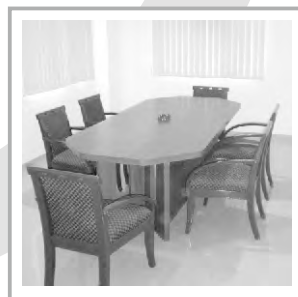
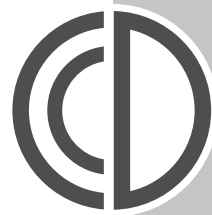


Centre for Culture and Development



Centre for Culture and Development

XTI Campus, Sevasi Post, Vadodara 391 101 (India)

Telephones: 91-265-2962001, Tele Fax: +91-265-2961354

E-mail: drlancylobo48@gmail.com & centreforculture@gmail.com

Registered as a Public Trust under the Bombay Public Trusts Act (E/6195/Vadodara).

CCD accepts donations from abroad under FCRA.

Tax deduction in respect of donations made to CCD are allowed under U/S 80 G (5) of the Income Tax Act, as per order No. CBRD/AA1/Mukhya/80G/(95/115)/2009-10.

ISO 9001: 2015

Visit us at - www.ccdgujarat.org

Twentieth Annual Report 2020-21



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 Centre's field of activities includes research, evaluation, training, and relevant interventions. It undertakes research projects and publications with an orientation to intellectual activism.

Infrastructure

CCD is located on the XTI campus at Sevasi village in the periphery of Vadodara city. 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. The digitized library houses more than 8,500 volumes in social sciences, and a large collection of articles and reprints, making a total of about 10,000 entries, besides newspaper clippings. Library subscribes to 30 journals. It also has a modest guest house which can house 15 guests with moderate comforts. CCD has a dynamic website: www.ccdgujarat.org.

Board of Trustees

Fr. Durai Fernand S.J. - Chairperson (Provincial of Gujarat Jesuit Province
01.02.2020 to onwards).

Dr. Stany Pinto (Sociologist, Rajpipla) (Treasurer).

Prof. Biswaroop Das (Retired Professor, Centre for Social Studies, Surat).

Vakil Thomas Parmar (Advocate, Vadodara).

Dr. Robert Arockiasamy (Retired Principal, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad).

Dr. Vinayak Jadav (Professor, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad).

Prof. Deeptha Achar (Professor of English, M.S. University, Baroda).

Ms. Ayesha Khan (Political Specialist, Mumbai).

Dr. James C. Dabhi (Joint Director, Centre for Culture and Development).

Prof. Lancy Lobo (Director and Secretary, Centre for Culture and Development).



Research Advisory Committee

Prof. Priyavadan Patel (Retired Professor, Political Science Department, M. S. University, Baroda).

Prof. Biswaroop Das (Retired Professor, Centre for Social Studies, Surat).

Dr. Stany Pinto (Rajpipla Social Service Society, Rajpipla).

Prof. Nandini Manjrekar (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai).

Dr. Robert Arockiasamy (Retired Principal, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad).

Ms. Renu Khanna (Sahaj – Vadodara).

Prof. Lancy Lobo (Centre for Culture and Development).

Director

Prof. Lancy Lobo, Ph.D

Joint Director

Dr. James C. Dabhi

Faculty and Research Staff

Prof. Biswaroop Das	Affiliate Professor
Prof. Priyavadan Patel	Affiliate Professor
Dr. Kanchan Bharati	Assistant Professor
Dr. Dhananjay Kumar	Assistant Professor
Dr. Jayesh Shah	Research Consultant

Administrative Staff

Ms. Amba Gamit	Office Superintendent
Mr. Champak Vasava	Office Assistant
Mr. Soma Vartha	Research Assistant
Mrs. Priyanka Gamit	Library Assistant
Mrs. Sayna Vasava	Office Attendant

Publications

Books by the Faculty of CCD

1. Bharati, Kanchan, Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah. 2021. *Revisiting Suicide: From Socio-Psychological Lens*, New Delhi: Routledge.
2. Shah, A. M. and Lancy Lobo (eds.). 2021. *Anthropological Explorations in East and South-East Asia*, Delhi: Primus Books.



Books in the Press

1. Shah, A. M. and Lancy Lobo (eds.). 2021. *An Ethnography of the Parsees of India: 1886-1936*, New Delhi: Routledge.
2. Lobo, Lancy and A. M. Shah (eds.). *Indian Anthropology: Anthropological Discourse in Bombay, 1886-1936*, New Delhi: Routledge.

Books under Preparation

1. Kumar, Dhananjay and Lancy Lobo. *Comparative Study of Tribal Social Structure in South Gujarat*.
2. Shah, Jayesh and Lancy Lobo. *Urban Flood Management through High Tech Solutions*.
3. Shah, Jayesh and Lancy Lobo. *Coffee Table Book on Daily Labour Market Workers*.

Articles by the Faculty of CCD

Bharati, Kanchan. 2021. 'Late Life Suicides: An Indian Scenario', *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, Vol. 35, No.1, pp. 63–85.

Dabhi, James C. 2020. 'Does Interfaith Dialogue and Communal Harmony Contribute to National Integration?', *Social Action*, Vol. 70, April – June, pp.187-197.

_____. 2020. 'The Outcaste of India - The Sanitary Workers', *PAXLUMIA*, Vol. 1, No. 4, November, pp. 9-17.

Kumar, Dhananjay. 2021. '*Bargi aur Samkalin Bangla Rajnaitik Samvad*', (in Hindi), (Bargi and Contemporary Bangla Political Discourse), *Sablog*, ISSN: 2277-5897, 07 March 2021, <https://sablog.in/bargi-and-contemporary-bangla-political-dialogue/11480/>.

_____. 2021. '*Sharatchandra Ki Rachnaon me Stri Patron Ke Vibhinn Aayam*' (in Hindi), (Different Dimensions of Women Characters in Sharatchandra's Work), *Samved*, ISSN: 2231-3885, 15 January 2021, <https://samved.sablog.in/different-dimensions-of-female-characters-in-the-works-of-sharat-chandra-by-dhananjay-kumar/>.

_____. 2020. '*Kisan: Trasadiyaon Ki Kahani*' (in Hindi), (Farmer: The Story of Tragedies), *Sablog*, ISSN: 2277-5897, 29 November 2020, <https://sablog.in/kisan-trasadiyon-ki-kahaani-nov-2020/>.

_____. 2020. '*Chhath Parv: Prachin Surya Upasna Ki Ek Jivit Virasat*', (in Hindi), (Chhath Parv: The Living Legacy of Ancient Sun Worshipping), *Sablog*, ISSN: 2277-5897, 20 November 2020, <https://sablog.in/chhath-parv-nov-2020/>.

- _____. 2020. 'Motapa: Bhumandliya Samaj ka Vimarsh, (in Hindi), (Obesity: The Interpretation of Globalized Society)', *Sablog*, ISSN: 2277-5897, 01 September 2020, <https://sablog.in/motapa-bhumandliya-samaj-ka-vimarsh-sep-2020/>.
- _____. 2020. 'COVID-19 ke Namkaran ka Vivad', (in Hindi), (Covid 19 Naming Controversy), *Sablog*, ISSN: 2277-5897, 21 August 2020, <https://sablog.in/covid-19-ke-naamkaran-ka-vivaad-aug-2020/>.
- Lobo, Lancy and Jayesh Shah. 2020. 'Regenerating Forests in India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LV, Nos. 26 & 27, June 27, pp. 61-64.
- Lobo, Lancy. 2020. 'Revisiting Religious Change: Conversion and its Modalities', *Third Millennium*, Vol. XXIII, No. 2, April – June, pp. 52-62.
- Vartha, Soma. 2020. 'Covid-19 ane Lockdownni Adivasi Lokjivan par Asar', (in Gujarati), *Adilok*, Vol.12, No. 4, July – August, pp. 30-39.

Book Reviews by Lancy Lobo

1. Diaz, Garriz M., *A Brief History of the Catholic Church*, Anand: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, *Jivan*, October 2019, p. 23.
2. Wilkerson, Isabel, *Caste: The Lies that Divide us*, Allen Lane Publisher, *Jivan*, Dec. 20-Jan. 21, p. 20.
3. Patel, Aakar. *Our Hindu Rashtra: What It Is, How We Got There?* Chennai: Westland Publications, *Indian Currents*, 18-24 January, 2021, pp. 44-45.
4. Berger, Peter and Sarbeshwar Sahoo, *Godroads: Modalities of Conversion in India*, Cambridge University Press, *Sociological Bulletin* (forthcoming).

Current Projects

1. Migration Study of Families from 5 Clusters of South Gujarat (Dangs and Valsad districts).

The research to study migration of Adivasi families from south Gujarat is taken up by CCD at the request of the Provincial of Gujarat Jesuits. The objective of the research is to study the process of migration of Adivasis in two districts of south Gujarat, namely the Dangs and Valsad. The objective is also to critically analyse migration in these districts and to understand the nuances of migration process, reasons for migration and the difficulties the people face.



A total of 4533 households in 34 villages of Valsad and Dangs districts are studied through field visits, interviews and by canvassing a questionnaire.

Hopefully the research findings will help the stakeholders and others such as government and NGOs to help develop strategies to address these issues. The project is undertaken and coordinated by James C. Dabhi.

2. Structure and Behaviour of Daily Labour Markets in Gujarat.

This research study is an empirical study on the labourers of daily labour markets in the state of Gujarat. The study will cover million-plus cities (Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Surat) and one town (Mehsana) having population of more than one lakh. Though there are considerable studies on informal sector labourers, including casual labourers and contract labourers, there is hardly any study exclusively on daily labour markets.

In Gujarat, we have identified 189 daily labour markets at several squares or junctions in urban centers where more than 250 daily labourers gather to get wage labour. Hence, there is a need to do more in-depth studies of the daily labour markets in the urban areas and especially in the state of Gujarat where they form a large part of the workforce. Given the near total neglect of the rights and entitlements of these labourers by the government and employers, such studies will help to build up an authentic data base for bringing about a change at the policy level.

The rationale for undertaking this research study is two-fold. First, by focusing on an otherwise less documented daily labour markets in Gujarat, we intend to contribute to a better understanding of their working and living conditions in a burgeoning urban setting. Second, understanding the plight of daily labourers hired through daily labour market is an important part of the larger goal of understanding the informal sector in the economy. Our analysis relies on some supply side factors, mainly employment, wage and income, and inter-generation occupational transition, among others. We also rely on some demand side factors, mainly opportunities available for specific skills from the formal sectors as well as informal sectors in the urban areas.

The present study was initially planned in two stages- first, a survey of DLM and DLM-workers in the four cities, and second, conducting a more qualitative and in-depth study by visiting worker's village of origin. The tenure of the first stage was over in March 2019, and the second stage was to



start from April to June 2020. Due to COVID-19 outbreak and lockdowns it was not possible to complete the second stage. We look forward to investigate this aspect when it is possible. In the meantime a report has been filed on the basis of the first stage.

The research team consisted of Drs. Shashikant Kumar, Kanchan Bharati, Dhananjay Kumar and Jayesh Shah, and the advisory team consisted of Drs. Biswaroop Das and James C. Dabhi. The project was coordinated by Dr. Lancy Lobo.

3. Volumes on Indian Anthropology, 1886–1936.

Indian Anthropology, 1886–1936, is a series of volumes based on articles published in the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay* over a period of fifty years. About 750 articles have been classified volume-wise, according to certain broad themes, for this series. The various volumes of the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay* contain a valuable record of the formative period of anthropology in India, almost forgotten today. Published by a learned society formed by the English-educated literati of Bombay, the journal provided a view of anthropology that was different from the one provided by the colonial government institution, Ethnographic Survey of India (later renamed as Anthropological Survey of India). While the latter was concerned mainly with tribal communities in India, the former covered a variety of societies and cultures, primitive and civilized, all over the world. About 130 authors, from India as well as several other countries in the world, contributed to the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay*. By re-issuing them in this series, we hope to help craft a more comprehensive view of Indian anthropology.

Of the several volumes we have planned, the first volume is, *Essays on Suicide and Self-Immolation*. It includes essays on suicides in Bombay, written even before Emile Durkhiem, the eminent French sociologist wrote his famous book on Suicide. Professors A.M. Shah and Lancy Lobo have written the Introduction, and Professor Ashis Nandy has contributed a Foreword to this volume. The second volume, *Anthropological Explorations in East and South-Eastern Asia* is just out of the press.

We are now working on the third volume, *An Ethnography of The Parsees of India: 1886-1936*, which is in the press. The fourth volume, *Indian Anthropology: Anthropological Discourses in Bombay 1886-1936* is forthcoming.



Lectures and Participation in Workshops and Seminars by the Faculty Members

James C. Dabhi took a fellowship programme in UTHAN, Ahmedabad on 26th August 2020, <https://utthan.org.in/>.

James C. Dabhi took a fellowship programme in UTHAN, Ahmedabad on 19th October 2020, <https://utthan.org.in/>.

James C. Dabhi took a course on Potential to Performance – Ex-postgraduate - IIMA, Ahmedabad on 28th August 2020 to 4th September 2020.

James C. Dabhi did evaluation for the Jagruti Trust, Tanakhla on 26th December 2020 to 29th December 2020.

James C. Dabhi gave a training 'Gender and Social Inclusion' - Rajpipla Social Service Society Staff" on 23rd February 2021.

Lancy Lobo gave a talk (Webinar) on 'A Study of Migrant Labour during Lock Down in Gujarat' on 25th May 2020.

Lancy Lobo gave a talk (Webinar) on 'Covid and Higher Education and Covid and Research' in JHEASA' on 1st June 2020.

Lancy Lobo gave a talk on 'False Images of Tribals', in JHEASA on 16th January 2021, in Ahmedabad.

Lancy Lobo and Faculty participated in a webinar on 1st Parekh Lecture delivered by Professor Upendra Baxi, on 'The Future of Dissent in the Anthropocene: Towards Ecological Authoritarianism?' on Monday, 4th January 2021 at 5.00pm.

Lancy Lobo and Faculty participated in a webinar by Manjari Katju, on 'State Institutions and the Political Self' on Friday, 4th December 2020, at 5.00pm.

Lancy Lobo and Faculty participated in a webinar by Sudarshan Iyengar, on 'Liberty and Fraternity in Gandhi's thought and Practice' on Saturday, 28th November 2020, at 3.00pm.

Seminars/workshops/Lectures arranged at CCD

1. National Webinar on “Artificial Intelligence: Boon or Bane?”, on March 20, 2021 at Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara. Partially funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Mumbai and Nirman Foundation of Professor Bhikhu Parekh.



Completed Projects

1. Urban Flood Management through High Tech Solutions: A Case Study of Vadodara

The city of Vadodara has earlier witnessed major floods of varying intensity in 1878, 1919, 1927, 1941, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1983, 1996, 2005 and the recent flood of 2019. Flood waters inundating low lying parts of city have resulted not only in despair for people living in these areas but also created situations of human-animal conflicts as they endanger the habitats for crocodiles within the river as well.

Reoccurrence of flooding of Vadodara city has made the citizens of the city face lot of adversities and problems for days. Middle and poor classes are the worst sufferers from the flooding. Small traders and the big business houses from low lying areas also suffer heavy losses due to the entry of flood water in their business premises.

We have investigated the nexus between the builders-political leaders and the executive authorities and the civic sense of the citizens on the flooding in Vadodara city. This study provides a few high tech solutions from experts.

The first part of the study contains the outcome of the study carried out by the Centre for Culture and Development (CCD) based on the perceptions of the people, on the consequences and causes of 2019 Vadodara floods. Second part of the book contains high tech solutions to control urban floods and prevent floods by various well-known experts from Vadodara city such as Town Planner, Hydrologist, Architect, and environmentalists.

Professor Biswaroop Das (former professor of Centre for Social Studies) has been guiding this study at various stages. Drs. Jayesh Shah and Lancy Lobo carried out this study with support from Drs. Kanchan Bharati and Dhananjay Kumar.

2. Coffee Table Book on Daily Labour Markets in Gujarat

This effort shows visuals of daily wage labourers commuting, waiting to be hired, gender specifications, residential conditions and so on. This is an out come from our study of daily labour markets in four cities of Gujarat.

**Persons to be especially thanked:**

Late Prof. A. M. Shah has been one of the founder trustees of CCD. He passed away on 07.09.2020 at the age of 89 at his home in Vadodara. Tributes to late Professor Shah by Lancy Lobo have appeared in:

1. Lobo Lancy. 2020. '*Professor Arvind Manilal Shah; Ek Shradhanjali*', in Hindi, *Bharatiya Samajshashtra Samiksha*, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 367-369.
2. Patel, Tulsi and Lancy Lobo. 2021. 'Obituary: A tribute to A. M. Shah (22 August 1937-7 September 2020)', *Contribution to Indian Sociology*, February, Vol. 55, No. 1, p. 116-120,
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0069966720976501>.

Professor J.S. Bandukwala, has also been a founder Trustee of CCD, and has resigned after twenty years of being on the Board due to physical ailments. We thank him for the great interest he took in the development of CCD and wish him good health.

From the desk of the outgoing director

The CCD was started in the year 2001 in the unused staff quarters of Xavier Technical Institute, with some minimal modifications. In 2006 it added a library and a conference hall named after Professors A.M. Shah and J.S. Bandukwala respectively, both of whom were its founding Trustees. The Jesuit province of Gujarat provided the initial financial support. Supports also came through sponsored projects and seminars from the ICSSR, Delhi, its regional office Mumbai, Province Development Office, and other organisations. The *Nirman Foundation* started by Lord (Professor) Bhikhu Parekh has extended an endowment to CCD. On completing 20 years the CCD has undertaken more than 20 research studies on Gujarat, 25 national/international seminars, published 25 books, scores of articles in Journals, organized training and Foundation Day Lectures. More than 500 scholars from India and abroad have visited the Centre. "CCD is now firmly located on the research map of India" as someone put it. All this has been possible due to the cooperation and support from its Trustees, members of the Research Advisory Committee, scholars, friends and a dedicated team of faculty and staff of the Centre. It is my privilege to thank all profusely as I hand over the charge to Dr. James C. Dabhi, my successor who has joined the Centre in June 2020 as Joint Director. Dr. James C. Dabhi takes over the Directorship of the centre on 01.06.2021. I am certain that he takes CCD to greater heights with your continued support. I shall be at the Indian Social Institute, Delhi as a Research Scholar starting from July 2021.



YEAR IN PICTURES

Structure and Behaviour of Daily Labour Markets in Gujarat.



Migration Study of Families from 5 Clusters of South Gujarat



Published Books



REVISITING SUICIDE FROM A SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL LENS

Kanchan Bharati, Lancy Lobo and Jayesh Shah

