We plan to concentrate on social structural as well as cultural changes in the select villages and the nature of transformation from one category to the other. We shall also study inclusive rural-urban development policies. What policy and programme interventions are needed to facilitate or strengthen various institutions to forge dynamic rural-urban links between different communities and sectors will also be investigated.

Dr. Jayesh Shah assisted by Drs. Kanchan Bharati and Lancy Lobo are carrying out this project. It is funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Delhi.

3. Journal of Anthropological Society of Bombay, 1886-1936

As part of our interest in the history of sociology and social anthropology in India, the Centre for Culture and Development has undertaken a project to study *The Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay* established in 1886. We have acquired photocopies of all issues of the journal from 1886 to 1936--a total of about 20 issues from 15 volumes. We got them from many different libraries in India and abroad.

We are now engaged in carrying out an intensive analysis of these volumes and studying the contribution made by the Anthropological Society of Bombay and its journal to anthropology and sociology. In fact, our aim is to show how India contributed significantly to world anthropology and sociology since at least 1886.

The journal includes articles on all branches of anthropology: theory and method, physical anthropology, prehistoric archaeology, linguistics, social and cultural anthropology. They cover ethnography of a number of structures and institutions, such as religion, kinship, marriage, folklore, customs, etc. Interestingly, there is a series of articles on suicide in Bombay for a number of years. The journal covers not only different parts of South Asia (i.e., India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) but also many other parts of the world. They also cover various religions: Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Parsi religion, Tribal religion, and so on.

Our plan is to go through all the articles, classify them according to dominant themes, and then place the articles of every particular dominant theme into a volume, along with an Introduction. We then make these volumes available to scholars. But, for the present we wish to focus on analysis, classification, and documentation. We aim to produce manuscripts of five or six volumes on different themes with publication of these volumes in our mind as mentioned below:

- Book 1- Theory and Concepts
- Book 2 - Physical Anthropology
- Book 3 - Archeology and History
- Book 4 - Suicide
- Book 5 - West Asia and North East Africa



Book 6 - Far East and South East
Book 7 - Indian Society and Culture
Book 8 - Parsi Society and Culture
Book 9 - Islam in India
Book 10 - Residual

Professors A.M. Shah and Lancy Lobo, assisted by Dr. Ragini Shah are carrying out this study partially assisted financially by ICSSR, Western Region, Mumbai.

Evaluations done by CCD Team in the year 2014

1. St. Xavier's College , Mumbai by Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah
2. St. Mary's Nursing Home, Ahmedabad by Lancy Lobo, Jayesh Shah and Kanchan Bharati
3. Indian Social Institute, Delhi by Lancy Lobo (Team member)

Persons to be especially thanked:

1. Prof. Lord Bhikhu Parekh, for the Nirman Foundation having given an endowment fund of Rs. 15,000,00/- (Fifteen Lakhs) for organizing seminars, workshops, raining and publications.
2. Xavier Kelavni Mandal, Ahmedabad having given Rs. One Crore or the corpus of CCD.



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