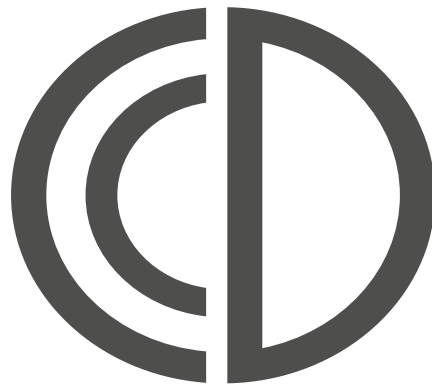


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CCD is an institution established in 2001 with the main aim of doing research in social sciences on issues of social, cultural and political significance, with a particular reference to Gujarat. It is an academic centre meant to harness the knowledge of social sciences to the service of the people of Gujarat, 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.

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Publications

Books by the Faculty of CCD

Books under Preparation

1. Dabhi, James C. and Kanchan Bharati, *Lived Realities of Valmiki: Outcastes of Gujarat*.
2. Dabhi, James C. and Kanchan Bharati, *Outcastes of India: Their Lives, Their Stories*.

Articles by the Faculty of CCD

- Dabhi, James C. 2024. "Cultural Insertion – A Perspective on Motivation", *IGNIS*, pp. 91-100.
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Current Projects

1. Interventionist Study of the Status of Widows in Selected Villages of Gujarat, India

This study intends to examine the status of widows in 74 villages of two centres namely Centre for Social Knowledge, Action and Development – Modasa, Sabarkantha and Jeevan Vikas Kendra, Narukot, Panch Mahals. The study's primary aim is to find out the status of the widows of these villages and options to improve the lives of these widows and their situation by the community and the centres working with in these villages with possible interventions. The study is primarily a qualitative action research study. It would apply sociological methodology for data collection and analysis and providing the gathered data and outcome to local groups working in these villages for action intervention.

Considering widows' absence in the larger context of women's issues across different age groups, this study would thus highlight the lived experiences of widows in the context of social-cultural-economic spheres as they live with the double burden of being a woman and a widow with various restrictions and restraints.

In the context of reaching out to the most needy and vulnerable, widows are a group which is neglected and marginalized socially and economically. The study will be action-oriented with the purpose of helping reach out to the vulnerable women of the villages and set up a system for future to extend their assistance to other vulnerable women.



Lectures and Participation in Workshops and Seminars by the Faculty Members

1. James C. Dabhi took a course on 'Intellectual Dimension in Jesuit' from 17 June 2024 to 30 June 2024 at MASS. Eight Gujarat Province Jesuit Brothers Participated.
2. Kanchan Bharati participated in a workshop at the MSU Population Department on June 6-7, 2024.
3. James C. Dabhi conducted a review and orientation 'Our Mission in the Context of Today', on 14th June 2024 for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery of Tanmaya Province, Bhopal.
4. James C. Dabhi conducted a 6-day laboratory Training on 'Human Process Work' for NGO Functionaries in India, organised by the Indian Society for Applied Behavioural Science at Wardha, Maharashtra, from 30 September to 5 October 2024.
5. James C. Dabhi participated in the 3-day Conference of South Asian Jesuits in Social Sciences at Ashirvad, Bangalore in November 2024.
6. James C. Dabhi took a 6-day course on 'Potential to Performance' for Senior Executive - IIMA, Ahmedabad in December 2024.
7. James C. Dabhi as participated as special invitee at the scholarship distribution to deserving students on 22nd December 2024 organized by ZIDNI ILMA TRUST, Vadodara.
8. James C. Dabhi participated in the South Asian Conference of Jesuits in Higher Education, 'Reimagining Higher Education in India', at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, India, from 26 January to 29 January 2025.

Seminars/Workshops/Lectures Arranged at CCD

1. *Gujarat Dariyakanthana Machhimarini Samajik, Arthik ane Aajivika Badlavni Niniti Vishayak Asaro* (Gujarati), at Veraval on 23rd November 2024.
2. Eight Foundation Day Lecture, on 11th January 2025 by Prof. Purushottam Agrawal, entitled, "Four Key-words for Our Times: Kabir's Perspective on Society, its Relevance and Challenges in Present Day India"
3. *Adivasiona Jangal Jamin Adikaro – Nagrik Parisanvad* (Gujarati) at Centre for Culture and Development on 19th February 2025.

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1. We thank Prof. Purushottam Agrawal for his lecture on Centre's Foundation Day on 11th January 2025.
2. We thank the Late Mr. Champak Vasava for his ten years of Office Assistant's Service at CCD.



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Foundation Day Lecture on 11th January 2025





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