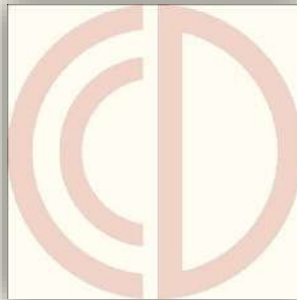


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Publications

Books by the Faculty of CCD

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2. Dabhi, James C. and Kanchan Bharati. 2025. *Lived Realities of Valmiki's: Outcasts of Gujarat, Western India*, Kolkata: Asian Books.

Articles by the Faculty of CCD

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Current Projects

1. **Migration among STs from North-East Gujarat Tribal Belt - Reasons and Outcomes of Migration**

This study is essential, considering that migration is on the increase in India and across the world. The study focuses on Gujarat as it is one of the major destinations for migrants from other states. Census 2011 data shows that seven states contributed more than 90 per cent of about 9.11 million interstate migrants into Gujarat in 2001–10, with UP constituting the majority (26.4%), followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Odisha, and West Bengal. Gujarat is also one of the major hubs for inter-state migration. Gujarat is home to 41.62 lakh migrants from other states, and about 15.6 lakhs have migrated outside Gujarat to different states in India (TOI 29 July 2019). It is also a state where there are sizable migrants who migrate internally within the state of Gujarat (UNICEF, 2021), migrating from rural to urban and urban to urban (Dhak and Shah, 2011).

The project proposes to study tribal migrants of the selected villages, their household status, reasons for their migration, the kind of migration these migrants undertake to the destinations of their migration journey, and the nature of the works they undertake or are forced to undertake.

Overall the study is primarily a research study for advocacy, generating empirical data, analysis, and knowledge about migration and migrants among the Adivasi population of the northeast (NE) tribal belt in Gujarat.

Centre for Culture and Development values collaboration, and this study also has the potential to collaborate with civil society organizations and other organizations and individuals. The study's collaborative partner is Dr. Mayank Parmar of the Don Bosco congregation, who is also engaged in addressing migration. The consultant is Dr. Mukesh Lakum, who worked earlier with the Human Development and Research Centre, Ahmedabad. He has considerable experience in the area and the Adivasi population, directly and through the local leaders. The

Rajpipla Social Service Society has also set up a few cooperatives in these areas and will be contacted to help in the research. Faith-based organizations run by SDB congregations will be contacted to collaborate and help out, as they have educational and pastoral engagement in the region proposed for the study.

Completed 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 Modasa and Kawant. The study 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 larger context of women 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 double burden of being a woman and 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. 'An Experiential Training in Personal Development through Group Dynamics' for a Group of Multinational Participants Organised by Pink Mist Group, Hyderabad, June 2025.
2. Facilitated 'Potential to Performance' a Week-long Course Organised by the Organisation Behaviour Faculty of IIM Ahmedabad, December 2025.
3. Organised and Conducted a Ten Days Course on Social Analysis for a Group of Nuns at Nani Singloti, Dediapad, 22 to 31 October 2025.
4. Participated in the Conference of Jesuit Higher Education at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, 26 to 28 January 2026.
5. Participated in the Conference of Jesuit Social Scientists in South Asia at Secunderabad, 30 January to 1st February 2026.

Seminars/Workshops/Lectures Arranged at CCD

1. National Seminar on 'Knowledge Sharing of Coastal Ecology and Fisheries in Gujarat and India: Issues of Equity, Justice, and Participative Governance' at the Centre for Culture and Development Vadodara on February 20-21, 2026.
2. Ninth Foundation Day Lecture, on 24th January 2026 by Dr. Chayanika Shah, entitled, "Incomplete Citizenship: Reimagining Community and Family from the Margins."

Persons to be especially thanked:

1. We Thank Dr. Chayanika Shah for his lecture on Centre's Foundation Day on 24th January 2026.

Year in Pictures

National Seminar on ‘Knowledge Sharing of Coastal Ecology and Fisheries in Gujarat and India: Issues of Equity, Justice, and Participative Governance.’



Foundation Day Lecture on 24th January 2026

