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INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Social Studies (CSS) is an autonomous social science research institute. Founded by late Professor I.P. Desai in 1969, as the Centre for Regional Development Studies, CSS receives grants for its recurring and non-recurring expenditure from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, and the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Gujarat. Along with multi-disciplinary research, the Centre also provides guidance to Ph.D. students, organises training programmes and undertakes evaluations.

With Gujarat as its core research area, the Centre also carries out studies related to other parts of the country for purposes of comparative analysis and to help develop a pan-Indian perspective.

Research activities at the Centre are informed by a reflexive awareness of the social role of the researcher and the nature of social science research. Though the expression 'social science research' is of a relatively recent origin, the process of acquiring knowledge about society has a much longer and complex history. There have always been different approaches to the understanding of social reality and to the application of such knowledge to social transformation. For some, it has been an enterprise aimed at enabling the seeker of knowledge to transcend the social reality around him/her for personal salvation. Other analysts of social processes have claimed to be 'value free' even in their concern for an improved social order. In our view, researchers are always a part of the social reality and their concern must emanate from that reality. Their response cannot be only to try and change themselves in order to transcend the world within which they live. They have to understand society, identify what needs to be changed in it, and suggest ways of bringing about this change.

The primary concern of the Centre is to study the structure and processes of Indian society. At one level it generates primary data from field research; at another level it seeks theoretical formulations that would deepen our understanding of the Indian social reality and identify possibilities of and constraints in the building of a just, participatory and egalitarian social order. Without ignoring the essential dialectical interaction between theory and empirical observation, the normal methodological approach at the Centre is to move from a sound empirical base to more general propositions. As a result, the research here has concentrated on social and economic deprivation, social tension and integration with particular focus on development and planning processes. Even while members of the faculty pursue different studies, their individual endeavours are linked by a common normative orientation seeking to facilitate social change.

The Centre's faculty, though small in number, represents a variety of disciplines, such as sociology, economics, political science, human geography, computer science, history, anthropology and social work. Apart from teamwork among the faculty, collaborative studies with scholars from other institutions are also undertaken. The CSS is also currently planning to consolidate its initiatives in training teachers, researchers, policy makers, NGOs, social activists, etc.

The Centre makes available its specialized library, documentation, and data processing facilities to both individual and institutional users.

Centre's studies have been focused around the following research themes:

- a) Human Resource Development;
- b) Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation;
- c) Human Rights, Civil Society and Governance;
- d) Social and Religious Movements: Conflicts, Struggles and Violence;
- e) Social Impact Assessment of Development Programmes;
- f) Social Responsibilities of the Corporate Sector;
- g) Health Care Seeking Behaviour;
- h) Climate Change and Environment;
- i) Cultural Processes and Contemporary Societies.

I. NEW PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR

1. Development in Post-Colonial India: Practices and Experiences of a "Tribal" Region

The proposed study aims at understanding the process of development in a specific "tribal" region, Attappady, in the Palakkad district of Kerala, South India, during the post-colonial period. Looking at the practices and experiences of "development" for the last fifty years, the focus of the study will be to trace discourses of development in the wider field of power. This way, it is proposed to explore fields of power engendered by discourses of development particularly highlighting the technologies of governance and the responses of those subjected to development. Based on this I hope to collate a historical and ethnographic account of the relation of "development modernity", cultural dynamics of state and responses of communities.

This study is financially supported by ICSSR, Delhi. Duration of this project is two years. The project director is M. Suresh and it will be completed in March 2013.

2. Estimating Community Prevalence Rate of Sickle Cell Anaemia in the Tribal Population of Gujarat: A Bio- Anthropological Study among the Warli Tribe.

Sickle-cell anaemia is one of the most prevalent haemoglobinopathies that results in 300,000-500,000 deaths annually around the world. Unlike other anaemia that can be supplemented by nutritional intake, the anaemia caused by sickling of blood cells is hereditary in nature. The disorder is identified with presence of mutant allele HbS which results in acute anaemia, recurrent infection, acute respiratory problems, intermittent jaundice and severe joint pains. Hypoxia and deaths have also been reported in higher frequencies by obstetricians among women with sickle cell disease.

It is estimated that nearly 2 million tribal people in Gujarat harbour the mutant allele, proportion of which varies among various tribal communities. High prevalence of HbS allele therefore points towards a considerable burden of disease among the population. In spite of the above fact many of the tribal communities are yet to be studied for the prevalence of disorder in order to plan health initiatives. A detailed study was therefore planned to understand the etiology of the disease among the Warli tribes of the state. The specific objectives of the study are

1. To ascertain the community prevalence rate of the trait among the Warli tribe.
2. To investigate into the morbidity and mortality among the population identified with the trait.
3. The socio-cultural dimensions relating to marriage pattern, social problem related to disease, and indigenous health practices will also be investigated to get an insight into the societal way of coping with the problem.
4. To obtain a comparative analysis of physical growth using somatometric measurements for normal, carriers and diseased among the community.
5. Availability and Utilisation of medical health services by the suffering people will also be studied to assess the level of awareness and extent of reach of health services in the tribal areas with regard to this disorder.

The study is being conducted by Ratnawali and the financial support for the project is awarded by Tribal Research and Training Institute, Ahmedabad. Commenced in August 2010, the study is likely to be completed by September 2011.

3. Monitoring the Implementation of Social Security Schemes in Tribal Areas of Gujarat: With Reference to Dangs District

The project focuses on monitoring the implementation of minimal welfare provisions in India for workers in India's informal economy. Until the end of 2008, providing a modicum of social security to the workers in India's informal

economy that overwhelmingly comprises small farmers and casual wage workers in rural areas and the self-employed and casual wage workers in urban areas did not receive adequate national priority either in terms of policy or legislation. However this became a national agenda for the present ruling government and accordingly government had passed the act for providing minimum social security for these vulnerable groups by introducing NREGA (National Rural employment Gurantee Act) and RSBY (Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana) in 2005 and 2007 respectively. Both the NREGA and RSBY have been enthusiastically responded to by the States for implementation. Evidently the question is : How much legislation would percolate down to the intended beneficiaries? Keeping this broad question in mind case studies in different part of the country has been proposed both in urban and rural locations of the informal economy. Present case study will focus in the district of Dangs and will try to look into the aspect of implementation of social security schemes in the Dangs. The Proposed study will have two components: (1) to examine the functioning of the NREGA, and (2) to document the implementation of RSBY and pension schemes functioning in the Dangs. This project is sponsored by HIVOS, the Netherlands and coordinated by Prof. K.P.Kannan of CDS, Trivendrum and Prof. Jan Breman of The Netherlands. Duration of the study is one year and will be completed by May 2011. Satyakam Joshi is the Project director of this study. Data collection is completed and draft report is in progress.

II. ON GOING PROJECTS (Initiated before 2010-2011)

1. Development, Deprivation and Discontent: A Case Study of the Dangs: 1947-2009

The study aims to understand and document the state forest policy, struggle over forest land by tribals, issues of religious conversion and state interventions after independence in the Dangs district of Gujarat. Dangs is a smallest district of Gujarat but is differentiated from its adjoining regions owing to its densely forested and hilly landscape. 92 percent inhabitants of this district are tribals, who depend mainly on the forest land for their economic survival. The relationship of the Dangis with forest has been the very basis of their culture, economy, religion and socio-political structure. This traditional dependence of tribals of Dangs district on forest, however, did not remain intact. Following the colonial as well as the Indian government's forest policy, they have been increasingly denied their rights over the use of forest. When they resisted they were brutally suppressed by the state. The corrupt tribal political leadership of the district side lined the core issues of ownership of land and natural resources for Dangis and helped the Hindu fundamentalists to spread their influence in the district. Present study aims to capture these developments in Dangs after Independence.

The specific objectives of the study are:

- (i) To understand the development processes in post-independence Dangs with reference to the nature of politics that shaped the relationship of different stake holders vis-à-vis the natural habitat in the Dangs.
- (ii) To analyse the influence of changing state policies on the emergence of new constituents of stake holders at different point of time.
- (iii) To document the development processes and people's perception of the issues of equity, social justice and ownership of natural resources in the context of this process.

Satyakam Joshi is conducting this study and the financial support is provided by the ICSSR, New Delhi.

2. Contested Symbols: Genealogy of Indian National Flag and Spinning Wheel

This is an attempt to understand the politics that go into the making of various discourses and ways of looking at two symbols, The Indian National Flag and the Spinning Wheel. These two symbols do not merely act as an entry point to unearth meanings of political cultural practices but at moments of production of its various narratives they also become sites where claims on number of themes i.e. nationhood and citizenship are made and contested. A number of such events and processes are explored and analysed in a framework creatively using both macro as well as micro-historical perspectives. The focus, however, has been on dispersed narratives, political debates and discursive constructs in the genealogy of these two political symbols. So far, three articles are published from this study and I am working to publish a book for which an international publisher has agreed in principle. A revised manuscript incorporating referee's comments has been submitted in March 2011. This manuscript is singularly focused on the history of Indian National Flag. ICHR has provided small grant to cover archival research within India. The study is conducted by Sadan Jha. The project work is over and report writing is in progress and is going to be submitted by June 2011

3. Experiences of City Life: Contemporary Surat and the Question of Belongingness

The proposed study aims to document the everyday life of Surat by focusing on the changing dynamics of localities and social composition. Looking at the changing landscape of the city and its social fabric in the last thirty years, the scope of the proposed study is further narrowed down by focusing on the narratives of belongingness in an urban context of Surat. In this way, it is proposed to explore the category of contemporary everyday urban experiences as a constellation of narratives of localities, events, public spaces and social relationships particularly highlighting the question of belongingness in the changing milieu of this city. The core question asked is how does politics of belongingness shape the Urban life in Surat in the last three decades. Focused on

this question, the proposal is to produce a thick description of city life, its localities and people's perceptions of the dynamics of change in Surat. The broader question is how to approach this amorphous and less explored, but a heterogeneous field of urban experiences. Supported by ICSSR, this project is directed by Sadan Jha. ICSSR began funding the project in March 2010 and the study is expected to complete by the December 2011.

4. Searching for Space in Globalisation Era: Fringe Sector Livelihood Earners in Urban Economy - The Case of Surat City (Gujarat state)

The study aims to capture and locate livelihood options available in the fringe sector of the urban economy. As the situation is unrolling during last decade or so in the neo-liberal regime, activities of the organised sectors have been making exist as more and more big industrial units are getting closed. Even otherwise secured employment is on decline. Advent of globalisation has intensified this marginalisation process of working people. These large masses of 'pushed out' people have to depend on multitudes of activities of fringe sector for their survival. Urban economy still provides host of activities for livelihood to the people in the mentioned sector which is amorphous in nature but nevertheless they give scope for sustenance to large masses. The study intends to investigate, apart from nature of activities, characteristics and conditions of the people who sustain on activities of this sector which we have termed as 'Fringe Sector.' The area of the study is Surat city and it intends to cover gamut of fringe sector activities in this highly industrialised city. The study has begun in March 2009 and the field-work is almost completed. Funded by ICSSR, New Delhi, this study is being carried out by Kiran Desai.

5. A post Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) study of Project Affected Families (PAFs) of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra of Sardar Sarovar Project Resettled in Gujarat

The study aims at evaluating the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) package of the Sardar Sarovar Punarvasvat Agency (SSPA) Vadodara, to the PAFs of Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Maharashtra (MH) who are resettled in Gujarat. 5657 families from MP and 806 families from MH (Total 6463) are resettled in 203 villages of Gujarat. 20 percent of such families are taken as sample for the study, covering 133 villages in 32 Talukas of Vadodara, Kheda, Bharuch, Ahmedabad, Panchmahals, Narmada and Surat Districts. The study aims to assess the efforts made by the SSPA with reference to the aims and objectives of R&R by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) on 13 parameters of development provided by the Narmada Control Authority (NCA). Interim reports are expected to be submitted in intervals of six months. First Six monthly Preliminary Report (draft) has been submitted to SSPA. Till date 165 case studies of 46 new sites of Vadodara have been conducted. Out of that, 65 cases of 15 new sites have been

examined. The trend report is accepted. Canvassing of Household Interview Schedule, case studies, village profile, other field related work and tabulation work is over. The final report writing is going on at present. Sponsored by the SSPA, the project is being conducted by Arjun Patel and is likely to be completed by the end of December 2011.

6. Socio-Economic Condition of Rag pickers: A Case Study of Surat City

In our country, more than ninety per cent of the solid waste is disposed by land filling. The dumping sites are normally outskirts of cities located in low lying areas, closer to the slums and squatter colonies. Due to this unscientific approach, a large number of children, youth and women from poor families get engaged in scavenging. Over the years, one can notice a significant growth in the population of rag pickers. The rag pickers emerge from low socioeconomic groups and live in poor conditions without state support. They are exposed to serious health hazards as the community containers contain biomedical and other hospital wastes. As per one estimate, in Surat city alone around 5000 rag pickers earn their livelihood through this activity. They earn between Rs.75 to Rs.200 a day. Their working conditions are miserable and risky. Many NGOs like Navsarjan in Surat, SEWA in Ahmedabad and Rupani trust in Rajkot are taking interest in rag pickers for the segregation process and the sale of waste for their livelihood. The rag pickers play a very important role in the segregation of waste. While the research study on evaluation of Door to Door Garbage Collection (DDGC) system of SMC was going on, this issue had emerged. The fieldwork is over and the report writing is in progress. The project got underway in April 2006 and is likely to be over by December 2011. Vimal Trivedi is carrying out this study.

III. STUDIES COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

1. Performance Review of Citizen on Municipal Service Delivery and Local Urban Governance in Surat, India.

The present study seeks to ascertain the citizen's satisfaction with various municipal services, provided by the SMC. The specific objectives of the study were: (a) to examine the supply status and the mechanism of civic services to the citizen, (b) to get feedback and suggestions from citizens, about the services provided, (c) to provide the recommendations to the local governance to improve the municipal service delivery. The study was designed to use both quantitative and qualitative information to capture citizen's feedback on the performance of the local government. This study reports the finding of 1515 adult residents (18 years and above) from each of the 102 randomly selected areas, consisting of 58 per cent residential units from organized housing colonies and 42 per cent from lower income areas including slum, chawl, Garib Awas, within a $\pm 5\%$ error margin. A multi stage sampling method was used to draw the sample households. An interview schedule was administered to collect information from the

respondents. The data collection was conducted between May 10th and June 25th, 2009.

The survey finding suggest that nearly 60% respondents are generally satisfied with the services like water, sanitation, SWM, public health and education provided by the civic body. The finding also shows that from among the fifteen services citizens have expressed their highest level of satisfaction with the quality of the water and the lower level of satisfaction with the library and reading rooms.

- The survey shows that more than 70% of the respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of drinking water. This shows that SMC on the whole is doing a good job in securing quality of drinking water. Close to that number, 72% are satisfied with the maintenance of the street light. Around sixty percent or above respondents are satisfied with drainage, city's collection of garbage, Health care, and Education services.
- The outcomes of the study revealed that there are still some important services with which many respondents were dissatisfied. The study finds that the people expressed their dissatisfaction with the library and reading rooms (42%), Garden and Recreation facilities (36%) and controlling of the noise pollution (35%).
- Although 44% of the respondents were dissatisfied with the basic amenities of the slum, and equal percent of people were highly critical of the rehabilitation program meant basically for the slum dwellers. Due to poor availability of play ground, respondents particularly the younger people in east zone felt that the civic body is not concerned about the playing requirement of the young people.
- The study also noted that respondents especially from the lower income settlements expressed their dissatisfaction about the shortage of basic services particularly health, public transportation, water, sanitation and public distribution shops. The result suggest that several services especially for the poor have a potential for improvement.
- The respondents perceived the level of services provided by the SMC, Surat from the last five years and opined that it has improved and showed their satisfaction with safe water (60% rated improved), SWM (58%), maintenance of Street Light (58.2%) and public road (55%). However some exception to this generalization appears to be the noise pollution, where almost 35% respondents either rated it worst or not improved in the last five years.

Vimal Trivedi has conducted this study.

2. Social Networks and Health Care Seeking Behaviour of Community Living in Close Proximity of Poultry and at Risk of Bird Flu

Usually, “avian influenza” or “bird flu” refers to virus H5N1 found chiefly in birds, but infections can occur in humans. Confirmed cases of human infection have been reported since 1997. Most cases of avian influenza infection in humans have resulted from close contact with infected poultry. Till date 45 countries have reported confirmed cases of bird flu outbreaks out of which, 8 countries have confirmed H5N1 virus in human beings. Globally, a total of 184 human cases of [H5N1] have been reported out of which 108 people are reported to have died of the H5N1 virus strain pointing towards a high mortality rate. Since the virus has the ability to mutate, human-to-human transmission and global pandemic can't be ruled out. India experienced its first bird flu outbreak in February 2006 in and around the poultry towns of Navapur and Uccal bordering the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. Around 12.68 lakh birds were culled in these areas and poultry farms were ordered to be shut for three months. In order to develop a reporting and surveillance system, the study aimed to understand the health care seeking behaviour of the community living in close proximity with poultry. One such community is situated near CSS campus in *Bharthana* from where some people have been working with CSS since long and faculty members have good rapport. The study began in September 2008 and in the first phase all households in *Bharthana* community (n=134) was surveyed for variables like socio-economics status (SES), social networks and kin ties, health care seeking behaviour, burden of health care expenditure as well as ownership of chickens, living proximity and chicken illness. In the second phase, we selected 40 households for detailed illness narratives on fever and respiratory illness, hospitalisation and mortality episodes. Fieldwork was also done in the area of Navapur to understand the economic implications of public health intervention like culling and ramification of compensation policy. One paper out of the project has already been accepted for publication in a research journal and couple of others are planned. Some of the findings suggest discontent among poultry farmers regarding inadequate compensation paid by the government which has important policy implications for any future outbreak. The project also points towards lack of database of poultry farmers and its implications. A small extension of the study for probing related issues is also being planned. Akash Acharya and Biswaroop Das in collaboration with Ronald Barrett of Macalester College, Minnesota (USA) carried out the study which was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

3. Impact of "Two-Child Norm" in Scheduled Areas of Gujarat

In order to achieve the target of replacement level of fertility, many states in India have passed a law that debars elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) as well as Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) from holding office if they have more than two children. This law is known as 'two-child norm' and states like Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa have implemented this. The rationale given by the state is that elected representatives are seen as 'role models' by people and adoption of such a norm will create a positive 'demonstration effect' on society. However, earlier studies have shown that this law has been used by local elites in villages to settle political scores and majority of the victims are women and dalits. It is also interesting to note that this law is not applicable to MPs and MLAs. Looking to its anti-minority, anti-women and anti-weaker segments nature, some states have already withdrawn the law but from 4th August, 2006 Government of Gujarat has introduced this law and is now applicable in the state. The present study tried to evaluate the impact in Gujarat by taking two sample districts of Surat (Mandvi block) and Dangs where tribal population is predominant. All sitting elected representatives at all three levels of PRIs were interviewed to know their level of awareness as well as perceptions about this new law. Case studies of 'disqualified' or 'victim' elected representatives were also developed. A small study reported has been prepared and a paper out of the project has been accepted by a research journal. Projects findings in Gujarat supports findings from other state as most disqualifications have happened to settle personal and political scores. Son preference also plays major role in the entire issue and most disqualified PRIs had two daughters. Akash Acharya in collaboration with Rajesh Bhat of Western Indian Forum for Panchayati Raj (WIFPR) carried out the study.

4. Role of Gandhian Ideas and Constructive Activities in the Present Day Context of Gujarat

This study examines the role and activities of Gandhian institutions in Gujarat with reference to social transformation process. Analysis of the component of communal harmony in their programmes and its impact especially with regard to recent communal holocaust in Gujarat was one of the central questions. Mainly qualitative methods of personal interviews, visits to the organisations, focus group discussion as well as collection of information through secondary sources were applied. Sponsored by AMAN trust, New Delhi, this study was conducted by Satyakam Joshi and Kiran Desai.

IV. MAJOR EVENTS

I.P. Desai Memorial Lecture

XXIth I. P. Desai Memorial Lecturer was delivered by Dipankar Gupta on 'Translating Growth into Development: Sociology and the Quest for a Desired Type of Society', on 23rd February 2011.

V. PUBLICATIONS

A. Publication by the Faculty

Akash Acharya

'An Evaluation of Micro Health Insurance Schemes in India: A Case Study of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)' VDM Publishing House Ltd., Germany, 2010. (Book)

'Vaishvikaran, Vikas ane Jaher Aarogya', in Uttam Parmar (Ed.) *Vaishvikiran na Vahen ane Vamalo*, Kim Education Society, January 2011, pp. 58-63

(with Biswaroop Das et.al.), "Economic Implications of Public Health Intervention: Issues in Culling and Compensation Policy in Case of Bird Flu", *Rajagiri Journal of Social Sciences*, (forthcoming).

Arjun Patel

"Process of integration of Baroda State with Indian Union" in a edited volume on *Making of the Indian Union: Merger of Princely States and Excluded Areas* by Sajal Nag, Abhijit Choudhury, Tejimala Gurung, published by Akanksha Publication, New Delhi, 2010.

"Brahminical Politics of the New Economic Policy: From Quit India to Well come India", in an edited volume by Uttam Parmar on *Trends and Direction of the New Economic Policy*, Published by Kim education society, Kim, 2011.

"Dalit Movements in Gujarat: From 'Imitation' to 'Transformation' submitted to the edited volume on Gujarat by Ram Puniyani and Uday Mehta.

Submitted and accepted article on Lalit Sahitya Viruddh Dalit Sahitya: A Sociological Observation regarding the discourse on the Aesthetics of the Dalit Literature, *Arthat* (forthcoming).

Submitted a working paper on “Community’ Dis-articulation and Re-articulation: Lessons from Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat, India”, CSS.

B. Devi Prasad

“Journey with Communities: Engagement with SHGs from Lower Income Neighborhoods in Visakhapatnam”, *The Indian Journal of Social Work*, 71(4), 2010: 485-516

“Beyond Micro Finance: The VMSS way”, *The Indian Journal of Social Work*, 71(4), 2010: 551-576

Biswaroop Das

(With Gagan Bihari Sahu), "Urban labour Markets and Returns to Migration: Destination Surat". IDSJ Working Paper No. 153, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, April, 2010.

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(Book Review) Savings of the Poor: How they do it. by S. Datta and others, Bangalore: Books for change, in the *India Journal of Social Work*, 71(4), October 2010.

(With Gagan Bihari Sahu), "Urban Labour Markets and the Return to Migration", *Review of Development and Change*, 15(2), July-December, 2010.

"Status of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry among Narmada Oustees: Narratives from Some Re-Settled Sites", in Parthasarathy R. and Ravindra Dholakia (eds.), *Sardar Sarovar Project on the River Narmada* (Vol.2), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, March 2011.

(with Akash Acharya et.al.), "Economic Implications of Public Health Intervention: Issues in Culling and Compensation Policy in Case of Bird Flu", *Rajagiri Journal of Social Sciences*, (forthcoming).

"Grameen Bharatma Swachhta, Rogon ane Ilaj Sambandhit Pratyakshbodh ane Vyavaharon", *Arthat*, (forthcoming).

Kiran Desai

“Communal Relations and Communal Consciousness in the Wake of A Communal Violence: A Case Study of Surat City”, *VNSGU Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences*, Vol. 2, No. 1, January – June 2010.

(With Satyakam Joshi) “An Overview of Effectiveness of the Nai Talim Organizations in Gujarat with Reference to Their Role in Social Change”, in *Perspectives on Nai Talim* (Ed. S. V. Prabhath), Serials Publications, New Delhi, 2010.

(With Ghanshyam Shah) “Globalization and the Poor: A Study of Gujarat”, *Contributions to Indian Social Science*, Vol.29, No.2, April-June 2010.

“Options of Survival for Marginalised Labouring Poor in Deteriorating Employment Situation: Floating in Informal – Floating Sector”, Submitted for an Edited Volume to be Published by CCD, Vadodara.

“The Reader’: A Complex tale of haunting Ethnic Cleansing and Human Relations” (in Gujarati), (Submitted for Publication and accepted), SANDHI (next Issue).

“A Kaleidoscopic Panorama of Agrarian Struggles in Gujarat”, (in a volume to be published) edited by Ram Puniyani and Uday Mehta.

“Vaishwikikaran: Prastut Samajik-Arthik Paristhitima Shramiko-Vanchito sandarbhe Teni Asaro Vishe Vicharta” (in Gujarati), in *Vaishwikikaranna Vahenane Vamal: Mari Najare* (edited by Uttam Parmar), Kim Education Society, Kim, January 2011.

Ratnawali

Supplementary Nutrition to Women and Children: A situational Analysis of Anganwadis in the Tribal Areas of Gujarat in *Social Change* , 40(3) , Sept 2010.

(With Sudarshan Iyengar) “Tribal Women Health Issues in Human Rights Perspective. Some Insights from Gujarat” in B. C. Barik et al (edt) *Gender and Human Rights. Narratives on Macro- Micro Realities* , Rawat Publication, New Delhi, 2010.

Sadan Jha

A Book Review of *Famines, Philanthropy and Colonial state: North India in the early Nineteenth Century* by Sanjay Sharma, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Published in *Social Scientist*, vol.38, nos. 5-6, May-June 2010, pp: 83-88.

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आंचलिक आधुनिकता, *Pratilipi*, March-June 2010,
<http://pratilipi.in/2010/07/sadan-jha-on-renu/>

“शहर की देह पर अक्षराघात” in Piyush Daiya ed., *कला भारती*, vol.2, Delhi: Lalit Kala Akademy, 2010, pp:319-326.

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Satyakam Joshi

“The Merger Process of Princely State of Vansada in Souht Gujarat” in a edited book on *Making of the Indian Union* (Ed.) by Sajal Nag and others, Published by Akansha Publishers, New Delhi, 2010.

(With Kiran Desai) “An Overview of Effectiveness of the Nai Talim Organisations in Gujarat with Reference to their Role in Social Change”, in a edited book on *Perspective on Nai Talim*, NCRI, published by serial publication, New Delhi, August 2010.

“Udarikaran, Khangikaran ane Vaishwikikaran na Samajik Suchitartho” in Uttam Parmar (Ed.) *Vaishwikikaranna Vahen ane Vamal: Mari Najare Vaishvikiran na Vahen ane Vamalo*, Kim Education Society, January 2011.

Vimal Trivedi

“Udarikaran, Khangikaran ane Vaishwikikaran na Samajik Suchitartho” in Uttam Parmar (Ed.) *Vaishwikikaranna Vahen ane Vamal: Mari Najare Vaishvikiran na Vahen ane Vamalo*, Kim Education Society, January 2011.

B. PUBLICATION BY THE CENTRE

The Centre continues to publish its quarterly Gujarati journal *Arthat*.

VI. SEMINARS/LECTURES/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Organised by the CSS

1. A workshop on 'Participatory Research; Theory and Application', with DHRD, VNSGU, Surat was organized on 12-13 March, 2011.

Participation of people as stakeholders in their own development has become an important and integral component of all developmental initiatives taken up by both government and non-governmental organizations. Many of the flagship programmes such as NREGA, NRLM and so on initiated by the State now require micro-development plans prepared with people's participation. It has also been proved beyond doubt that the effectiveness, sustainability and efficiency of these development programmes are enhanced when people are made stakeholders in the formulation, planning and in the evaluation processes. Therefore, familiarity with the Participatory Research (PR) methods has assumed importance both among academic and civil society circles. Moreover, since 1970s, as against the most common method of conventional research i.e. the survey, alternative methods of studying these participatory processes have been evolved by scholars such as Robert Chambers, Fals Borda, and others. As a result a repertoire of methods came to be used under its rubric. PR is now widely used in conducting research relating to health, understanding of urban and village communities, governance, evaluation research, environment etc. It is with this view, that a workshop on "**Participatory Research: Methods and Application**" was organized by the CSS in collaboration with the Department of Human Resource Development, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat on 12th and 13th March 2011, for the faculty and research scholars from the University and the Colleges, and for the functionaries of Non-governmental organisations. Thirty local participants attended the Workshop. Resource persons from University, CSS, EDI, and AKRSP, Ahmedabad took sessions on topics such as Concept, principles and philosophical foundations of PR, Methods and Techniques of PR such as visual and space related methods (participatory mapping, venn diagram), time related methods (transects, timeline, seasonal calendar), FGD, Matrix ranking and scoring etc) and their application in practice contexts. B. Devi Prasad from CSS and Kiran Pandya from the DHRD, VNSG University coordinated the two-day workshop

2. State Level Workshop on “the Status of Social Sciences in Gujarat” On 28th February 2011 at GIDR, Ahmedabad.

Centre for Social Studies, (CSS) Surat and Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad, had jointly organized a one day long workshop on “the Status of Social Sciences in Gujarat” On 28th February 2011 at GIDR, Ahmedabad. Apart from the faculty from CSS and GIDR, faculty from Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, too had participated in the workshop. The aims of the workshop were to understand and assess the status of Social Sciences Research in Gujarat, comprehend the challenges faced by the social science fraternity and the institutes (particularly within the changing context of economy and polity in the country as well as the state) and as to how best we can address these issues while making social science research further useful to people, programmes and policies in the state. Around 40 academicians participated in the workshop. They discussed and deliberated on issues pertaining to patterns and directions in which social science research has moved in the past. They also identified gaps and shortcomings and deliberated on how to make social sciences research more meaningful towards understanding the newly emerging complexities in the society as well as formulating policies for development. Participants also expressed their concern to improve upon the quality of research and emphasized on the need of training more people through doctoral programmes as well as enhancing the capacity of teachers and researchers in the universities and colleges in the state through training programmes on research methods. Eminent social scientist Prof. A.M. Shah gave the key note address. Biswaroop Das and Satyakam Joshi of CSS co-ordinated the workshop.

3. State Level workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences" from 22 to 25 February, 2011.

Sponsored by the ICSSR, New Delhi, a state level training program on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' was held between February 22 and February 25, 2011. The objective of the training workshop was to provide training in social science research methodology to students and college teachers of Gujarat who engaged in social science research. The workshop provided an opportunity to college teachers to undergo rigorous training in research methodology. It covered a wide range of topics, from the philosophical foundations of research methodology to most concrete techniques of data processing. The topics included were Research and Philosophy and Choosing Research Problems, Developing a Research Proposal, Selecting Approaches for Studies and their Design and Planning and Managing Social Science Research, Review of Literature, quantitative and qualitative research, Ethical issues in social sciences research and ways of resolving them, preparing data for analysis, techniques of data analysis,

interpretation and presentation of data and the use of SPSS. In response to our announcement we received 85 applications from various regions of the Gujarat. Thirty seven candidates had confirmed their participation and thirty three of them attended the course. The Resource persons were drawn from the CSS faculty and outside universities, colleges and research organizations. On the whole, the training program was a rewarding exercise with positive and favourable trainee responses. Their understanding in fundamentals of social sciences research and statistical techniques improved considerably. They expressed satisfaction about the course in many informal meetings. Vimal Trivedi, Kiran Desai and Satyakam Joshi were the course director.

4. A Workshop on “Migrant Workers in Surat: Related Issues” on 18 February 2011.

A workshop was jointly organised by PRAYAS, Ahmedabad, and Centre for Social Studies, Surat on the theme of “Migrant Workers in Surat: Related Issues”, at CSS, Surat on 18 February, 2011. Two presentations were made on “Tribal Migrant Workers in Construction Activity” (Rahul Banerjee) and “Migrant Workers in Informal Sector” (Kiran Desai) which were followed by discussion in which labour leaders, labour department officials, academicians as well as concerned individuals representing various civil society groups took part and deliberate on different dimensions and issues pertaining to migrant workforce working in Surat city. A line of action to protect the interest of the migrant workers and Measures to ameliorate their conditions were suggested. Kiran Desai was the coordinator of the workshop.

5. National Workshop on A comparative perspectives on Ground realities in Implementation of PESA in the States of Orissa and Gujarat on 29th and 30th December 2010.

Center for Social Studies (CSS) had organized a two days National workshop on “A comparative perspectives on Ground realities in Implementation of PESA in the States of Orissa and Gujarat” between 29th and 30th December 2010 in the Seminar hall of CSS.

The objectives of the workshop were:

To reflect critically on the relevance of 5th schedule provision vis-a- vis PESA implementation in these two States, to look at the devolution of powers and responsibilities on Panchayats in the Scheduled areas of the States; to review the working and contributions of Gram Sabhas and Panchayats in the Scheduled areas of the states in identified domains i.e. land alienation (including displacement), forest issues (with particular focus on minor forest produce), mining (including minor minerals), sale and consumption of alcohol, rural markets, usury etc.

The workshop was divided in seven sessions including Inaugural and Concluding sessions. Different themes on PESA were discussed and dilibarated in every session. The themes were: Overview of PESA: Macro and Micro Reality, Land, Natural Resources and Gender with reference to PESA, PESA and Gram Sabha, Overview of PESA in Orissa, Legal Perspectives on PESA, Tribal Culture and PESA. 18 papers were presented in the workshop. Workshop was finance by ICSSR, Delhi. Dr. Satyakam Joshi was the workshop director.

A2. Colloquia at the CSS

During the academic year the Centre organised the following talks under its colloquia programme.

1. A seminar on "The Fragile base of 'they made us do it': Contemporary Riots and the disparaged others" by Dr. Manoj K. Jha, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, on 27th August 2010.
2. Prof. Sajan Nag, Professor and Head, Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, delivered a seminar on "Identity, State and Conflicts in North East India" on 18th December 2010.
3. A seminar on "Gunpowder Commerce: The Story of One Seventeenth-Century East India Company Ship" by Prof. Margaret Hunt, Professor of History and Women's and Gender Studies, Amherst College, Amherst, USA. on 10th January 2011.
4. Dr. Manisha Desai, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, University of Connecticut, USA, delivered a seminar on "Gender, Environment and Development in a Globalizing Gujarat" on 4th February 2011.
5. Dr. V.S. Saravanam, Senior Researcher, Centre for Development Studies, University of Bonn (Germany) delivered a seminar on 'Environment and Human Health- An Agenda for Research' on 24th March 2011.

B. By the Faculty

B1. Papers Presented at Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences

Akash Acharya

Presented a paper (in absentia) 'Role of Public Private Partnership in reducing Maternal Mortality in Gujarat, India' in 9th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH), New York, USA, October 27-29, 2010.

Presented a paper (in absentia) 'Role of Public Private Partnership in reducing Maternal Mortality in Gujarat, India' in first Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Montreux, Switzerland, 16-19 November, 2010.

Presented a paper on “Role of NGO-Corporate Partnership (NCP) in extending health insurance for the poor” in a National Seminar on contextualising contours of corporate social responsibility in a globalised world, organised by the Faculty of Social Work, M S University Baroda, 25-26 February, 2011.

Arjun Patel

Presented a paper on “How Far can Community be Revived in Resettlement and Rehabilitation? Lessons from Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat, India”, in the 15th. International Metropolis Conference on 'Economics, Social Justice and Ethics in Development caused Involuntary Migration', held at The Hague- Netherlands during 5-7 October, 2010.

Presented a paper on “Community’ Dis-articulation and Re-articulation: Lessons from Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat, India” in the National Seminar On ‘Impoverishment Vs. Reconstruction In Development Induced Displacement: Approaches And Issues’ held at the Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad during 18-19 February, 2011.

Presented a paper on “Inclusion of Caste in the 2011 Census: Some Sociological Observations”, in a two day 18th. State Level Gujarat Sociological Conference, held at Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Anand during 30-31 October 2010.

B Devi Prasad

Presented a Paper on “Internationalization of Social Work Education” in a National Seminar on ‘Social Work Education and Practice: Emerging Trends & Perspectives’, organized by TISS, Mumbai, 13-14 January, 2011

Presented a paper on “Re-looking at IRR model: A sociological Analysis” in 15th International Metropolis Conference: Justice and Migration-Paradoxes of Belonging (Workshop: Economics, Social Justice and ethics in Development caused involuntary migration) The Hague, The Netherlands, 4-8 Oct, 2010

Biswaroop Das

Presented a paper on "Status of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry among Narmada Oustees: Narratives from Some Re-Settled Sites", CEPT University, Ahmedabad, 3-5 January, 2011.

Presented a concept paper (with Satyakam Joshi) on "Status of Social Science Research in Gujarat" at a CSS-GIDR Workshop on Status of Social Science Research in Gujarat, 28 February, 2011.

Kiran Desai

Presented a paper on "Searching for a space: Workers in the Fringe Sector of Surat", at a seminar on 'Livelihood Issues of Urban poor', organised by CEPT university, Ahmedabad, 10 May 2010.

Presented a paper on "Options for Survival for Marginalised labour in Deteriorating Employment Situation: Floating in Informal – Fringe Sector" in a national seminar on 'Changing Scenario of Employment in Gujarat: 1960-2010', organised by Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, 16-17 July 2010.

Presented a paper on "Striving for Sustenance and Space: Livelihood Earners in the Fringe Sector of Surat", at a XVIIIth Gujarat Sociological Conference organised by Gujarat Sociological Society held at a Post-Graduate Sociology Dept., Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidya nagar, 30-31 October 2010.

Presented a paper on "Migrant Workers in Surat: Floating Hard to Survive" in a workshop on 'Issues of Migrant Workers', organised by Mahatma Gandhi labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 5 March 2011.

Sadan Jha

"Spinning Experiences and the Question of Information: Multi-verse of Gandhi's Charkha", in a two days international seminar on *Rethinking Gandhi: A Communicative Perspective*, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, March 22-23, 2011.

"Splitting the Archive: Caricature, Cartoons and the 'Believing Eye' in Colonial and the Contemporary India", in *Power of the Image—Caricatures as Transcultural Media of Political and Social Propaganda in the Era of Imperialism and Colonialism*, A two days workshop organized by University of Heidelberg, Germany at Fayoum, Egypt, March 24-26, 2011.

Satyakam Joshi

Presented a paper on “Issues in Implementation of Forest rights Act- 2006 in Gujarat” in a national Seminar on ‘Scheduled Tribals and Traditional Forest Dwellers Act 2006 Problems Encountered in Implementation’, Organised by Council for Social Development, New Delhi, on 26-27 April, 2010.

Presented a paper on “Social Relevance of education” in a state level workshop on ‘Challenges before Education’, Organised by Amity School, Bharuch, 9th June 2010.

Presented a Paper on “Social Security Schemes in Tribal Areas of Gujarat” in a National level Workshop on ‘Monitoring the Implementation of Social Security for the Working Poor in India’s Informal Economy’ organized by HIVOS, The Netherlands and CDS, Trivendrum, at Trivendrum on 8-10 November 2010.

Presented a paper on “Identity Construction among Adivasis of Gujarat after Independence” in an International Seminar on ‘The politics of Ethnicity in the Margin of State; Janjati/Adivasis in India and Nepal’. Jointly organized by ICSSR, New delhi and CNRS, Paris (France), at Delhi on 7-9 December 2010.

Presented a paper on “Ground Realities of the Implementation of Tribal Self Rule in Gujarat” in a National workshop on a ‘comparative perspectives on Ground realities in Implementation of PESA in the States of Orissa and Gujarat’, organized by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, on 29-30 December 2010.

Presented a paper on “Anthropological Investigation, Tribal people and Census” in a state level seminar on ‘Census-2011’, organized by Department of Human Resource Development, V.N. South Gujarat University, Surat on 9th February 2011.

Presented a paper on “Impact of Modernisation and Globalisation on Gandhian Institutions working in South Gujarat” in an International Seminar on ‘Rethinking Gandhi: A Communication Perspective’ organized by Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi on 22-23 March, 2011.

Vimal Trivedi

Presented a paper "Data Gaps in Municipal Solid Waste Collection Program: The case of Surat City" in a National Seminar on Environmental Pollution: Data Gaps and Availability’ organized by Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur, sponsored by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, New Delhi, 24-25 March 2011.

B2. Lectures Delivered And Other Engagements

Akash Acharya

Participated in policy round table on Public Provisioning of Healthcare and Decentralization, at Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad, 31st July 2010.

Took a guest lecture on 'Executing a Research Project: Ground Realities' for PGDRM students, DHRD, VNSGU, 1st September, 2010.

Reviewed a manuscript on financial analysis of a co-operative bank in Surat district for VNSGU journal, October 18, 2010.

Reviewed 43 abstracts for the International Health Economics Association (IHEA) conference going to be held in July 2011, Toronto Canada.

Delivered a lecture on “selection of sample” in a state level training programme on “Research Methodology in Social Sciences” on February 23rd, 2011.

Arjun Patel

Participated as one of the speaker in a symposium on `Caste and Census', organized by Center for Culture and Development, Vadodara on 3rd. September, 2010.

Helped in Organising two day 18th.State Level Gujarat Sociological Conference, held at Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Anand during 30-31 Octoberr 2010.

Delivered a lecture on `Survey research Method and Field work', in a four day workshop on Research Methodology in Social Science organized during 22-25, Feb. 2011, by CSS.

B. Devi Prasad

As a participant attended a seminar on National conference on ‘Sustainable Cities – Satathya: Promoting better cities’, organized by SMC, ACCCRN & SGCCI, Surat; 4-5 April, 2011.

As an expert member attended an International Consultation on ‘The Challenge of Employment in India’ Organised by Indian Society of Labour Economics and Institute for Human Development, New Delhi in collaboration with ILO, 7&8 May 2010.

Attended an International conference on 'Citizenship & Democracy: Lessons from decade long global research partnership, as a resource person, organized by PRIA and IDS, Univ of Sussex, UK, 8 September 2010.

As a resource person participated in an International Conference on: Family Studies, organised by TISS, Mumbai, 18-22 October 2010.

As a resource person attended a Round Table on 'Professional Education for Social Development' at PRIA, New Delhi. 16 November 2010.

Worked as a guest editor in *The Indian Journal of Social Work*, 71(1), 2010, Part I, SHGs: Emerging spaces for Social Work Practice.

Worked as a guest editor in *The Indian Journal of Social Work*, 71(4), 2010, Part II, SHGs: Emerging spaces for Social Work Practice.

Attended and participated in a Workshop on the 'Status of Social Science Research in Gujarat' organized by CSS and GIDR, at Ahmadabad, 28 February 2011.

Delivered a lecture on 'FGDs and Analyzing FGD data' in a workshop on 'Participatory Research ; Theory and Application' organized by DHRD & CSS, Surat, 12-13 March, 2011.

As a subject expert attended a Brainstorming Session on 'Citizenship and Governance' at PRIA, New Delhi, 28 March 2011.

Biswaroop Das

Conducted a Ph.d viva-voce examination of a Doctoral candidate at the University of Mumbai, Mumbai, June 26, 2010.

Acted as a Resource Person and chaired a session at a workshop on "Employment Scenario in Gujarat", Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, July 17, 2010.

Acted as a Resource Person at a Workshop on "How to Study Use of Money by the Poor", Indian School of Micro Finance for Women, October 5, 2010.

Attended a Project Review meeting on "Mapping of Religious Shrines and Sites", Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, December 20, 2010.

Participated in a Workshop on "Salt Production and Little Rann of Kutch", Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 4 January, 2011.

Conducted a Ph.d viva-voce examination of a Doctoral candidate at the CEPT University, Ahmedabad, 21 January, 2011.

Acted as a Resource Person at a Workshop on "Financial Behaviour of the Poor", Indian School of Micro Finance for Women, Ahmedabad, February 10, 2011.

Acted as a moderator at a Workshop on "Tribals in Transition", Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, 16-17 February, 2011.

Lectured on "Philosophical Basis of Methods in Social Science Research", CEPT University, Ahmedabad, March 12, 2011.

Acted as a Ph.d Reviewer at the CEPT University, Ahmedabad, March 29, 2011.

Acted as a Planning Laboratory Jury on the "Status of Housing among the Slum Dwellers in Bhuj and Kutch", CEPT University, Ahmedabad, March 29, 2011.

Acted as a Planning Laboratory Jury on "Sub-Regional Planning" exercise, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, March 30, 2011.

Kiran Desai

Participated as a resource person in a session, at a national seminar on 'Changing Scenario of Employment in Gujarat: 1960-2010', organised by Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara, 16-17 July 2010.

Participated in a training workshop on 'Peace and Conflict resolution' as a resource person and delivered a lecture on "Communalism in Gujarat", organised by Aman Samuday, Center for Development, Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and Utthan, at Mumbai, 4 August 2010.

Delivered a lecture on "Marginalised groups and Social Work", in the orientation lecture series for Post-graduate students of Social Work, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 6 August 2010.

Delivered a lecture on "Pathetic Conditions of Unorganised Sector Workers", organised by Shramik Sansthan, Surat, 23 September 2010.

Attended a IVth Advisory Committee meeting of the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy held on 4 October 2010, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.

As a resource person delivered a lecture on “Review of Literature” and “Research Report/Write-up”, in a Training Programme organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, 22-25 February, 2011.

Chaired a session on “Legal Aspects Pertaining to Migrant Workers”, organised by Mahatma Gandhi labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 5 March 2011.

Ratnawali

Delivered a Lecture on Field Work: Getting engaged with the People” at MSW, VNSGU on 22 August, 2011.

Delivered a lecture on “Ethnographic Method” on 24 Feb 2011 at a training programme on ‘Research Methodology in Social Science’ organised by CSS, 22-25 February 2011.

Participated in a Work shop on “Status of Social Science Research in Gujarat” at GIDR, Ahmedabad on 28 Feb, 2011.

Attended 3rd memorial lecture in the Honour of Late Prof. Pravin Visaria, delivered by Prof. Andre Beteille on “Institutional Democracy”, organized by GIDR at Ahmedabad on 1st March 2011.

Sadan Jha

Visited and gave lectures to children of class VIII of Anubhuti School, Jalgaon. This was in an interactive workshop on a project titled “Surat Down the History Lane”, an initiative of class VIII students of this school, 13-15 January 2011.

Satyakam Joshi

Worked as an expert for viva-voce for M.R.S. Part-2 students of V.N. South Gujarat University, Surat, 5th May 2010.

Coordinated the second Sadbhavna Parv at Mahuva (Bhavnagar) organized by Sadbhavna Forum Gujarat and Aman Charitable trust, Delhi, on 15-16-17 May 2010.

Worked as a resource person in a state level workshop on “Women and Common Land” Organised by Working Group of Women and Land Ownership in Gujarat”, at Ahmedabad, on 28-29-30 June 2010.

Attended a Policy Round Table on “Public Provisioning of Healthcare and Decentralisation”, Organised by GIDR, Ahmedaba, on 31st July 2010.

Examined the Ph.d. thesis of Mr. Keshubhi Odedra, of Department of Sociology, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, on a ‘Sociological Study of the Rural Communities of Barada Sanctuary, Junagadh’. July 2010.

Delivered a lecture on 'Social Work and Human Rights' to M.S.W. Part-1 students of V.N. South Gujarat University on 4 August 2010.

Worked as a Guide of Mr. Bhalu Saikh, M.Phil. Student of department of Social Work, Gujarat Vidyapith, and his viva voce was held on 28th August 2010.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Social Work Research’ to students of department of Social Work, Pondichery University, Pondichery, At CSS, Surat, 23 September 2010.

Examined the Ph.d. thesis of Mr. Vitthal Patel, of Department of Social Work, Gujarat Vidyapith on an ‘Impact of Effectiveness of Dalit Women Sarpanches of Gujarat’ and also worked as an expert in his Viva-Voce. October 2010.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Tribal Situation of Gujarat’ to students of Department of English, M.S. University, Baroda, at CSS, Surat on 16 October 2010.

Delivered a Foundation lecture on ‘Impact of Globalisation on Tribals of India’ to post-graduate students on Rethinking Globalisation from Boston University, U.S.A. at AKRSP, Netrang, 20 November 2010.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Historical Perspective on Tribal Identity and Tribal Issues in India’ to post graduate students of Social Work from St. Louise University, Missouri, U.S.A. at Tamarind Tree Trust, Dahanu, 6 January 2011.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Contextualizing Tribal Identity and Emerging India’ to post graduate students of social sciences from Wisconsin University, U.S.A. organized by Intercultural Resources, New Delhi, at Dahanu, 19 January 2011.

Taught a Course on ‘Public advocacy and Social Planning’ to Final year Students of M.S.W. Department of Social Work, V.N. South Gujarat University, Surat, February-March 2011.

Delivered a two lectures on 'Introduction on Quantitative Research Methods' and 'Interpretation of Data' to the participants of Research Methodology training course organized by CSS, Surat, 22-25 February 2011.

Worked as a resource person in a dialogue on "Gandhian Activism and Rural Reconstruction" organized by Young Mans Gandhian Association, Rajakot, at Vedachchi, on 19-20 March 2011.

Vimal Trivedi

Delivered a lecture on 'Quantitative Data Analysis through SPSS', to MSW students of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University on August 11, 2010.

Participated in a discussion forum on "Right to Education" organized by Divya Bhaskar, September 10, 2010

Delivered lectures on 'Internet Services for Exploring Social Science Resources' and 'Preparing Data for Analysis' in a state level workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' Organized by Centre for Social Studies, Surat between February 22 and February 25, 2011.

VI. VISITS BY OTHER UNIVERSITIES/ SCHOLARS FOR ACADEMIC EXPOSURE

Dr. Manisha K. Desai, a Fulbright Scholar from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, U.S.A. is placed under the guidance of Prof. Biswaroop Das to pursue her research work titled 'Gender, Environment and Development in Globalising Gujarat' during her stay at Surat under the Fulbright research grant from 17th January 2011.

VII. GUIDANCE, CONSULTANCY, MEMBERSHIPS IN ADVISORY COMMITTEES, FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Under the ICSSR Guidance and Consultancy Scheme, the Centre continues to offer services of its faculty in designing research, refining methodology and analyzing data to college teachers and researchers. The research scholar benefited by this scheme during the year is as follows

1. Kothari Purvi Ashit, Vanita Vishram Women's College of Commerce, Surat, working on Social Advertising Effectiveness Management (A study of Few Selected Campaigns in Gujarat) was provided guidance in framing research instruments and data processing by Akash Acharya from the CSS.

VII. ACADEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Library

The library has acquired 214 new books during the year. By the end of March 2011, total number of books, back volumes and reports has reached 30,909. The Centre subscribes to 100 journals, of which 91 are Indian and 7 foreign. In addition, 10 journals have been received on an exchange basis and 8 on gratis. The Centre has a total of 65 CDs related to various development issues. During the year 2010-2011, 520 scholars visited the library. The library of the Centre can be accessed online after the installation of SOUL software.

Publication by the Assistant Librarian:

Shukla, Seema (2010): SHGs and Microfinance: A select Bibliography. *Indian Journal of Social Work*, Vol. 71(4), pp.620-642.

Documentation

A documentation unit has been set up as part of the library in order to facilitate the research pursuits of the Centre's faculty, and also of scholars working in other research institutions and universities. One of the activities of this unit is to prepare bibliographies on subjects of interest and relevance. Research materials are also photocopied and provided to researchers on request.

Data Processing Unit

CSS now possess 33 computers, 4 laser, one DeskJet and 2 dot matrix printers, one scanner, and a multimedia projector. It has acquired an 'SPSS 14.0', 'SPSS 8.0' for windows (student version) for social science data analysis and 'SOUL' software for the library. Centre's computer facilities are being increasingly used by its faculty, administrative staff as well as social scientists and students from elsewhere. These facilities also help researchers visiting the CSS under its Guidance and Consultancy Scheme. The EDP unit of the Centre provides data processing facility to these researchers. They are also given consultancy services in processing methods and techniques by the EDP personnel. The CSS, through its EDP, helps social scientists in data transfer. Briefly, the Centre's EDP or computer unit is currently addressing three services: 1) Using library programmes suitable to process social science data; 2) Building Centre's own data archive and making it available to researchers; and 3) Training social scientists for more efficient use of computer.

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Indian Council for Historical Research, New Delhi,
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi,
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Research Studies/Projects Completed

Sr. No.	Title	Year of Project Completion	Project Director/ Faculty
1	2	3	4
1.	The Vedchhi Movement: A Sociological Essay	1966	I.P. Desai
2.	Study of Family Planning Programme of Amreli Districts	1967	I.P. Desai
3.	Functioning of Bureaucracy and Agricultural Development	1969	R. Roy I.P. Desai
4.	Primary School Teachers of Surat District: Adivasis - Non-Adivasis	1970	Y.D. Jadeja
5.	A Preliminary Inquiry into the Slogan of Adivasi 'Swayat Raj'	1970	I.P. Desai
6.	Rehabilitation of Landless Adivasi Labourers: Impact of Ukai Dam	1970	I.P. Desai
7.	Untouchability in Rural Gujarat: A Report	1971	I.P. Desai
8.	Directory of Voluntary Organisations Among Tribal Talukas of South Gujarat	1972	I.P. Desai
9.	Surat Elite	1972	I.P. Desai
10.	Slums in Surat	1972	G.S. Shah
11.	Urban Tensions: A Case Study of Surat	1974	G.S. Shah
12.	Gujarat Agitation	1974	G.S. Shah
13.	Bihar Agitation	1975	G.S. Shah
14.	The Art Silk Industry of Surat	1975	B.V. Mehta P. Pathak
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16.	A Profile of Education Among the Scheduled Tribes in Gujarat	1975	I.P. Desai G.A. Pandor
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