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Bio-sketch

I joined CSS as a Research Assistant in the year 1980, I did Ph.D. during 1983-1987. My Ph.D topic was "Caste in changing situation: Kolis of Gujarat". Since then I have been working as a faculty in CSS. Besides academic interest, I am also interested in "transformative politics". I have been working mainly in the areas of Marginal groups, displacement and rehabilitation issues.

Current Projects/Work

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

Selected publications

1. "Dalit Identity: Origin, Formulation and Development", CSS, Surat, 2005.
2. Caste in Changing Society: A Study of Koli Community, CSS, Surat. 1993.2.
3. 'Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Socio-Economic Philosophy in today's context', in an edited book *Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Socio-Economic Philosophy in Present Day Context* by Navrachana Education Society, Baroda, 2007.
4. Hinduisation of Adivasi: A case of South Gujarat', in S.M. Michel (ed.), *Dalits in Modern India: Vision and Values*, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications, 1999, also in *Indian Journal of Secularism*, 1997.
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