

# Annual Report

## 2017-18



**CENTRE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**  
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Campus  
Udhna-Magdalla Road  
SURAT - 395 007  
email: [info@css.ac.in](mailto:info@css.ac.in)  
website: <http://www.css.ac.in>

## INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Social Studies (CSS) is an autonomous social science research institute. With multi-disciplinary research as its core activity, CSS formulates ideas, undertakes empirical studies, theorizes and disseminates knowledge through training and publications in vernacular and English languages.

Founded by late Professor I.P. Desai in 1969, CSS receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, Government of India) and the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Gujarat. Besides, CSS also mobilises funds from government departments and national as well as international institutions.

The Centre's faculty, though small in number, represents a variety of disciplines including sociology, social work, history, economics, statistics and rural studies. With an emphasis on empirical research and Gujarat as its core research region, Centre also undertakes studies related to other parts of the country.

Responding to contemporary dynamics of development, key areas of research in CSS include marginal communities, migration, labour, land and credit markets, society and Violence, culture and conflict, public health, environment and resources, governance, women and society, social justice and civil society. Addressing these themes, faculty members focus upon studies of tribal communities, dalits and minority groups, rural transformation, social conflicts, movements and riots, urbanization and development, urban and regional planning, literature and social consciousness, human resource development (education and health), coastal studies, environmental issues and social impact assessment of development projects. Theoretical contributions of CSS are well-recognised in the fields of social stratification, agrarian relations, social movements, education, dalit society, tribal society, and development practices. The focus of Centre's research since inception has also been to assist in policy formulations for issues pertaining to social development.

The Centre also takes up various training programmes in research methodology, which have been catering to the academic and professional needs of a large number of college teachers, functionaries of the government and nongovernmental organizations.

During the last five decades, CSS has completed 301 research studies sponsored by regional, national and international agencies. CSS has so far published 124 books (67 in English and 57 in Gujarati) in the research areas as mentioned above and has also published translations of 19 books.

Moreover, it has published 24 I.P. Desai Memorial Lectures, 7 booklets as part of its *Samaj Darshan* series in Gujarati, 23 occasional papers and 14 working papers. During the last four decades, faculty members at the CSS have published around 560 researched articles (English and Gujarati) in internationally and nationally reputed journals and edited volumes.

Since 1981, the Centre has been continuously publishing its Gujarati quarterly journal, *Arthat*. It is rated well among the academic fraternity in the region. This is further strengthened by the fact that scholars, activists, journalists and people from other walks of life have been contributing articles to the journal. Besides providing a platform to the regional intelligentsia to communicate and share their intellect with the academic world, it also fulfils and encourages the aspiration of students and teachers of the state who are eager to express their academic reflections through the regional language.

For the last three decades, CSS has been frequently conducting courses in research methodology, application of computer in social sciences and writing skills. So far, 400 young researchers, college and university teachers have benefited from this programme. Under its doctoral programme (since 1979), 13 scholars have completed their Ph.D.

CSS regularly organizes seminars and colloquia. Under the ICSSR Guidance and Consultancy Scheme, the Centre's faculty members offer guidance to PhD scholars in designing research, refining methodology and analyzing data. Faculty members are often invited to deliver lectures at institutes and universities at regional, national and international levels. The Centre also undertakes collaborative studies with scholars from other Indian and foreign institutions.

In memory of its founder, CSS organizes I.P. Desai Memorial Lecture every year. So far, 26 lectures have been delivered by illustrious scholars from across social science disciplines and 24 are available in print.

The major achievements of the CSS include its policy related and social change oriented research, its contribution to pedagogy (through publication and dissemination of this research and through training programmes).

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Sl. No	Project	Sponsor(s)	Project Director/s	Current Status
1.	All India Report of ICSSR sponsored Research project titled 'Educational Status of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes: Attainment and Challenges'	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Ghanshyam Shah	Completed
2.	Working and Living Conditions of Sugarcane-Harvesters of South Gujarat Region	Prayas, Rajasthan	Kiran Desai (in collaboration with Sudhir katyar and PRAYAS team)	Completed
3.	Capital, Labour and the City: Unorganised Sector and the Social Fabric of Surat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Kiran Desai Biswaroop Das Akash Acharya Vimal Trivedi Sadan Jha	Completed
4.	An Exploration into Nutritional Status of Tribal Communities in Gujarat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Gagan Bihari Sahu	Ongoing
5.	A Study of Food Security of the Tribes in Gujarat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Gagan Bihari Sahu Satyakam Joshi	Ongoing
6.	A Sociological Study of Exodus of Dalits in Rural Gujarat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Arjun Patel	Ongoing

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Project Director/s</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
7.	Tribes in Gujarat: Interrogating Social Change and Development	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Dinesh Chaudhari and Satyakam Joshi	Ongoing
8.	Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) of Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) Affected Families (PAF) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Maharashtra (MH) settled in Gujarat	Sardar Sarovar Punarvasvat Agency (SSPA), Vadodara	Akash Acharya and Arjun Patel	Ongoing
9.	Perceptions of Education among Tribes of South Gujarat: A study of Chaudhari, Dhodia, Gamit, Vasava and Halpati / Dubla communities	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Sadan Jha and Dinesh Chaudhuri	Ongoing
10.	Skills Development Trainings and their Impacts on Schedule Tribe Youths: A Study of Vocational Training Centre	Shri Vaghaldhara Vibhag Kelavani Mandal, Vaghaldhara, Valsad, Gujarat.	Vimal Trivedi and Gagan Bihari Sahu	Initiated
11	Inclusive Rural development through Anand Pattern Co-operative Dairy in Gujarat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Dilip Shah (affiliated scholar)	Initiated

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS (Completed)**

### **1. All India Report of ICSSR sponsored Research project titled "Educational Status of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes: Attainment and Challenges"**

Following the First Education report in the late 1960s, the Indian Council of Social Science Research sponsored a study to "evaluate the extent to which social legislation as well as other forces of modernization, have been successful in eradicating sources of inequality and generating processes of healthy growth of Indian society." The study was specifically focused on the SC and ST students in schools and colleges and was conceived at the national scale. The late Prof. I. P. Desai was its coordinator and the study was located at the Centre. It was completed in 1974.

In 2012, the ICSSR resolved to undertake a similar study to inquire into the development of education of SCs and STs. The project covered 17 states for the SCs and 12 states for the STs.

To guide and facilitate the state project directors, ICSSR constituted the Coordination Committee and the Advisory Committee. Ghanshyam Shah has been the National Coordinator. All the state project directors have completed the study and submitted the reports to ICSSR. ICSSR has then decided to prepare all India Reports, one on the SCs and one on the STs; and also encourage the state project directors to prepare research papers based on their studies. ICSSR has commissioned this work to the Centre under the guidance of the National Coordinator, Ghanshyam Shah.

The study broadly examines issues like access to educational institutions, completion and drop outs from the study, treatments/facilities in school/college (focusing on aspects of discrimination) as well as the role educational institutions play in providing equal opportunities, develop skills, questioning mind and lead to improving life chances of students coming from SC and ST communities. The study also covers aspects like awareness, aspirations and for college students, their political views, participation etc. In the present study the focus is on upper primary students, besides secondary and college students. Moreover, this study covers college students of two categories: General (arts, commerce, science etc.) and professional degrees such as medicine, engineering, architecture etc. Unlike the past, the present study has also taken Non-SC as a control group. The study was commissioned to 20 SC scholars and 11 ST scholars from different states. For SCs, the

study covered 22 states/UTs and for Scheduled Tribes (ST), it covered 16 states/UTs.

The study had common method and questionnaires prepared at the national level. On the basis of the data collected from states level, All India Report is divided into two parts: one for SC and one for ST. The plan is to prepare an edited volume similar to the one earlier published and titled as "Still Long Way to Go". Further it has been planned to prepare two edited volumes based on papers written by state project coordinators. Both the reports for the scheduled castes as well as Scheduled Tribes are complete. Two seminars have already been conducted towards the publication of editing volumes. Based on comments received from the participants of the seminars, all papers have been revised and sent to ICSSR for publication.

Two all India reports, one on the SCs and another on the STs based on the aggregate data, are written by Ghanshyam Shah (CSS), SukhadeoThorat (JNU) and Sujatha Kalimili (NUEPA). The draft of the SC report is ready.

Simultaneously, two volumes are under preparation. These are based on the state reports. The first is on the SCs and the second is on STs and DNTs. The papers in these volumes are based on the state reports written by the project directors. Most of the papers were presented in the seminars organised by the Centre in January 2017. The volume on the SCs has been edited by Ghanshyam Shah (CSS), K.K. Bagchi (North Bengal University) and Vishwanatha (Mangalore University). Nine papers have been selected. The volume on ST and DNT has been edited by Ghanshyam Shah (CSS) and Joseph Bara (JNU). 10 papers have been selected. Four volumes have been submitted to ICSSR.

<b>Researcher</b>	: Ghanshyam Shah
<b>Funding Agency</b>	: Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi
<b>Date of Commencement</b>	: September 2015
<b>Date of Completion</b>	: January 2018
<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	: Rs.62,35,000/-

## 2. Working and Living Conditions of Sugarcane-Harvesters of South Gujarat Region

Cutting of sugarcane is considered to be very intensive and extremely large scale operation in the entire agriculture cycle of prosperous South Gujarat region. The work of harvesting of sugarcanes takes up a period of roughly five months - end of November till the beginning or middle of May. The one specific characteristic of the labourers who have been harvesting sugarcanes during this period every year is that almost none of them belong to in or around Bardoli area, the central agricultural zone where sugarcane is cultivated. As earlier studies indicate the sugarcane-harvesters are primarily tribal and belong to few neighbouring districts of Maharashtra and tribal areas of South Gujarat.

The major purposes of the present study are to examine working and living conditions of the sugarcane-harvesters working in sugarcane fields of south Gujarat region as well as other aspects related with the harvesting operation and these vast labour-force. The final report of this research has been submitted.

<b>Researcher</b>	: Kiran Desai (in collaboration with Sudhir Katiyar and PRAYAS Team)
<b>Funding Agency</b>	: Prayas, Rajasthan
<b>Date of Commencement</b>	: April 2017
<b>Date of Completion</b>	: January 2018
<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	: Rs.2,40,000/-

## 3. Capital, Labour and the City: Unorganised Sector and the Social Fabric of Surat

This study looks at the inter-relation of four crucial components: capital, labour, migration and the social relationship in the changing milieu of Surat. By examining the complex web of these forces, the research programme proposes to focus at three levels- a) relationship of production in unorganised production units, b) migrant workers and unorganised labour market and, c) social and urban milieu of capital and labour in Surat. The project draws its relevance from the current context of liberalisation and its impact on sections of labour engaged in industrial activities, especially in the 'unorganized' sector of Surat. Framed within the changed context of neo-liberal policy since 1991, the study intends to address issues and questions confronted by labour and capital particularly in the unorganised or



informal sector of the city. This study looks at the dynamics of capital and labour within an industrial setup. At another level, the aim is to unfold the dynamics of relationship between such forces and the city of Surat. At this second level, the wider aim is to understand the manner in which capital and labour intersect with the immediate physical and social milieu of the city. This exercise hopes to achieve an understanding of a specific constellation of capital, labour and urban growth. This was a collaborative study. The report has been submitted to ICSSR.

**Researchers** : Kiran Desai, Biswaroop Das, Vimal Trivedi, Akash Acharya and Sadan Jha  
**Funding Agency** : ICSSR.  
**Date of Commencement** : March 2013  
**Date of Completion** : March 2018  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rupees 30 Lakhs.

Specific components of this collaborative research are given below:

*Capital, Labour and Social Groups: With Reference to Unorganised Industrial sector of the City*

The four mainline industries of Surat; Weaving, Dying-Printing, Diamond and Embroidery provide employment to around 18 lac workers. Mainly migrants coming from states such as Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra are found to be working in the different kinds of units of Weaving and Dying-Printing industries. On the other hand, the diamond industry is known for its peculiar industrial relations. The industry has predominant presence of Saurashtra Patels among both, capital and labour. Recurrent cycle of recessions in both the premier industries of Surat during the last two decades has resulted into establishment of Embroidery units mainly during last decade time. Primarily Saurashtra Patels have invested into this type of industrial production for the purpose of diversification also. The component of labour of all the four industries offers interesting and relevant subject of research especially in order to have comprehensive understanding of labour scenario of unorganised sector industrial activities of Surat city. Apart from working and living conditions of workers of small and medium scale industrial units of mentioned four industrial branches, this component of the research programme has also covered health dimension pertaining to workers. The report has been submitted. Researchers: Kiran Desai and Vimal Trivedi.

## *Health Issues of Migrant workers in Textile and Diamond Sectors in Surat*

According to ILO estimates more than 2 million people die due to work related diseases each year and this figure is more than 1 lakh in case of India. Far more people become victim of injury at worksite and suffer. Occupational health and safety are being given increasing importance in industrial houses for workers' safety, productivity and welfare of workers. Major focus of occupational health issues have remained on mining, construction etc. and so far not much literature is available for health hazard in textile and diamond industry. Surat is considered to be one of the fastest growing cities in Asia with its population touching almost 5 million by now. Industries like textile (power loom, dying-printing, embroidery etc.) and diamond polishing units have remained major drivers of this growth and both these sectors have sizable migrant population. These industries still remain traditional functioning mostly as small scale units (SSIs). The proposed project was to explore health issues of textile and diamond workers from occupational health perspective, migration health perspective and urban health system perspective. In terms of fieldwork, both quantitative and qualitative methodologies (mixed methods) are being used to understand health issues of migrant workers. Fieldwork involved talking with industry associations, NGOs working in these localities, few owners and migrant workers to get an idea about the ground level situation and develop study variables. Few case studies (particularly of ex-workers now out of the workforce for health reasons) are also being developed. Researcher: Akash Acharya

A report incorporating both these segments (*Capital, Labour and Social Groups: With Reference to Unorganised Industrial sector of the City and Health Issues of Migrant workers in Textile and Diamond Sectors in Surat*) are incorporated into the report titled "Labour in Small and Medium Scale Industrial Units in Unorganised Sector of Surat: Struggling to Keep Afloat" by Kiran Desai, Vimal Trivedi and Akash Acharya. The report has been submitted to ICSSR.

### *Urban Labour Market and Informal Jobs in Surat: A Study of the Lower Level Sales*

As part of a larger study on Capital, Labor and City, this enquiry was aimed at understanding as to how vendors and hawkers engaged in 'lower level' sales in Indian cities locate themselves in the urban labour market, negotiate their work lives and transact business while facing a paradoxical situation of being accepted and yet viewed as a nuisance by sections of citizens as well as civic authorities. Taking the city of Surat as a case, the study is based on a detailed analysis of in-depth interviews of 206 vendors picked randomly from its different market places, footpaths and roadsides. The study identifies the pattern and extent of a wide range of vendors and their vending practices, their social and geographical origin, an overwhelming presence of rural migrants from economically depressed regions across trades, the manners in which they enter and remain or slip out from jobs, presence of wage labour in the otherwise obvious self employed sector in specific trades, their earnings and enterprises, working hours and lives, management practices adopted and problems faced by them. Essentially, a supply driven process, movement of rural migrants from different regions to cities and engaging with vending and allied jobs is sustained by a kith-kin-peer network link which also differentiates their engagement in specific trades along regional lines. The study also highlights as to how with the growth of surat and changing character of its central, immediate and farther peripheries, vendors have renegotiated their spaces, been pushed out, re-entered as well as rendered jobless. The monograph focuses on the intrinsic relationship between low scale capital and self employed vending within the context of the Indian "urban" landscape where nearly all such vendors remain in a perpetual state of misery, anxiety, lower returns and constant hardships. The report has been submitted. Researcher: Biswaroop Das.

### *The Social and Spatial Entanglements of Capital, Labour and the City*

Located within the larger context of urban dynamics and their relationship with capital and labour in Surat, this segment of the study looked at the changing character of selected neighbourhoods, communities and market places. In its core, this segment aimed to explore spatial dynamics of capital and labour. The nature of responses by communities having varied social and historical embeddedness in the city and the manner in which these communities negotiate with the urban growth ushered directly by

capital and labour reveal social spatial entanglements of capital, labour and the city.

To achieve an understanding of this relationship among city, capital and the labour, an ethnographic approach was deployed consisted of open ended interviews, observations and loosely structured field work to collect information. The field work was oriented to gather case studies of individuals, social groups (i.e. caste organizations), market places and neighborhoods. Ten units from each of these three categories were selected for some in depth focus. The communities selected for the study includes Kanbi, Khatri, Gola, Ghanchi, Mahyavansi, Bohra, Marwari, Muslim, Khandeshi (Marathi) and Halpati. Some stray case studies were also conducted among members of Jain vania (Stanakvasi), Leuva Patel, Kadva Patel, Dhaduk Patel and Hindu Rathod.

For the section on neighbourhoods, we selected Golwad, Begampura, Kharwarnagar, Bhatar, Piperdi Sheri of Salabatpura, Rander, Parvat Patia, Ghanchisheri, Varachha and Rampura. For market places, the list is consisted of Chauta Bazaar, Iscon Mall, Rahul Raj Mall, Sargam Shopping Centre, Turning Point Complex, Shaniwari Market and Rangila Park.

About 245 conversations were collected during the field work by a team. The report titled "the Social Fabric of Surat" is divided in three large segments focussing upon Communities, Neighborhoods and market places. These sections are further divided into various themes exploring issues like leisure, dwelling, desires, food preferences, marriage exchange and trust. The report has been submitted. Researcher: sadan Jha.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS (Ongoing; Initiated Before April 2017)**

### **1. A Sociological Study of Exodus of Dalits in Rural Gujarat**

The main objective of the study is to understand the nature of caste relations, particularly of dalits and non-dalits in Gujarat with reference to the societal structure and the changes that have taken place in the wider society in post 1960s. Various scholars and studies (Makwana Manubhai, 1998: Macwan Martin and Desai: 1998, Jani Indukumar: 1996, Report on National commission 1996-97 n.d.) have pointed out that social relations among various castes in Gujarat have not remained harmonious. Like many other states, the dalit conflict is

not new to Gujarat. The incidents of such dalit conflicts often appear in the local newspapers or in the local periodicals. Gujarat stands fourth in rank in India in terms of the number of such incidents occurred per one lakh population. The worry-some fact is that there are more than dozens of cases of Dalit exodus from rural Gujarat that have taken place during the last three decades.

The proposed study is a continuation of the ongoing interest of the CSS. While conducting another study of dalit non-dalit relations in Gujarat, we came across the incidents of dalit exodus in more than a dozen of cases. Here are the few examples of Dalit exodus from villages: Bhilji-Aniyani, Valar, Mithapur, Neshda, Vaghad, Cher, Surval, Adval, Khatin, Papli, Dholera, Detroj, Balsiyali, Kalmodar, Ramparda, Kadipur, Bhojpur, Sondha, Shahpur, Ramodar, Dhanla, Bhadiyad, Kadi, Sandhida, Chavad, Sitapur, Pankhan. The question of enmass exodus of Dalits is complex and difficult to understand superficially and hence it requires an in-depth study sociologically for understanding the nature of the above mentioned problem and its solution. What condition led the dalits to take the extreme steps for the enmass exodus from their original village where they have been residing generations together? What are the structural reasons of it? How the conditions of dalits and non-dalits have changed over the last 40 years or so? How these changes have affected their relations? What are the different forms of untouchability and discrimination of the dalits that are practiced in rural Gujarat? What kinds of problems dalits face during the process of exodus? What was the role-played by the government bureaucracy, police, media, court etc in such incidents? These are some of the questions addressed by the proposed study by using various research techniques like conducting informal talk, interview schedules, interview guides etc. The draft report has been submitted to the ICSSR and comments/ suggestions have been received and work on those comments and suggestion is in progress.

**Researcher** : Arjun Patel  
**Funding Agency** : Indian Council of Social Sciene  
Research (ICSSR), New Delhi  
**Date of Commencement** : July 2012  
**Expected Date of Completion** : December 2018  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.6,36,400/-

## **2. Tribes in Gujarat: Interrogating Social Change and Development**

Gujarat has a sizable proportion of tribal population (14.8%, census 2011) which is almost double the national average (8.6%, census 2011). The tribal population of Gujarat is concentrated in the eastern hilly region and the forest belt from Banaskantha district in north to the Dangs district in south. Due to construction of various irrigation projects, a large number of tribals have been displaced from their native lands, forcing them to migrate to towns and cities in search of employment. The present study reviews the legislative framework pertaining to the tribals by focusing on acts like Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA), Forest Rights Act (FRA) etc. and understanding issues associated with their implementation at the field level. Experiences of various tribal groups and agencies of the state in the process of implementing such legal frameworks are also being studied.

The present study focuses on five major aspects of Scheduled tribes areas and study on village from each of kwolghi committee rank most backward tribal taluka for in depth interview to understand the ground realities and to create a village profile as well as a baseline census study of all households of these villages.

The study also focuses on land alienation, displacement, livelihoods and migration patterns and their interconnectedness. The project also has a component aimed at understanding the status of health among tribals. Under this component, indigenous healing system of tribals is being studied and an attempt will be made to comprehend changes that have taken place over a period of time resulting in dilution, integration or replacement of indigenous healing system with the modern allopathic health care system. In 2005, government of Gujarat appointed Kwolghi committee to identify the most backward talukas of Gujarat. The committee used 44 development indicators to identify backward talukas and 19 tribal talukas were identified as most backward talukas. Villages were selected on the basis of geographical location, type of tribes inhabiting in the village and overall village population and cultural profile. We have selected one village from each of these most backward tribal talukas (total 12) for an indepth inquiry. In order to understand the ground realities and create a village profile, a baseline census study of all village households has been carried out by including major components of sub-themes. The data collection and the analysis of data have been completed. First draft of monographs on villages has been prepared. Report writing is under preparation.

**Researcher(s)** : Dinesh R Chaudhari and Satyakam Joshi.  
**Funding Agency** : Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi  
**Date of Commencement** : December 2013  
**Expected Date of Completion** : December 2018  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.10,00,000/-

### 3. **An Exploration into Nutritional Status of Tribal Communities in Gujarat**

Food deprivation among tribes is disproportionately higher than other population groups. Inability to have access to food by tribes is one of the major reasons that have kept them underfed. Studies conducted on various tribes living in different parts of the country find their food nutritionally deficient with low consumption of pulses, cereals and vegetables than the recommended dietary allowances. Moreover, a high prevalence of nutritional deficiency has been observed among tribes in India. The problem is alarming when seen among tribal children of less than five years of age. Within this context, this study intends to investigate the nutritional status and vulnerability among tribal communities who are located at the farthest end of development.

The study specifically looks at the nutritional status of four tribal communities namely Konkana, Gamit, Kotwalia and Kolgha belonging to major and primitive tribal groups. Nutritional status of these tribes will be assessed by using Composite Index of Anthropometric Failure (CIAF). To gain more insights into the issue, their socio-economic details, access to services provided under ICDS, Public Distribution System (PDS) etc., have been analysed to understand the issues pertaining to food basket and nutrition deficiency. For this study, 12 villages from Valsad, Dang and Tapi districts having a relatively higher concentration of such communities were randomly selected for the household survey. From each tribal community, information was collected from 100 households through canvassing a structured questionnaire. Report writing is under progress.

**Researcher(s)** : Gagan Bihari Sahu  
**Funding Agency** : Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi  
**Date of Commencement** : March, 2013  
**Expected Date of Completion** : October, 2018  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.10,88,000/-

#### 4. **A Study of Food Security of the Tribals in Gujarat**

Ensuring food security has been an issue of great importance in India. Despite being a country with substantial food grain production, we are still a nation with the highest number of malnourished children. Output indicators of food and nutrition seem to be very low for Scheduled tribes in India and particularly in Gujarat. Within this context, the present study aims to examine the extent, nature and dimensions of food insecurity at the household level in the tribal belt of Gujarat. The specific objectives of the study are: (1) What programmes and policies India has followed in order to realize food and nutrition security? Mapping the coordination and contradictions between the state and central government, if any, during implementation of these programmes. Are there any special provisions earmarked in the existing programmes to ensure food security in tribal region?; (2) To identify leakages and constraints created by interest groups in the process of distribution of food/food grains at local level; (3) To estimate the contribution of government 'food security' programmes towards the households; (4) Examine the efforts made by the households to bridge the gap, if any, in order to attain food security; and (5) To make an assessment of who does what in order to bridge the gap between 'need and received. Fieldwork will be started soon.

<b>Researcher(s)</b>	: Gagan Bihari Sahu and Satyakam Joshi
<b>Funding Agency</b>	: Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi
<b>Date of Commencement</b>	: July, 2014
<b>Expected Date of Completion</b>	: December, 2018
<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	: Rs.2,99,000/-

#### 5. **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) of Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) Affected Families (PAF) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Maharashtra (MH) settled in Gujarat.**

CSS has been carrying out Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) studies of the Resettled and Rehabilitated (R&R) Project Affected Families (PAFs) since 1980. At the time of the beginning of the SSP, CSS had conducted a baseline study of 19 villages of Gujarat that went into reservoir submergence later on. During 1981 to 2014 (more than three decades), CSS studied thousands of PAFs and submitted a total of 58 reports to the Sardar Sarovar Punarvasvat Agency (SSPA). SSPA has resettled a total number of around 11,000 PAFs from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and



Maharashtra in 9 districts of Gujarat and has developed 236 resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) sites for PAFs. In continuation of this series of M&E studies, CSS has further studied 76 PAFs from Gujarat (GJ), Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Maharashtra (MH), settled in Gujarat. These 76 PAFs have been resettled in 14 blocks (taluka) of 5 districts (Narmada, Vadodara, Chota Udepur, Bharuch, Kheda and Tapi). The primary aim of the M&E studies is to closely review the progress of R&R in order to facilitate better implementation of the programme and ensure meeting of its desired objectives. A qualitative assessment of the R&R and identification of potential pitfalls in the implementation of the programme is an equally vital aspect of this exercise. Draft report is submitted to the SPPA, Vadodara and comments as well as suggestions are received. Work on those comments and suggestions is ongoing.

**Researcher(s)** : Akash Acharya and Arjun Patel  
**Funding Agency** : Sardar Sarovar Punarvasvat Agency (SSPA), Government of Gujarat  
**Date of Commencement** : September 2016  
**Expected Date of Completion** : February 2019  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.5,80,000/-

**6. Perceptions of Education among Tribes of South Gujarat: A study of Chaudhari, Dhodia, Gamit, Vasava and Halpati / Dubla communities**

The study aims to understand aspirations, community perceptions and consumption practices pertaining to education among selected tribal communities of south Gujarat region. By looking into social and cultural dimensions which shape meanings and perceptions of education circulating among community members, this study attempts to locate education in the field of cultural production. Moving away from the dominant trends of social science research pertaining to education in India, this study aims to explore how tribal communities from South Gujarat region perceive, aspire for and approach the issue of education. The broader conceptual apparatus for the project aims to move away from the normative agency accrued to education as a key agent in the growth of the community. Instead, the focus is on how education as a social force within a community leads to social stratification. With this perspective, the study primarily focuses on Social aspirations and role of education in replicating/creating social hierarchies among tribal communities;

meanings and stereotypes circulating about education among tribal communities; larger milieu of consumption culture and its relation to education; social dynamics of different institutions (i.e. government, Christian missionaries, Gandhian ashramshalas, religious institutes and private educational institutions) active in delivering education among tribals of this region. Five communities selected for the study are Chaudhari, Dhodia, Gamit, Rathod/Halpati and Vasava from south Gujarat region. Survey work of five villages is complete and report writing is in progress.

**Researcher(s)** : Sadan Jha and Dinesh R Chaudhari  
**Funding Agency** : Indian Council of Social Sciecn Research (ICSSR), New Delhi  
**Date of Commencement** : April 2016  
**Expected Date of Completion** : August 2018  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.9, 50,000/-

## **NEW PROJECTS (Initiated during the year)**

### **1. Skills Development Trainings and their Impacts on Schedule Tribe Youths: A Study of Vocational Training Centre, Vaghaldhara**

Provision of skill development trainings under the Chief Minister's ten point programme has been implemented with the basic objective to make the Scheduled Tribes youth employable by enhancing their skill. In other words, the above program was implemented with the intention of providing specific employment oriented training to ST youths to be absorbed within the surrounding industries. As a part of this the Tribal Development Department (TDD), Govt. of Gujarat had encouraged to set up high quality Vocational Training Center (VTC) under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Under the above resolution, Vaghaldhara Vibhag Kelavani Mandal had set up a VTC at Vaghaldhara in August 2010 and since training activities has been running. At present 27 courses are being offered to ST youths at VTC, Vaghaldhara. Given this brief background, this particular study has been undertaken to evaluate the impact of such training programme provided by VTC, Vaghaldhara on Scheduled Tribe youths.

The study has the following specific objectives.

- (i) To understand the admission process of the VTC, Vaghaldhara, access to and utilisation of hostel facilities and out of pocket expenses by the trainee (if any).

- (ii) To assess the quality of the training provided by VTC, Vaghaldhara.
- (iii) To assess the relevance and adequacy of the course content in terms of getting job.
- (iv) To assess the impact of training on employment, income and livelihood of the trainee and his/her family.
- (v) To understand the difficulty or challenges faced by VTC, Vaghaldhara in running the Centre and making the trainee employable.
- (vi) To suggest policy and other measures, if any to improve further the VTC, Vaghaldhara.

Primary data has been collected from about 100 randomly Scheduled Tribe youths who had obtained training from VTC, Vaghaldhara during last seven years. Data analysis is in progress and draft report is under preparation.

<b>Researcher(s)</b>	:	Vimal Trivedi and Gagan Bihari Sahu
<b>Funding Agency</b>	:	Shri Vaghaldhara Vibhag Kelavani Mandal, Vaghaldhara, Dist: Valsad - 396375, Gujarat
<b>Date of Commencement</b>	:	January, 2018
<b>Expected Date of Completion</b>	:	October, 2018
<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	:	Rs.3,50,000/-

## 2. **Inclusive Rural development through Anand Pattern Co-operative Dairy in Gujarat**

The research project is revisit research as the project director had done Ph.D. and doctoral studies in the area of Anand pattern dairy co-operatives almost two decades ago (1980-2000). The Anand pattern dairy co-operative model is regarded as powerful for farmers' organization with all tools of development in the hands of farmers. Over a period of time, it has made very great progress but to what extend the benefits of the progress shared by disadvantaged groups such as tribals and women so that they could be included in the development in other words inclusive rural development. This is a major focus of the study. The strong conceptual building and appropriate tools and parameters will be developed to assess 15 hypothesis derived out of literature. The study is basically an exercise with secondary data but limited primary data with personal interviews etc will be generated to ensure the validity of analysis and concluding findings and policy suggestions based on these conclusions

for the accelerated process of the inclusive development through the Anand pattern dairy co-operatives with modified version or new generation of milk producers' company.

**Researcher** : Dilip Shah (Rtd Professor and currently an affiliated scholar with the Centre)  
**Funding Agency** : ICSSR, New Delhi  
**Date of Commencement** : 1 March 2018  
**Expected Date of Completion** : 31 March 2019  
**Sanctioned Amount** : Rs.1,00,000/-

## VI PUBLICATIONS BY THE FACULTY

### a. Books

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>
1.	Bitter Sugar: Conditions of Sugarcane Harvester of South Gujarat	Kiran Desai and Sudhir Katiyar	Prayas, Ahmedabad, January 2018.
2.	Bharatbhar Ma Samajik Andolano: Charvak Thi Kanshi Ram Suthi, Translation of Social Revolt in India by Prof. Suresh Mane	Arjun Patel (along with Prof. Shantilal Merai)	Lok Mitra Publication, Surat, 2018 (in Gujarati).
3.	Dalit Exodus in Gujarat: Some Cases	Arjun Patel (along with Ramesh Chandra Parmar and Ankit Patel)	Lok Mitra Publication, Surat, 2018 (in Gujarati).

**b. Papers in Journals**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Journal</b>
1.	Stagnant at the Bottom: The Sugarcane Harvesters of South Gujarat Region	Kiran Desai	Wadia Research Journal of Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce-Management, Vol.3, 2016-2017, pp:71-78.
2.	Municipal Service Delivery and Urban Local Governance: A Performance Appraisal by the Citizen of Surat, India	Vimal Trivedi	Journal of Governance and Public Policy, Jan-June, 2017, pp: 64-69
3.	પ્રસ્થાપનાના સમયગાળામાં સુરત શહેરના નગર સેવાઓનો અભિવૃદ્ધિનો અભ્યાસ	Vimal Trivedi	Abhidrashti, Vol. 12, No.122, January 2018, pp: 12-15.
4.	Flood Induced Economic Loss and Damage to Textile Industry in Surat City, India	Bahinipati, C.S.U.Rajsekhar, Akash Acharya and Mehul Patel	Environment and Urbanisation Asia, Vol.8, No.2, September, 2017, pp:170-187.

**c. Chapters in Edited Books**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Publisher</b>
1.	Tribes, Land and Forests: Emerging Legal Implications with Reference to PESA and FRA	Satyakam Joshi	Vidyut Joshi and Chandrakant Upadhyaya edited, Tribal Situation in India	Rawat Publications, Delhi, 2017, pp: 114-135
2.	Shri Kanubhai Vyas: Ajivan Nakshish Ambedkarwadi	Arjun Patel	in Akrosh thi Abhiyan	Babasheb Ambedkar Vichardhara Protsahan Samiti, Anand, 2018.
3.	Inclusive development through Dairy Co-operatives in Gujarat. An exploratory study published in the	Dilip Shah	in Dr. A.P. Kansal & Dr. T.P. Paranjothi edited, Role of Co-operative Movement in Inclusive Development.	Indian Society for studies in Co-operation, Pune, 2017, pp: 236-260.

**d. Book Review/ Newspaper/ Magazine/ Web Articles**

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Author(s)</i>	<i>Publication</i>
1.	Minority histories of the Indian national flag	Sadan Jha	<i>The Conversation</i> , 17 August 2017 <a href="https://theconversation.com/minority-histories-of-the-indian-national-flag-82515">https://theconversation.com/minority-histories-of-the-indian-national-flag-82515</a> . This article has also been reprinted by Business Standard (18 August 2017) and Huffington Post (23 August 2017)

**VII. PUBLICATION BY THE LIBRARY STAFF**

Seema Shukla, Assistant Librarian has published ; FDFIHSvVFIYS  
Vel F; FGL ; FICtI ; }R4 Ahmedabad: Gurjar, 2017 (in Gujarati).

**VIII. PUBLICATION BY THE CENTRE**

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

**Samaj Darshan Series**

Akash Acharya and Rajesh Bhatt, "J:TL GLIT VG| 5RFI TLZFH ; \YFGfj  
UJHZFTDF\A[AF/SF[GF WFZ6GL V; ZFf", *Samaj Darshan 7*, Centre for Social  
Studies, 2017 (in Gujarati).

**Working Papers/ Reports**

Gagan Bihari Sahu, "Child Malnutrition in Tribal Areas: evidence from  
Gujarat", *Working Paper*, No. 14, Surat: Centre for Social Studies, March  
2018.

## **IX. SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY CSS**

### **1. Working and Living Conditions of Sugarcane Harvesting Workers in South Gujarat, 13 November, 2017.**

A Consultation-Workshop was organized in which preliminary findings and observations of the study on "Working and Living Conditions of Sugarcane Harvesting Workers in South Gujarat," taken up by CSS in collaboration with PRAYAS, were presented. The presentation was followed by discussion in order to receive suggestions, comments and observations of the participants on the study-report. The workshop was held at CSS, Surat. Apart from faculty members of various post-graduate departments of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, activists of non-government organisations, leaders and activists of labour unions and concerned citizens had participated in this dialogue. The workshop was coordinated by Kiran Desai.

### **2. Workshop on the Conditions of Construction Workers and their Legal Rights, 15 February, 2018.**

The Centre in collaboration with BandhKam mazdoor sangathan organized a workshop on the Conditions of Construction Workers and their Legal Rights. Apart from faculty members of various post-graduate departments of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, activists of non-government organisations, leaders and activists of labour unions and concerned citizens had participated in this dialogue.

**X. PAPERS PRESENTED BY FACULTY MEMBERS AT SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Title of the Paper</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Seminar/ Workshop/ Conference</b>	<b>Organised by</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1.	Pedagogy and Research in Social Sciences	Satyakam Joshi	International Seminar on 'The Future of Humanities in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century'	Auro University, Surat	24-25 March, 2018
2.	Institutional Innovation-New Generation of farmers' Organization-A Case of MAHI Milk Producer Company	Dilip Shah	Policy and Technical Options for Doubling of Farmers' Income	Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh	22-23 March, 2018
3.	Role of Gandhian Organisations in Religious Tolerance	Satyakam Joshi	National Seminar on 'Religious Tolerance, Culture and Civil Society in Contemporary India'	Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai	6-7 March, 2018
4.	Another Partition in Making: On Communal Relations and Layers of Consciousness in the Aftermath of Communal Conflagration, the Case of Surat City	Kiran Desai	National seminar on 'Religious Tolerance, Culture and Civil Society in Contemporary India'	Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai	6-7 March, 2018
5.	Status of Panchayati Raj in Gujarat: Issues and Challenges	Satyakam Joshi	National Seminar on 'Panchayati Raj and People's Empowerment'	National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad	18-19 January, 2018



Sl. No.	Title of the Paper	Author	Seminar/ Workshop/ Conference	Organised by	Date(s)
6.	Witness, Memory and the Archive: On Sharing the Experiences of Partition	Sadan Jha	India@70: Memories and Histories	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur	4 January, 2018
7.	Changing values and enduring structure/categories of thinking	Sadan Jha	Studies in Bhasa Literature: Reflections on Conceptual and Normative Resources	Forum for Contemporary Theory, Vadodara	18 November, 2017
8.	Working and Living Conditions of Sugarcane Harvesting Workers in South Gujarat	Kiran Desai	Workshop organised jointly by PRAYAS, Ahmedabad and Centre for Social Studies, Surat	Centre for Social Studies, Surat	13 November, 2017
9.	Understanding Child Malnutrition in Tribal Area: A Study from Gujarat	Gagan Bihari Sahu	National Seminar on Efficacy of Government Programmes on Socio-Economic and Political Inclusion of SC/ST/OBC and Economically Backward Sections	Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (MPISSR), Ujjain	26-27, October, 2017
10.	Vernacular Visual: Seeing in South Asia	Sadan Jha	<i>Visual South Asia: Anthropological Explorations in Media and Culture</i>	South Asia University and University of Dhaka at Dhaka	10-11 May, 2017

## XI. LECTURES DELIVERED

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Place/ Organised by</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Social Science Research and Marginal Communities	Satyakam Joshi	Capacity Building Training Programme for Social Science Faculty members of India	Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad	28 March, 2018 (19-28 March, 2018)
2.	Working and Living Conditions of Workers in textile industry of Surat	Kiran Desai	Occasion of launching a book on 'Taar Taar Jeevan: Suratna Kaapad Udyogna Kaamdarono Abhyaas'	PTRC, PUCL, Surat, Lok Andolan & Surat Forum	17 March, 2018
3.	Women Empowerment and Tribal Development	Satyakam Joshi	Women Empowerment and Tribal Development	Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) (AKRSP), Netrang, Dediapada at Krishi Vighan Kendra, Dediapada	16 March, 2018
4.	Application of Statistical Techniques and their Interpretation	Vimal Trivedi	Research in the Capacity Building Programme	M. P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain	16 March, 2018
5.	Post-Colonial Historiography	Sadan Jha	Architectural Historiography course	School of Architecture, CEPT, Ahmedabad	1 March, 2018
6.	'From Calcutta comes my Husband, from Darbhanga he comes...' Some reflections on the migration, memory and experience	Sadan Jha	Special Lecture at the Orientation programme on Migration	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna	18 February, 2018

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Place/ Organised by</b>	<b>Date</b>
7.	Conditions of Livelihood-Earners of unorganised Sector	Kiran Desai	Workshop "Conditions of Construction Workers & their Legal Rights"	Bandhakam Mazdoor Sangathan, Gujarat & Centre for Social Studies, Surat	15 February, 2018
8.	Quantitative Data Analysis	Gagan Bihari Sahu	Capacity Building Programme	Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur	12-13 February, 2018
9.	Keynote address	Satyakam Joshi	Rural and Tribal Communities: Issues, Challenges and Remediation	Sarvajanic Arts and Commerce College, Visarwadi, Tal. Navapur, Dist. Nandurbar	10 February, 2018
10.	Review of Literature	Kiran Desai	Research Methodology	Post-Graduate department of Social Work, VNSGU, Surat	19 December, 2017
11.	Research Methods and Statistics: An Introduction	Vimal Trivedi	Research Methodology Workshop for PhD candidates	Legal and Interdisciplinary Research Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	7-8 November, 2017
12.	Factor Pricing	Gagan Bihari Sahu	Workshop on Microeconomics	Department of Human Resource Development, VNSGU, Surat	1 September, 2017
13.	Keynote address	Satyakam Joshi	celebrating "21 <sup>st</sup> International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples	Department of Sociology and MSW Programme, VNSGU, Surat	9 August, 2017
14.	Three orientation lectures on "Issues of Marginalized Community and Field Work"	Satyakam Joshi	MSW Sem.-I	Department of Sociology and MSW Programme, VNSGU, Surat	13-14-15 July, 2017

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Place/ Organised by</b>	<b>Date</b>
15.	Marginalization of Working Class	Kiran Desai	Orientation Lecture	Post-graduate department of Social Work, VNSGU, Surat	14 July, 2017
16.	Using SPSS to Understand Research and Data Analysis	Vimal Trivedi	Capacity Building Programme	M. P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain	11 July, 2017
17.	Importance of Social Research in Social Action	Kiran Desai	Capacity Building Workshop for Sugarcane-harvesters	PRAYAAS, Songadh - Tapi district	25 April, 2017
18.	Introduction to Statistics with SPSS for Social Science	Vimal Trivedi	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	M. P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain	20 June, 2017
19.	Case Study Research	Kiran Desai	Research Methodology and Data Analysis	Department of Human Resource Development, VNSGU, Surat	14 June, 2017
20.	<i>t</i> -test and ANOVA (using SPSS)	Gagan Bihari Sahu	National level Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis	Department of Human Resource Development, VNSGU, Surat	14 June, 2017
21.	Qualitative Research	Satyakam Joshi	National level Training Programme on Research Methodology and Data Analysis	Department of Human Resource Development, VNSGU, Surat	13 June, 2017
22.	Writing a Research proposal	Kiran Desai	Research Methodology and Data Analysis	Department of Human Resource Development, VNSGU, Surat	12 June, 2017

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Place/ Organised by</b>	<b>Date</b>
23.	Various aspects including Formulation of Research Problem, Formulation of Hypothesis and Research Designs, Types of Data and Measurement Scale of Variables, Sampling Strategies in Survey Research and Instruments for Primary Data Collection	Gagan Bihari Sahu	Research Methodology Workshop	Rajasthan Economic Association in collaboration with The Indian Econometric Society (TIES)	11-12 June, 2017

## **XII. OTHER ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Other Academic Engagements</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1.	Panel Discussant in a workshop organised by Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) (AKRSP), Netrang, Dediapada at Krishi Vighan Kendra, Dediapada.	Satyakam Joshi	16 March, 2018
2.	Chaired a session (no.3) at a National seminar on "Religious Tolerance, Culture and Civil Society in Contemporary India" organised by Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai	Satyakam Joshi	7 March, 2018
3.	Chaired a session at a National seminar on "Religious Tolerance, Culture and Civil Society in Contemporary India" organised by Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai	Kiran Desai	6 March, 2018
4.	Examined a Ph.D. Thesis and was a part of Viva examination for <i>Nirmala Khadpekar, Liberating India: A Study of Gandhi's Harijan</i> , Ph.D Programme, CEPT, Ahmedabad, 2017	Sadan Jha	viva conducted in January, 2018
5.	Taught a course on "Understanding Tribal Society and Culture" to the students of Certificate Course on Development Management run by Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) (AKRSP) at Netrang, Dediapada	Satyakam Joshi	15 November, 2017

Sr. No.	Other Academic Engagements	Faculty	Date(s)
6.	Took lectures as a guest faculty on the subject of "Status and Conditions of Rural Artisans and Landless Labourers and Development Programmes for their Upliftment", 1st semester, Master of Rural Studies, VNSGU, Surat	Kiran Desai	July - September, 2017
7.	Delivered a Radio Talk on the compilation of 75 years of "Hind Chodo Chalval" (Quit India Movement) for All India Radio Station, Surat	Satyakam Joshi	9 August, 2017
8.	Examiner for the oral examination of M.S.W. (Parangat- Samajkariya) Sem-4 students of Department of Social Work, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad	Satyakam Joshi	11 May, 2017
9.	Expert in Viva-voce examination for the IVth semester students of Master of Rural Studies, VNSGU, Surat	Kiran Desai	8 May, 2017
10.	Panel Discussant in a Chintan Sibir on "સામાજિક વિકાસ (સામાજિક- 4)" organised by Gujarat Council of Educational Research and Training, Gandhinagar at Shree Vashishtha Vidhyalaya, Vav, Tal. Kamrej, Surat.	Satyakam Joshi	20 April, 2017
11.	Evaluated M.Phil thesis and was a part of viva examination, <i>Authority and the Power of Church: a study of 'Church Manuscripts' (1880-1950)</i> , by Emy Merin Joy, School of Social sciences, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Sadan Jha	The viva voce examination was conducted on 12 April, 2017
12.	Visiting Faculty in Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat and taught a one credit course on "Tribal Development Issues and Challenges".	Satyakam Joshi	2017-2018
13.	Visiting Faculty in a Department of Social Work, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat and taught a course on "Development Theories, Social Advocacy and Public Policy" to final year students of MSW	Satyakam Joshi	2017-2018
14.	Reviewed a manuscript for Journal of Social and Economic Development, jointly published by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore and Springer	Gagan Bihari Sahu	2017-2018
15.	Reviewed a manuscript for International Journal of Rural Management published by SAGE	Gagan Bihari Sahu	2017-2018
16.	Reviewed an article for Contemporary South Asia published by Rutledge	Gagan Bihari Sahu	2017-2018

Sr. No.	Other Academic Engagements	Faculty	Date(s)
17.	Examined the PhD thesis on "An Anthropological Study of Sudalai Madan A Village Deity in Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu" ,submitted to the University of Mumbai, Submitted by Laxmi Periyaswamy Vadivoo, of Dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai under the Guidance of Dr. SM Michal.	Arjun Patel	2017-2018
18.	Examined a Ph.D. Thesis <i>Dalit and New religious Movements: A case Study of Swadhyaya Movement in Ahmedabad</i> , Ph.D Programme, Gandhian Thoughts and Peace Studies, Central University of Gujarat	Sadan Jha	2017-2018

### XIII. GUIDANCE, CONSULTANCY, MEMBERSHIPS IN ADVISORY COMMITTEES, FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

#### Post Doctoral Fellowship

Shital J. Tamakuwala, is working on "Deciphering Interface between Idea and Social Reality: Women Empowerment and NGOs - A Case Study of South Gujarat Region", for her Post-Doctoral Fellowship from ICSSR.

#### Ph.D Programme

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Discipline	Supervisor Name	Topic
1.	Manishbhai Janubhai Pawar	Sociology	Prof. Satyakam Joshi	સામાજિક વેદના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ (સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ)
2.	Vishnubhai Ganpatbhai Bagul	Sociology	Prof. Satyakam Joshi	સામાજિક વેદના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ (સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ)
3.	Hemubhai Sukharambhai Choriya	Sociology	Prof. Kiran Desai	સામાજિક વેદના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ (સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિના આધારે ગ્રામીણ સમાજમાં સ્ત્રીઓની સ્થિતિનો અભ્યાસ)





<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Other Academic Engagements</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
7.	Member of the Interview Board for the interview of Research Officer at Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), New Delhi	Satyakam Joshi	28 July, 2017
8.	Member of the Ad-hoc Committee for Board of Paper Setter and Examiners and attended a Committee meeting for the Master of Social Work, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat	Kiran Desai	26 July, 2017
9.	Expert member of Selection Committee for faculty members of Post-graduate department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat	Kiran Desai	23 June, 2017
10.	Expert member of Selection Committee for faculty members of Post-graduate department of Sociology, Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh	Kiran Desai	5 June, 2017
11.	Research Advisory Committee member for evaluation of research proposal of M.Phil. and Ph.D. candidates at Department of Social Work, M.D. Samajsewa Mahavidyalay, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.	Satyakam Joshi	10 May, 2017
12.	Member of the Selection Committee of School of Law, Auro University, Surat for interview of prospective candidates for various position	Satyakam Joshi	17 April, 2017
13.	Member of Editorial Advisory Committee of a Hindi Social Science Journal "PRATIMAAN", bring out by Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi	Kiran Desai	2017-2018

## **XV. ACADEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

### ***Library***

The library has acquired 303 new books during the year. By the end of March 2018, total number of books, back volumes and reports has reached to 33,532. The Centre subscribes to 155 journals, of which 105 are Indian (82 English, 22 Gujarati and 1 Hindi) and 6 are Foreign. Besides, we also receive 10 journals on an exchange basis and 8 on gratis. The Centre has a total of 172 CDs related to various development issues. During the year 2017-2018, 305 scholars had visited the library. The library of the Centre is accessible online by the SOUL software. The services available in the library are: Bibliographic help, Photocopy, Current awareness and referencing. The library makes use of softwares and digital services including SOUL, J-STOR, Indiatat, Econlit and PROWESS.

### ***Documentation***

A documentation unit has been set up as part of its 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 Facility***

CSS now possess 25 computers and 6 laptops, 4 laser printers, one scanner, and two multimedia projectors. It has acquired an 'SPSS 21.0', for windows 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.

## **XVI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We thank the following funding agencies for their support.

Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN),  
Department of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar,  
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi,  
Sardar Sarovar Punarvasvat Agency (SSPA), Vadodara  
Narmada Planning Group, Government of Gujarat,  
Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC), Surat  
Prayas, Chittorgarh  
Shivaji University, Kolhapur  
UHRC, Surat  
Shri Vaghaldhara Vibhag Kelavani Mandal, Vaghaldhara, Valsad

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Prof. Pravin J. Patel (Chairperson)  
Prof. Ghanshyam Shah  
Shri Hiren Diwan  
Prof. Vibhuti Patel  
Prof. Suhas Palshikar  
Prof. Sanghmitra Acharya  
Prof. Rita Kothari  
Shri Kamlesh Yagnik  
Dr. Shivendra Gupta (VC, VNSGU, Surat)  
Member Secretary, ICSSR  
Dr. G.S. Saun, (Acting Director, RI, ICSSR)  
Commissioner, Higher Education, GoG  
Prof. Kiran Desai (Faculty Representative)  
Prof. Satyakam Joshi (Acting Director)  
Shri I. J. Desai (Member Emeritus)  
Prof. D. L. Sheth (Member Emeritus)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Ashish Nikam  
Dhairyashil Desai  
Harish Jariwala (till Nov 2017)  
Hitesh Patel  
Jugal Prasad Raut  
Naresh Prajapati  
Nitin Patel  
Rajesh Parneria  
Sakir Munshi  
Vidyakant Betkar (till May 2017)  
Manesh Gamit

## **FACULTY**

Satyakam Joshi (Acting Director)  
Akash Acharya (till May 2017)  
Arjun Patel  
Gagan Bihari Sahu  
Kiran Desai  
Sadan Jha  
Vimal Trivedi

## **LIBRARY**

Ashok Pawar  
Seema Shukla