

Curriculum Vitae

[I] PRIMARY INFORMATIONS

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Date of Birth : 19 th May 1961.

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[II] EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS :

- (1) Have got Master of Rural Studies (M.R.S) degree from South Gujarat University, Surat, passing the examination in 1985, securing B plus grade.
- (2) Have received M. Phil degree in Sociology from South Gujarat University, Surat. Submitted a thesis on `Workers Organisation Activity in Surat : A Sociological Study of Surat Textile Labour Union' under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Y.A.Parmar.
- (3) Have got Ph.D degree in Sociology from South Gujarat University, Surat. The title of the Ph.D. thesis is; `Profile and conditions of Industrial Workers : A Case Study of Vapi'. This research is done under the supervision of Prof. Harish Doshi, Head, Dept. of Sociology, South Gujarat University, Surat.

[III] RESEARCH EXPERIENCE :

(A) PRE- JOB RESEARCH

[1] While studying in Master of Rural Studies, I did two research studies independently. They are as under:

- (a) Savings and Investment Pattern in Farmers of Mandroi Village of Olpad Taluka, District Surat.
- (b) The Evaluation of Anganwadis Run Under the ICDS Under the Auspices of 'Sewa-Rural', a Voluntary Organisation Working in Jhagadia Taluka of Bharuch District, State Gujarat.

(2) I also took part as a team leader in a large study on 'Working and Living Conditions of Workers in Textile Industry of Surat', conducted by South Gujarat University, Surat; under the guidance of then the Vice Chancellor Prof. Upendra Baxi, which was done at the behest of Rev. Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court.

(B) RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS AFTER JOINING RESEARCH INSTITUTE :

At present, working in research institute, Centre For Social Studies, Surat as an Associate. Have joined the Centre in October 1985 . Worked as a Research Assistant for six years. Have become Faculty member in the year 1991.

[1] As a research assistant I have been associated with many research projects and studies. The list of which are given below :

- (1) Monitoring and Evaluation of Sardar Sarovar Project.
- (2) Rural Poor of Western India : The Case Studies of Eight Villages of Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- (3) An Evaluation of Mid - day Meals Scheme in Gujarat.
- (4) Agriculture Profile of the Dangs District.
- (5) Social Forestry Programme in Gujarat : An Evaluation.

[2] While working as a Research Assistant, did few independent studies, two of which were joint venture. They are as under :

- (1) Study on Rural Migrant Labour of Gujarat [With Arjun Patel].
- (2) Gandhar Gas Project : Socio-Economic and Demographic Profile of affected Villages [With S.P.Punalekar, S.Jodhaka and Arjun Patel].
- (3) Trade Union Activity in Surat Textile Industry : A Case Study of Majoor Mahajan Sangh.
- (4) A Study on Union Rivalry : A case study of Atul Industrial Complex.

[3] Studies done after getting appointed as Assistant Professor:

- (1) Nature and Condition of Workers in Small Scale Industries of Gujarat
- (2) Adivasi Assertion for Land Reforms : Annakhed Satyagraha of Pardi
- (3) Trade Unionism in India- A Case Study of Majoor Mahajan Sangh in Surat
- (4) Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme in three regions : Goa, Diu and DadraNagarhaveli-Vth Round
- (5) Child Workers in Diamond Industry of Surat
- (6) Workers of Closed Textile Mills of South Gujarat
- (7) Child Workers in Textile Industry of Surat
- (9) Livelihood Earners in 'Fringe Sector' of Surat
- (10) Profile of MLAs of Gujarat Legislative Assemblies
- (11) Slums in Towns and Cities of Gujarat : The Case studies of Ankleshwar and Porbaddar*
- (12) Review-study of a Vocational training centre (VGTK) managed by a voluntary group-Sewa Rural, Jhagadia.*

(* Both these studies have been continued after getting promoted at the position of Associate Professor- August 2002)

[4] Studies done after getting appointed as Associate Professor

- (1) Slums in Towns and Cities of Gujarat : The Case studies of Ankleshwar and Porbaddar.
- (2) Review-study of a Vocational training centre (VGTK) managed by a voluntary group-Sewa Rural, Jhagadia
- (3) Hindu-Muslim Relations: The Case Study of Surat
- (4) Relevance of Gandhian Ideas and Methods
- (5) Impact of Globalisation with special reference to Labour
- (6) Searching for Space in Globalisation Era: fringe Sector Livelihood Earners in Urban Economy – The Case of Surat City (On –going)

[IV] SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / SYMPOSIA / LECTURES / CONFERENCES ATTENDED :

- Gave a seminar on "Rural Development : Some Issues", at Centre for Social Studies, Surat; October 1986.
- Presented a paper on " Madhyanha Bhojan Yojna : Pachhat Vargna sandarbhma" (in Gujarati) (with S.Joshi); in a seminar on `Rural Development and the Rural Poor', organised by Centre for Social Studies,Surat;26-28 February 1987.
- Gave a seminar on "Working Class Organisation:A Case Study of Surat Textile Labour Union", at Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 16 January 1992.

- Presented a paper, 'Role of Labour Union:A Case Study of Majoor Mahajan Sangh', at IVth Gujarat Sociological Conference, organised by Sociological Association of Gujarat, at Department of Sociology , South Gujarat University, Surat; 27-28 March 1993.
- Gave a talk on " Why did Dr. Ambedkar adopt Buddhism?" (in Gujarati), All India Radio, Surat, 14 May 1993.
- Gave a talk on " Social Change Through Bhakti Marg" (in Gujarati), All India Radio, Surat, 27 November 1993.
- Gave a seminar on "Workers in Small Scale Industries : Some Ground Level Realities", at Center for Social Studies , Surat; 26 July 1994.
- Presented a paper on 'Labour Union activities in Surat : A Case -Study of Majoor Mahajan Sangh', in a seminar "Business, Labour and Urban Growth in Surat City", organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 16-17 September 1994.
- Presented a paper on 'Nature and Conditions of Workers in Small Scale Units of Gujarat : Some Observations', in a seminar " Gujarat Society:Development and Deprivation", organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat , 6-9 December 1994.
- Gave a lecture " Conditions of Tribals in South Gujarat belt", at a workshop on 'Rural Activism', organised by Legal Aid Center, Surat; 15 December 1995.
- Presented a paper on " Surviving in Adverse Conditions : Workers of Small Scale Industrial Units in Gujarat" , at a seminar on 'Small Scale Industrial Development and Labour'; organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 26-27 March 1997.
- Presented a paper entitled," Working Conditions of Workers in Small Scale Industrial Units in Gujarat", in a seminar on ' Labour Segmentation in India', organised by Department of economics , M. S. University of Baroda, Baroda; February 1997.
- Gave a lecture on " Cultural Invasion", organised by Navjivan Bharat Sabha , Gujarat Shramik Sangh and other unions; 23 March 1997.
- Gave a talk on "Some Issues Related to Research", Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 25 September 1998.
- Attended a workshop on ' Participatory Learning and Action', organised by British Council Division, New Delhi at Surat, 3-7 September 1998.
- Presented a paper on "Child Workers in Informal Sector of Surat : Some observations", in a seminar on 'Child Labour in Gujarat - Image, Realities and Interventions', organised by Centre for Social Studies , Surat; 9-10 November 1998.

- Attended a workshop on 'Child labour in the Home Based Industries in the Wake of Legislations', V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, 4-5 January 1999.
- Attended a meeting on research project 'Workers of Closed textile Mills', at Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 12 February 1999.
- Gave a lecture on " Bhagat Singh`s Thought on Religion ", organised by Navjavan Bharat Sabha, Surat; 23 March 1999.
- Presented a paper on " Child Workers in Informal Sector of Surat", at a VIth Gujarat Sociological Conference, held at Vyara, organised by Gujarat Sociological Association; 3 April 1999.
- Gave a lecture on " May - Day and the Present Labour Context ", organised by Navjavan Bharat Sabha, Surat; 1 May 1999.
- Gave a lecture on " Labour Situation in Present Context ", organised by Gujarat Shramik Sangh, Surat; 1 May 1999.
- Attended a workshop on 'Transportation and Development' and made a presentation on "Development and Depressed Sections", organised by Manviya Technology Forum and Maitri Trust, at Surat, 10 October 1999.
- Attended a workshop on 'Child labour in the wake of labour Legislation' and made a presentation on "Case study of Child labour in Diamond Industry of Surat", organised by V V Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, 27-28 November 1999.
- Participated as a resource person in a training programme for activists of SEWA, Ahmedabad, at Sewa academy, Ahmedabad, 18 february 2000.
- Attended a workshop on "Childhood", organised by BALPAN, at Surat, 31 March 2000.
- Attended a workshop on "Proposed Survey of urban poor and child labour", organised by Surat Municipal Corporation at Surat, July 2000.
- Gave lecture on "Conditions of workers under Globalisation", organised by Workers Education Center, Surat, at Navin Flourine Industries, Surat; 22 December 2000.
- Attended a meeting 'Vachak Milap-Dialogue with editorial board of "Arthat" ', organised by Vachak Sangam, at Ahmedabad; 31 December 2000.

- Gave lecture on “New Economic and Industrial Policies of the Government, Sickness of Industries , Causes, Effects, and Remedies”, Organised by Central Board For Workers Education, Surat, at Shramjeevi Sewalaya, Surat, 18 January, 2001.
- Attended a seminar on ‘ Collective Care Arrangement among Workers and Non-workers in Informal sector’ and presented a paper on “Workers of Closed textile Mills : A Case of South Gujarat”, organised by Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad; 1-2 March 2001.
- Delivered a talk on “Social Consequences of Natural Disaster”(in Gujarati), at All India Radio, 15 March 2001.
- Delivered a lecture on “Changing Role of Women in family”, organised by Akhil Hind Mahila parishad, Surat, 20 May 2001.
- Presented a paper on " A Novel as a Sociological Depiction ", in a seminar on ' Social Context of Literature', organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 3-4 December 2001.
- Delivered a lecture on " Impact of WTO on Weaker Sections", at Shramjeevi Sewalaya, Surat; 9 December 2001.
- Worked as a resource person and delivered a lecture on " Rapport Establishment", at a workshop of Social Organisers, organised by Surat Municipal Corporation; 9 January 2002.
- Worked as a resource person and delivered a lecture on " Some Issues Concerning Field-work", in a training programme on 'Application of Computer in Social Sciences', organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat; 30 January 2002.
- Gave a seminar on "Child Workers in Textile Industry of Surat", at V V Giri National Labour Institute, Noida; 22 February 2002.
- Attended a seminar on 'Changing Profile of MLAs' and Presented a paper on "Profile of Gujarat MLAs", organised by Centre for Studies in Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi; 25-26 February 2002.
- Delivered a lecture on “Secularism” at Navsarjan, Surat, 30 March 2002.
- Delivered a lecture on “Communalism-A Blot on the Civilised Society", On All India Radio-Surat, 11 April 2002.
- Presented a paper on 'Status of Civil Society in Gujarat – Some Observations' in a seminar on "Status of Civil Society in Gujarat in Present Context", organised by centre for Social Studies, Surat, 29-30 August 2002.

- Attended a Panel discussion on ‘globalisation and Human Rights in the Current Political economy’ and made a presentation on “Impact of Globalisation on Working Class”, organized by Surat Nagrik Adhikar Manch, 20 October 2002.
- Took part in Panel Discussion on "Challenges Before Gujarat Society : Role of Social Scientists" and presented a paper on 'Gujarat Society in Present Context : Challenges Before Social Scientists', organised by Centre for Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad, 30 November 2002.
- Attended a workshop on ‘Child Labour’, organized by SAHAS, Surat, 25 December 2002.
- Delivered a lecture on “Labour and Employment Situation among Tribals”, in a training workshop for Grassroot workers of Gujarat, Organized by Navsarjan, Surat, 8 April 2003.
- Delivered a lecture on “Communalisation of Education”, in a workshop on ‘Communal Harmony’, organized by ANHAD, at Navsarjan, Surat, 20 May 2003.
- Attended a workshop on ‘Slum Upgradation Policy’ and made presentation on “Slums in Surat, Porbandar, Ankleshware and Halol”, organized by CMAG, Ahmedabad, 19 June 2003.
- Attended a workshop on “Education for Child labour”, organised by PRATHAM, Surat, 22 July 2003.
- Attended a workshop on “Peaceful Coexistence” and made a presentation on “ Possibility of Gandhian Initiatives in Present Context of Gujarat” (with Satyakam Joshi), Organised by AMAN trust, New Delhi, on 9-10 December 2003.
- Attended a seminar on “Peaceful Coexistence in South Asia” and presented a paper on “Gandhian Initiatives Ideas and methods for Peaceful Coexistence” (with Satyakam Joshi), Organised by AMAN trust, New Delhi, on 22-23 January 2004.
- Attended a workshop on ‘Child labour and Child rights’ and presented a paper on “Child labour in Gujarat: Some case studies of Surat”, organised by Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, on 27 January 2004.
- Delivered a lecture on “Communal Question in Present Context of Gujarat”, organised by Shramjivi Sewalaya, Surat, on 7 February 2004.
- Presented a theme-note at a dialogue on “Communal question and role of Civil Society in Present Context of Gujarat”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, 5-6 March 2004.

- Attended a seminar on ‘Social Context of Literature’, and presented a paper on “Jayant Gaditni Sahitya Rachnaoman Upasati Anavil Samaj ane Vyaktitvani Samajshastriya Chhabi: ‘Badalati Kshitiji’ and ‘Ek Aswapna Sukhi Jeevan Sandarbhe Ketlak Avalokno’, organized by CSS, Surat, 28-29 May 2004.
- Presented a theme note (with Satyakam Joshi) in a workshop on “Gandhian Thought and Constructive Activities in Present Context of Gujarat”, organized by Centre for Social Studies, Surat and AMAN Trust, Delhi, at CSS, Surat, 17-18 July 2004.
- Attended a workshop on “Syncretic Traditions of Gujarat”, organized by SAMERTH, Ahmedabad, 10 September 2004.
- Attended a follow-up workshop on “Gandhian Thought and Constructive Activities in Present Context of Gujarat”, organized jointly by Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, Centre for Social Studies, Surat and AMAN Trust, Delhi, at Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, 2 October 2004.
- Delivered a lecture on “Social Problems”, organised by Shramjivi Sewalaya, Surat, on 5 October 2004.
- Attended as a resource person, a training workshop for female members of gram panchayats of Vyara taluka and delivered a lecture on “Rural Development”, organised by Gujarat Khet Vikas Parishad and Centre for Social Studies, Surat at Vyara, 8 November 2004.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Civil Society and Poverty in Gujarat: Looking backward and Forward’ and presented a paper on “Gandhian Organisations and Poverty Alleviation” (with Satyakam Joshi), organised by Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi at Ahmedabad, 26-27 November 2004.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Pluralism, Religious Tolerance and Future of Democracy’ and presented a paper on “On determinants of Communal Relations: Some Observations from Case-Study of Surat”, organised by Centre for Study of Societies and Secularism, Mumbai and Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Mumbai, at Mumbai, 13-14 December, 2004.
- Delivered a lecture on “Role of Civil Society in Present Context of Gujarat with reference to Communal Relations”, organised by Adajan Komi Ekta Samiti, Surat, 26 January, 2005.
- Attended a workshop on “Peaceful Coexistence” and presented a paper on ‘Gandhian Constructive Activities in Gujarat: Some Reflections’, organised by AMAN trust, Delhi, 12-13 February, 2005.

- Attended a workshop on “Child Rights”, organised by Child Rights Collective-Gujarat, at Centre for Social Studies, Surat, on 20-21 June 2005.
- Attended a workshop on “Tribal Migrant Workers in Gujarat: Problems and Possible Solutions” and delivered a lecture on ‘Various Patterns of Migration’, organised by Bandhkam Mazdoor Sanghathan-Disha, Ahmedabad, Gramin Vikas Trust and Centre for Social Studies, Surat at CSS, Surat on 28 June, 2005.
- Attended a workshop on “Peaceful Coexistence”, organised by AMAN trust, New Delhi and COVA, Hyderabad at Hyderabad, on 6-7 August 2005.
- Attended as a resource person a workshop on “Problems and possible solutions of Surat Municipal Corporations Sweepers”, organised by SMC, Surat, 10 September, 2005.
- Delivered a lecture on “major Social Issues in Present Context”, organised by Shramjeevi Sewalaya, Surat, 12 September, 2005.
- Attended a training programme for para-legal activists from 11 districts of Gujarat as a resource person and delivered a lecture on “Tribal Migrant Labour in Gujarat”, organised by Navsarjan, Surat, 27 September 2005.
- Delivered a lecture on “Research and Social Work”, organised by Post-graduate dept. Social work, Veer Narmad south Gujarat University, Surat, 11 October 2005.
- Delivered a lecture on “Impact of globalisation on weaker Sections of the Society”, organised by ICMICA, Gujarat at Anand, 20 November 2005.
- Attended a workshop on “Research Methodology” as a resource person and delivered lectures on (i) Review of Literature and (ii) Case Study, organised by Centre For Social Studies, Surat, 6-22 December 2005.
- Delivered a lecture “Dalit issue in present context”, organised by Harijan sewak sangh, Surat, 26 January 2006.
- Attended a training programme on ‘Applications of Computer in Social Science research’ as a resource person and delivered lecture on “Codification”, organised by Centre For Social Studies, Surat, 28 february-8 March 2006.
- Attended a training workshop on “Construction Workers and Law” and delivered a lecture on “Importance of Organisation”, organised by Bandhkam Majdoor Sanghathan, Ahmedabad and Centre For Social Studies, Surat, 29-30 June 2006.

- Attended a seminar on ‘Condition of Marginal groups in Contemporary India’ and presented a paper on “Globalisation and Labour: Struggling Against all odds”, organised Centre For Social Studies, Surat, 5-6-7 July 2006.
- Delivered a lecture on “Understanding Society”, organised by Post-graduate dept. Social work, Veer Narmad south Gujarat University, Surat, 18 July 2006.
- Delivered a lecture on “Social Issues”, organised by Post-graduate dept. Social work, Veer Narmad south Gujarat University, Surat, 21 July 2006.
- Delivered a lecture on “Major Social Issues”, organised by Shramjeevi Kalyan trust, Surat, 18 September, 2006.
- Attended a conference on “Globalisation” and presented a paper on “Globalisation and Gujarat” (co-authored with Ghanshyam Shah and Hemantkumar Shah), organised by National Founadation of India, New Delhi, 5-6 October 2006.
- Attended a workshop of Ashramshalas’ teachers as a resource person and delivered a lecture on “Globalisation and Education”, organised by Gujarat Khet Vikas Parishad at Vyara, 19 October 2006.
- Delivered a lecture on “Review of Literature”, in a training programme on “Research Methodology”, organised by Post-Graduate department of Human Resource Development, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 9 December 2006.
- Attended a XIVth Gujarat Sociological Conference and presented a paer on “Gandhian Organisations and Social Change in Gujarat: Some Observations” (in Gujarati) (with S Joshi), at Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, 20-21 January 2007.
- Attended a training programme on ‘Applications of Computer in Social Science research’ as a resource person and delivered lecture on “Codification”, organised by Centre For Social Studies, Surat, 29 January-7 February 2007.
- Attended a seminar on “Socio-Economic Issues in Child Labour” and presented a paper on ‘Child Labour in Informal Sector Activities of Surat’, organised by Mahatma Gandhi labour Instiute, Ahmedabad, 16-17 March, 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Education among Tribal”, organised by Legal Aid and Human Rights Centre, Surat, 14 April 2007.
- Presented a paper on “On Communal Realations and Layers of Consciousness: A Case Study of Surat City”, in colloquia, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, 25 April 2007.

- Attended a workshop and chaired the proceedings on “Slums Improvement and Resettlement Programme”, organised by Lok Adhikar Manch, Surat, 31 July 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Social marginalization and the Role of Social Work”, organised by Post-graduate department of Social Work, Veer Narmad Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 8 August 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Research Proposal”, to Research Methodology Course, organised by Department Research Methodology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 3 September 2007.
- Made a presentation of Research Proposal on “Textile Industry in Surat: Problems and Prospects (prepared jointly with Biswaroop Das) to ICSSR Expert Group, at ICSSR, New Delhi, 8 September 2007.
- Made a presentation of Research Proposal on “Understanding Impacts of State Sponsored Development Mechanism(jointly with Satyakam Joshi) to ICSSR Expert Group, at ICSSR, New Delhi, 8 September 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Formulation of Research Problem and Research Proposal”, to under-graduate students, organised by Navyug Arts College, Surat, 10 September 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Research Context and Review of Literature”, to Research Methodology Course, organised by Department Research Methodology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 17 September 2007.
- Made a presentation on “Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society (Ashutosh Varshney, in *Civil Society and Democracy*, Ed. By M. Elliott, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2003) : Some Reflections”, in a Panel Discussion on the same book, organised by The American Library, Mumbai, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad and Ahmedabad Management Association at Ahmedabad, 4 October 2007.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Globalisation and Labour’ and presented a paper on “Labouring Poor in Informal Sector: Floating to Survive”, organised by Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, 24 October 2007.
- Coordinated a dialogue on “Sachar Committee Report”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat and Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai at CSS, Surat, 30 October 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on “Qualitative Analysis”, in a training programme on “Research Methodology and Quantitative Analysis”, organised by Department of Research

methodology and Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences, Veer Narmad South Gujarat university, Surat, 20 November 2007.

- Attended a workshop on “Child labour: Problems and Challenges” as a resource person and delivered a lecture, organised by Labour Department, Surat and National Child Labour Project, 27 November 2007.
- Delivered lectures on “Importance of Research and CSS Research Activities”, in the Orientation programme for Bachelor of Social Work students of Shanti Niletan College, Rajkot and Master of Social Work Students of M. S. W. College, Patan at CSS, Surat, 5 January 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Globalization and Slums”, organised by Shramik Ekta Parishad, Surat, at Navsarjan, Surat, 27 January 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Child Labour in Informal Sector Activities of Surat”, in a seminar on ‘Status of Child Labour in Gujarat’, organised by Bandhakam Majdoor Sangathan, Ahmedabad, 29 January 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Globalisation and Labour: Struggle to Survive”, in a seminar on ‘Special Economic Zone(SEZ): Issues and Challenges Ahead’, organised by Faculty of Social Work, M. S. University of Baroda, 5-6 february 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Understanding Communalism in Gujarat in Historical Perspective”, organised by People Initiative Forum of India, at Shramjeevi Sewalaya, Surat, 17 February 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Impact of Globalization in various Social Sectors of Gujarat” (co-authored with Ghanshyam Shah and Hemantkumar Shah) at a conference on ‘Globalisation and The State in India’, organised b National Foundation for India, New Delhi, 20-21 February 2008.
- Delivers a lecture on “Status of Education: Challenges and Future Ahead”, at a Panel Discussion “Education: Vision for 2015”, organised by Gujaratmitra and Harikrishna trust, Surat, 2 March 2008.
- Delivered lectures on “Qualitative Analysis: Some Salient Features” and “Case Study Approach”, organised by Post-graduate department of Research Methodology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 5 March 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Marginalization of working class in Globalization Regime: Floating to survive”, at the National Seminar on “Social Exclusion and Marginalization”, organized by the Department of Sociology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat during 10-11 March 2008.

- Delivered lectures on “Participant Observation” and “Focus Group Discussion”, organised by Post-graduate department of Research Methodology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 17 March 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Coding”, in a training course on ‘Application of Computer in Social Science Research’, organized by Center for Social Studies, Surat, 24 March 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Social Security in Diamond Industrial Workers of Surat: A Sociological Perspective”, in a workshop on ‘Social Security of Diamond Workers’, organised by Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, 16 April 2008.
- Participated in a panel discussion on “Globalisation and Labour Unions” and spoke on “Impact of Globalisation on Labour”, organised by Bhalchandra Karnik Education Centre, Surat, 1 May 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Labour Leadership and Human Rights” in a workshop on ‘Labour Leadership’, organised by Kamdar Swasthya Suraksha Mandal (KSSM), at Shramjeevi Sewalaya, Surat, 14 June 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Effect of Absenteeism of Permanent Workers”, in a workshop of Permanent SMS safai workers, organised by Surat Mahanagar Sevasadan (SMS), 12 July 2008.
- Delivered lectures on “Social Marginalization and the Role of Social Work” and “Dalits/Minorities/Gender and Social Work” at Post-Graduate dept. of Social Work, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 6 August 2008.
- Attended a Training Programme of “Task Force on Elimination of Child Labour” and Chaired a session, organised by Assistant Labour Commissioner of Surat dist., 29 August 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Social Exclusion: With Reference to the Religious Minority – A Case Study of Surat City” in a seminar on ‘Marginalization, Exclusion and Social Intervention: A Dialogue’ organised by Center for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Department of Sociology, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, 26 September 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Globalisation and Poor”, in a workshop organised by South Gujarat Labour Institute, Surat, 9 November 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Impact of Globalisation on Labour”, at a workshop on ‘Worldwide Economic Recession and Condition of Labour’, organised by All India Workers’ Council at Surat, 18 January 2009.

- Delivered a lecture on “Coding”, in a training programme on ‘Application of Computer in Social Sciences’ Research’, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, 16 March 2009.
- Presided over a workshop on ‘Conditions of Manhole Workers’ and delivered a lecture on “Rights of Working Class in Globalisation Era”, organised by Kamdar Swasthya Suraksha Mandal, at Surat, 3 June 2009.

[V] Co-ordinating Seminars/Workshops :

1. Centre for Social Studies, Surat has been organising national and regional level (sometimes of international nature) seminar every year. Myself has organised a seminar on the theme - *Small Scale Industrial Development and Labour*, during 26-27 March, 1997. In all fourteen papers were presented in the seminar. Scholars from Gujarat as well as other states participated in the seminar. The seminar received financial assistance from the ICSSR, Western Regional centre, Mumbai.
2. I have been also the co-organiser of the workshop for the training of ‘Social Scientists interested in writing a book in Gujarati on various Social Sciences Subjects’, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat and University Granthanirman Board, Gandhinagar, at Centre for Social Studies, Surat ; during 7-8 August 2000.
3. Organised a seminar on " Social Context of Literature", which was sponsored by Gujarat Sahitya Academy, Gandhinagar. Litterateurs and social scientists deliberated in this seminar on various issues concerning interaction between social reality and literary creation. In all 25 papers were presented during two days of 3-4 December 2001.
4. As a part of research project on " Slums in Towns and Cities of Gujarat", funded by CMAG-India, conducted workshops in four towns of Gujarat, namely, Ankleshwar, Porbandar, Halol and Surat. Representatives of Slum-dwellers, municipal councillors, representatives of various NGOs and concerned citizens took part in these workshops, which took place on 6 January 2002 (Porbandar), 11 January 2002 (Ankleshwar), 11 February 2002 (Halol) and 4 may 2002 (Surat).
5. Co-ordinated a seminar on "Status of Civil Society in present context of Gujarat". The seminar was funded by Western regional centre, ICSSR, Mumbai and around 40 participants took part in two days deliberations that includes apart from academicians, activists, leaders of various religious organisations, journalists and other concerned citizens. The seminar was organised by CSS and it was held on 29-30 August 2002.

6. Co-ordinated a workshop on “Communal Harmony”, which was jointly organised by the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism (CSSS), Mumbai and CSS. It was held on 22 December at CSS. The workshop was attended by activists, school teachers, university students, academicians and concerned citizens. Prof. Asghar Ali Engineer of CSSS conducted this workshop mainly explaining communal history of India from mediaval period to present context. Around 100 participants took part in this workshop.
7. Co-ordinated a training workshop for man-hole workers of Surat Municipal Corporation jointly organised by Kamdar Swasthaya Suraksha Mandal and CSS on 22 January 2003. Around 25-30 workers took part in this programme.
8. Conducted jointly with Dr. Satyakam Joshi a training workshop on “Writing a Research Paper in Gujarati” on 5-6 March 2003. around 25 students and teachers of Sociology from different colleges and univesities of Gujarat participated in this workshop which was jointly organised by Gujarat Sociological Society and CSS.
9. Co-ordinated a dialogue on “Communal Question and Role of Civil Society in Present Context of Gujarat”, organised jointly by CSSS, Mumbai and CSS, Surat at CSS, on 5-6 March 2004. Intellectuals, activists and other concerned persons from all over the state took part in this two days deliberation in which topics such as situation of minorities and challenges ahead for them, role and position of Dalits refarding communal issue, problem of Tribal areas and role of civil society were discussed. Around 100 participants took part.
10. Co-ordinated a seminar on “Social Context of Gujarati Literarure”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, on 28-29 May 2004. The seminar was held on the occasion of publication of a book, authored by Vidyut Joshi. Leading litterateurs and social scientists from Gujarat deliberated in this seminar on various issues concerning interaction between social reality and literary creation.
11. Co-ordinated a workshop (jointly with Satyakam Joshi) on “Gandhian Thought and Constructive Activities in Present Context of Gujarat”, organised by Center for Social Studies, Surat and AMAN trust, Delhi at CSS, Surat on 17-18 July 2004. Leading Gandhians and academicians from Gujarat and other parts of India took part and discussed extensively and intensively relevance of various tenets of Gandhian thoughts as well as constructive activities of various organisations following Gandhian philosophy and methods in present context of Gujarat.
12. Co-ordinated a follow-up workshop (with Satyakam Joshi) on ““Gandhian Thought and Constructive Activities in Present Context of Gujarat”, organised by Center for Social Studies, Surat, Gujarat Viyapith, Ahmedabad and AMAN trust, Delhi at Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad on 2 October 2004. Leading Gandhians and academicians from Gujarat took part and discussed extensively and intensively

on action programmes to be launched based on discussion took place at first workshop at CSS, Surat.

13. Co-ordinated a workshop on “Islam and Muslim Women in India”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat and Centre for Study of Societies and Secularism, Mumbai at Centre for Social Studies, Surat on 3 february, 2005. Status of women in Muslim community in present context of India and how religious scriptures of Islam have dealt with the subject were the main themes of this workshop, which was attended by activists, academicians and especially women from cross sections of the society.
14. Co-ordinated a workshop on “Communal Question: Myths and facts”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat at CSS, Surat on 27 June, 2005. Prof. Ram Puniyani of Mumbai was the main speaker. He discussed various stereotypes and mis-conceptions about major minority community in majority community and elaborately presented facts about those myths. Mainly teachers from various schools of Surat and activists of voluntary groups as well as concerned citizens took part in this workshop.
15. Co-ordinated a workshop on “Tribal Migrant Workers in Gujarat: Problems and Possible Solutions”, organised by Bandhkam Mazdoor Sanghathan-Disha, Ahmedabad, Gramin Vikas Trust and Centre for Social Studies, Surat at CSS, Surat on 28 June, 2005. Problems faced by tribals migrating to urban locations in search of livelihood were discussed and policy measures to ameliorate their conditions were suggested.
16. Jointly co-ordinated a workshop on “Research Methodology in Social Sciences” (with Vimal Trivedi and S Jyothis), organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat with financial support of ICSSR, New Delhi on 6-22 December 2005. In all 20 participants belonging to colleges, universities and research institutes from all over country took part.
17. Co-ordinated a trainingworkshop on “Construction Workers and Law”, organised by Bandhkam Mazdoor Sanghathan-Disha, Ahmedabad, and Centre for Social Studies, Surat at CSS, Surat on 29-30 June, 2006. Representatives of construction workers of Surat took part and issues such as legal provisions for construction workers, organisational activities etc. were discussed.
18. Co-ordinated a seminar (with Arjun Patel and Satyakam Joshi) on “ Conditions of Marginal groups in Contemporary India (Remembering Prof. S. P. Punalekar)”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, on 5-6-7 July. Around 30 to 35 participants from all over the country took part and deliberated on conditions of underprivileged groups such as Dalits, Adivasis, labour, women etc. ICSSR, New Delhi supported this seminar.

19. Co-ordinated a training-workshop for “Awareness among Construction Workers”, organised by Bandhkam Mazdoor Sanghathan-Disha, Ahmedabad, and Centre for Social Studies, Surat at CSS, Surat on 14-15 June, 2007. Representatives of construction workers of Surat took part and issues such as legal provisions for construction workers, rights of the workers, organisational activities, leadership etc. were discussed.
20. Co-ordinated a dialogue on “Sachar Committee Report”, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat and Centre for Study of Societies and Secularism, Mumbai at Centre for Social Studies, Surat on 30 October, 2007. Various implications brought out by findings of Sachar Committee report were discussed extensively by various intellectuals, academicians, activists and concerned citizens representing different organizations, mainly from South Gujarat region.

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