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## **SEMINAR INVITATION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

New Year Greetings from CSS, Surat.

Due to pandemic, we were constraint to organise any off-line academic activities. As things are now getting normal, we would like to restore our off-line mode of seminars and conferences.

We are pleased to announce that on the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', celebrated by the Government of India across the country, CSS is also organising a series of activities paying tribute to and engaging with our struggle for freedom from the colonial rule. In this regard, our first off-line event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Prof. Satyakam Joshi, Officiating Director, CSS, Surat will give a talk on *Ju kaka of Adivasis: Contribution of Jugatram Dave in Freedom Struggle* on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Saturday) at 3.00 p.m. at the seminar hall, Centre for Social Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Campus, Surat.

You are cordially invited.

Yours sincerely,

Satyakam Joshi  
Officiating Director,  
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## **Abstract**

Jugatram Dave (1892-1985), affectionately called *Ju Kaka* among Adivasis of Gujarat, was a close associate of Kaka Kalelkar and Swami Anand. In 1917 he went to Ahmedabad to join the Kocharab Ashram, and later shifted to the Sabarmati Ashram. He became an ideal Ashramite, earning the confidence of Gandhiji and Kastur ba. He worked first as a teacher in the national school established by Mahatma Gandhi and later joined the Navjivan Press. Jugatrambhai was deeply impressed by Gandhiji's constructive programmes. Responding to Gandhiji's call for constructive work after the non-cooperation movement, Jugatrambhai chose to work for preparing Adivasis of South Gujarat to join in the freedom struggle through Gandhiji's ideas of non-violent and rural development for which he joined the Swaraj Ashram Bardoli in 1924. During his stay in Bardoli, he worked with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for Bardoli Satyagraha and Salt Satyagraha. He was jailed several times during the Salt Satyagraha (1930-34). In 1927 he joined Vedachhi Ashram near Bardoli, in the Raniparaj area inhabited mostly by Adivasis who were exploited by money-lenders, landlords and private contractors. Jugatrambhai focused on spreading education among Adivasis by establishing ashramshalas and other Gram Udyog activities and popularized the spinning wheel among them. He established a number of ashramshalas in south Gujarat and produced a number of Adivasi workers who joined for all round rural development of Adivasi areas along the line of Gandhiji's idea and ideals. His contributions for the all round development of Adivasis of Gujarat are immense and noteworthy. He was also a noted biographer and children's book writer.

## **Brief Introduction of the Speaker**

Satyakam Joshi is working as an officiating Director and Professor at the Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat. He has to his credit several publications of books and articles on subjects like tribal development, forest policy, tribal land rights, local governance and its leadership, and Gandhian Organisations and rural development.