



TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

I write to request you to support the work of the Centre for Culture and Development currently headed by Prof. Lancy Lobo. I have observed the Centre over a period of years and think highly of its work. It focuses on Gujarat, especially its society, culture, social and economic problems and environment. It has sponsored several national seminars whose proceedings have resulted in important publications. The Centre has also published well researched documents on social and cultural issues that have added greatly to our knowledge of the changes at work in Gujarat. It intends now to begin training courses on critical thinking on India and research methodology meant for young Indian scholars. This is an important contribution to capacity building. All in all, the Centre which has been currently running on a shoestring budget deserves wider and deeper support. I am confident that money given to it would be well used and properly accounted for.

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