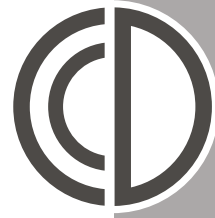


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About CCD

CCD is an institution established in 2001 with the main aim of doing research in social sciences on issues of social, cultural and political significance, with particular reference to Gujarat. It is an academic centre meant to harness the knowledge of social sciences to the service of Gujarat society, particularly its disadvantaged sections, and more specifically, minorities, tribals, dalits, and women. The specific focus of CCD is on conflict resolution, the interface between culture and economic development, and social discrimination violating human rights. The Centre's field of activities includes research, evaluation, training, and relevant interventions. It undertakes research projects and publishes literature with an activist orientation when required.

Infrastructure

CCD is located on the XTI campus, two kilometers from the periphery of Vadodara city, in a rural area surrounded by greenery. Baroda (now Vadodara) is geographically central in Gujarat, well connected by road, rail and air. The campus is lined by huge trees and is somewhat cooler than the city. CCD is housed in its own building. Presently the building has the administrative block on the ground floor and the academic block on the first floor. The administrative block contains an air-conditioned conference room with seating arrangement for 25 persons. It also houses a digitised library with more than 3500 volumes in social sciences, and a large collection of newspaper clippings, articles and reprints, making a total of 8142 entries. The Library subscribes to 25 journals. The Centre has a laser printer and copier, seven computer systems, and a multimedia projector for training courses and workshops. It also has a modest guest house with an attached kitchen for visiting scholars.

The restructuring and renovation work was completed during December 2007 and January 2008. The library is now housed in a separate building, with the book racks on the ground floor and the journals on the first floor, and a reading room with the facility of computer system. The CCD has its own independent gate to the main road. Internal road and pathways and modest landscaping have given CCD a new get-up. An additional guest house has been provided for facilitating any training programme.

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The Board of Trustees met on October 10, 2007 at CCD. They appreciated the activities mentioned in the annual report of 2005-06. They commended in particular the progress of the project, "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat." They recommended that CCD might move towards expanding its faculty and emphasised identifying additional faculty members. They also commented on the next major project to be begun by CCD, i.e., Forest Degradation and Tribal Alienation. The Board also took note of the restructuring and renovation plans of the additional buildings allotted to it and approved the budget for the same.

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Workshops Conducted Outside CCD by Dr. Lancy Lobo

1. Half a day workshop for Jesuit trainees at Fulwadi, Dharampur on "Knowledge Generation and Dissemination: the World of an Intellectual" on 24.5.2007.
2. Orientation for Village Exposure Programme to the first year students of Gujarat Vidya Deep (GVD) during 29-30 August 2007.
3. Half a day workshop on "Gender Sensitisation" to High School Students of Vimal Miriam School, Anand on 25.2.2008.

Workshops Conducted at CCD

1. Workshop on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat" for MSW students of Rajgiri College of Social Sciences, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala, on 29.8.2007.
2. Analysis of Gujarat Assembly Elections of December 2007 among social scientists on 31.12.2007
3. Colloquium with Dr. Michael Meegan speaking on "Gaining Spirituality" and Mrs. Sharon Wilkinson on "Becoming Christian" on the occasion of inaugurating the renovated and restructured CCD on 31.1.2008.



Visiting Professor

Dr. Lancy Lobo, Director - CCD gave 15 lectures on “Socio-Religious Canvas of Gujarat” for the third year Theology students at Gujarat Vidya Deep, at Sevasi, Vadodara from 4.8.2006 to 8.8.2006.

Documentary Film

CCD produced a 17-minute film one in English (“Disposed by Development”) and in Gujarati (“*Vikasthi Vinash*”) in the same DVD. It was produced by a team of Researchers, Dr. Lancy Lobo, Prof. Biswaroop Das and Shashikant Kumar, and directed by Raturaj Mistry. This film is useful for workshops on problems of displaced and affected people.

Press Conference

A press Conference was organised on November 2, at Charkha, in Ahmedabad on “Development-induced Displacement in Gujarat”. 17 journalists and 3 TV channels participated. The book, *Gujarat ma Visthapan* was released at this venue. The print as well as the TV media carried extensive reports and stories on this topic.

Publications by Dr. Lancy Lobo, Director - CCD

Book

With Shashikant Kumar, *Gujaratma Visthapan* (in Gujarati), a 140 page summary of the report, “Development-induced Displacement in Gujarat: 1947-2004”. This popular report is aimed at reaching the people, especially NGOs, with the analysis of the character of development in Gujarat. Filled with hard facts about the acquisition and transfer of land by the government to the so-called developmental projects, it highlights the rates of compensation, the quantum of affected and displaced people and their socio-economic situation before and after displacement. It argues that while development is necessary it should be inclusive, participatory, and people centered.

Articles

1. With Biswaroop Das, “Hindus and Muslims after the 2002 Gujarat Riots: Imaging as Binary Opposites”, in Hiroshi Ishi et al (eds.), *Social Dynamics in Northern South Asia*. Vol II Delhi: Manohar. pp. 169-192
2. “Multiculturalism, Religion and Social Change in India”, in Amaladoss, (ed.) *For Others with Others*. Anand: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash.
3. “Developmental Violence: A Case of Ukai Oustees”, in *Gujarat* a monthly Journal edited by Alboan, Bilbao, November issue, pp. 3-4.
4. “La Violencia Del Desarrollo: Un Estudio de la Presa Ukai en Gujarat, India” in *El Agua: un bien publico*, Bilbao: Alboan, pp.51-56.
5. “Robbing the Land of the Poor: Land Acquisition in Gujarat”, in *New Leader*, February 1-15, 2008, pp. 12-13.
6. With A.M. Shah and Pravin J. Patel, “A Heady Mix: Gujarati and Hindu Pride”, in *Economic & Political Weekly*, February 23, 2008, pp. 19-22.



7. With Shashikant Kumar, "Developmental Violence: A Case of Ukai-Kakrapar Displaced People", in *Condition of Marginal Groups in Contemporary India*, Festschrift in honour of the late Professor S.P. Punalekar (forthcoming).
8. "Science, Religion and Social Change" (forthcoming).
9. "SEZ and Development Induced Displacement in India, in *Sahayatri* (forthcoming).

Participation in Workshops and Seminars by Dr. Lancy Lobo

1. Gave a keynote address on "Land Acquisition and Displacement issues in Gujarat", at the seminar on "*Gujarat Reality*" at the Jubilee Auditorium, Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad, on 2.10.2007
2. Presented a paper on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat, 1947-2004", at the national seminar on "Special Economic Zone: Issues and Challenges Ahead", at the Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University of Baroda on 5-6 February 2008.
3. Made a presentation on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat and the Plight of the Victims of Development" at Shramjivi Sevalaya, Surat, organised by the People Initiative Forum of India (PIFI) on 17.2.2008.
4. Presented a paper on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat 1947-2004" at the seminar on "Areas of Social Work: Contemporary Contexts" held on 2-3 March 2008 at the Department of Social Work, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.
5. Presented a paper on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat 1947-2004" at the national seminar held on 10-11 March 2008 at the Department of Sociology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.

Visits by Scholars and Ph.D. Students

A number of scholars and students from different universities visited CCD and availed of its library facilities as well as guidance. Dr. Lancy Lobo acted as a resource person for MSW students of the M.S. University on "Emerging Trends and Issues in Development and Industrial Sectors: Challenges for the Social Work Profession", on 26.2.2008.

Completed Projects

1. Disposed by Development (in English) and *Vikasthi Vinash* (in Gujarati) - As one of the outputs of the project on "Development-induced Displacement in Gujarat from 1947 to 2004", CCD produced a 17 minute documentary film, Disposed by Development (in English) and *Vikasthi Vinash* (in Gujarati). The Research Team consisted of Dr. Lancy Lobo, Prof. Biswaroop Das and Shashikant Kumar. Raturaj Mistry directed the film.
2. Another output of the project, "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat", is publication of the report into a volume in English, which is now in the press.
3. A third output of the project is a popular summary of the report in Gujarati, *Gujaratma Visthapan*, published by Centre for Culture and Development: Vadodara.



4. Documentation and its digitisation: The newspaper clippings collected over six years by CCD have now been classified under the following broad topics: tribals, dalits, women, health, politics, Sangh Parivar and communalism, environment, religion, education, development, economics, and human rights. These clippings are chronologically arranged and pasted on to A-3 sized papers and spirally bound. The digitisation of the same has been completed.

Current projects

1. Changing Character of Forests and Tribal Livelihood in Eastern Gujarat (1947-2006) - This study is being conducted in the eastern hilly region of mainland Gujarat where tribal communities and forests are located. The study area has distinct geographical and topographical characteristics extending from the hilly tracts of North Gujarat to the eastern hilly areas and the Dangs district. The study has the following objectives:

- To find the changes in the forest areas/forest cover, sanctuaries and national parks in Gujarat State since 1947.
- To study the impact of deforestation and forestry on the life and livelihood of tribal population in the study area.
- To study the impact of the Forest Department, the Joint Forest Management, the Forest Co-operatives and the related policies on the forests and the tribals in study area.
- To find the number of tribal families/people displaced and deprived by the development projects in the study area.
- To investigate the nature and historical background of the tribal struggles in the study area.
- To present the findings and policy recommendations for sustainable tribe-forest relationship in the study area.

Methodology: In phase-I: Secondary data collection from Archives and Satellite Imagery. And in Phase-II: Focus Group Discussion and Enumeration of Sample Households.

2. Malaria in the Social Context: A Study in South Gujarat, Western India - "Ethnography of Malaria in Surat District" was a project directed by Lancy Lobo while at Centre for Social Studies, Surat during 1996-2000, with a grant from the Department for International Development (DFID), UK. The manuscript is now in the press.
3. The manuscript, "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat 1947-2004" is now under publication by Sage Publications, Delhi.
4. Historical Demography of Baroda State: Study of Dehzado Records of 1881 - This study was completed and submitted to Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. It is now under revision with a view to its eventual publication.
5. A fact file of Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat - A fact-file on "Development Induced Displacement in Gujarat" is being readied for publication for popular readership.

Persons to be especially thanked

1. Professor A. M. Shah for donating a complete set of the Encyclopedia of Social Sciences to CCD Library.
2. Fr. Lawrence Lobo and Fr. Vincent Moonu for the support in restructuring CCD.