

Centre for Education & Documentation

Annual Report 2010-2011

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The information world is going through interesting times. The rise of Internet, social networks and mobile based information has thrown up new challenges for CED. Most of CED's clientele find it easier to reach for their smart phones, or mouse, rendering the USP of CED redundant. CED thus is in the process of re-inventing itself. In this process, it seeks to address newer and more critical problems which the speeded information world seems to have overlooked. Even as the campaign against corruption is built on information technology, first through new media social networks, and then non-stop coverage, the process has inevitably meant glossing over essential political and social underpinnings of actions, individuals, groups etc. Unfortunately any attempt to raise these issues at the time of the agitation was seen in simplistic or extremist binary terms.

CED needs to address the fallout of information being highly speeded up and binary. It involves a process of slowing down information in order to give it depth and breath. This requires a vastly different work system at CED, which was used to the day to day routine filing and posting system. It also means a higher level of expertise or familiarity with the topic concerned. This has led to CED choosing to work in certain focus areas. It is not that general development information will not be available or maintained in the centres or website. It means that CED readily abdicates its information system on the other topics to the Internet, save those important and non-highlighted materials. In the focus areas it means that CED will be more proactive, and engage with other organizations and networks such that its information products are geared towards for the needs of these groups, and new thinking and pioneering developments in these areas.

It is in this effort that we need to bring in researchers, activists and thinkers and find new avenues for their interaction with CED – as mentors, volunteers, scholars. CED is now re-organising itself such that it can provide documentation and technology support to some of you, so that it can move towards its information objectives in co-partnership with its constituents.

Summary of Activities

CED maintains two reference and information centres. Virtually of course we are present at www.doccentre.net. At Mumbai we have a basic reading space, and a facility to host a meeting of twelve comfortably around a table. At Bangalore, besides the three storied archive, we have a thousand square feet space to host meetings/workshops, plus a multipurpose terrace space of 1200 sq feet.

The Information Hub activities are now geared towards enabling workshops & seminars, film screenings and networking activities as also research and studies leading to development of education material, CDs, booklets, films, audio/video material. All these activities have been focused on the three main areas of Climate Change, Civil Society Concerns, and Alternatives.

The following were the main events organized by CED during the year:

- 7th April 2010: Sharing session with Fr. Allwyn DSilva: **From Dharavi to Dharavi Bhet** at the Xavier Institute for Social Research Mumbai.
- 9th April 2010: Sharing session with Rajni Bakshi: **Exploring A New Economics**, at CED Mumbai.
- 29th May 2010: Pilot Workshop with CSOs & Local Communities: **Vulnerability to Climate Change: Mumbai - Thane Coast.**
- 29-30th Sept. 2010: Workshop between journalists and activists on **Impact of Climate Change on the Forest Ecosystem** jointly organized with Pipal Tree at Fireflies Intercultural Centre.
- 18th Nov to 20th Nov 2010: **Resource Mela & Documentation Centres Meet** at CED Bangalore, organized jointly with Akshara & Aalochana
- 18th Nov 2010: Sharing session with Avinash Jha: **Knowledge in an Internet Era- Role of Documentation Centres in the Info-digital Society.**
- 19th Nov 2010: **Reclaiming Civil Society Space on the Internet : Public domain v/s Copyright:** A talk by Sunil Abraham.
- 4th Dec 2010: **Waste Segregation at Source:** a session with the Bangalore Platform led by Wilma Rodrigues of Saahas.
- 11th Feb 2011: **Mumbai in the Time of Climate Change** A workshop organised by CED at the Kala Ghoda Festival -2011.
- 20th Feb 2011: An exposure trip for students on **Climate Change in a fishing village and a Tribal Resource Centre in Dahanu.**
- 15th March 2011: Sharing Session with Venky Hariharan and Hemant Babu at CED Mumbai: **Open Source Knowledge and Civil Society.**
- 22nd March 2011: Sharing session with Ranjeet Ranade and Bablu Ganguly: **“CREAMing Management Knowledge for NGO enterprise.**
- 26-27th March 2011: National Conclave on **Energy in the context of Climate Change and Peoples’ Welfare**, Bhuvaneshwar, Odisha.

Research/study work and /information packages during this year were:

- Sustainability & Plurality in Built Environment** : a case study of reconstruction by Radha Kunke.
- Democratising the Science and Technology of Climate Change:** a case study on Indian Network for Ethics in Climate Change by Walter Mendoza and John D’Souza
- The Pala-pitta Sings No More:** an eight minute video film in Telugu with English sub-titles highlighting issues raised at the People's Tribunal on Livelihoods and Climate change, South India, 22nd October 2010.
- Singing out of tune:** a 26 mins video report of the People’s Tribunal on Livelihoods and Climate Change, South India, 22nd October 2010.
- Missing the Community for the Woods: Forest Communities & Climate Change in India** : English & Kannada.
- Let’s try Understand Climate Change:** A power point presentation, with background and notes covering major issues relating to Climate Change, with translation & graphics in Hindi and Kannada, for public use.

Work in Progress:

Hardy options: Eco-regional notes on climate change & Semi-Arid Regions: a Climate Education Booklet on Semi Arid Region in English. This is being translated into Telugu and Kannada **Vulnerability Assessment Study** in three slums in Bangalore.

Summary of Projects

KICS- Knowledge In Civil Society (CWS). CED played an active role in the forum, which besides the normal member activities saw us maintaining the KICS website, by updating content on a weekly basic, organizing four sharing sessions, workshop on climate change in Bangalore, research and documentation to provide special content and studies for which we received Rs.3.70 lakhs. Under the SET DEV project, we were provided Rs. 3.13 lakhs for maintain the SET DEV website

INECC- Indian Network for Ethics in Climate Change. We were provided with Rs. 6.38 lakhs for developing technical and content maintenance of the INECC website, Education document for the arid region in Telugu and Tamil, Providing Educational Material for students, two Pilot workshop for students, Pilot workshop with CSOs, Vulnerability assessment urban, Documentation & Collation on climate Education.

Resource Mela: Akshara, Aalochana and CED organized a Resource Mela in Bangalore which was financially supported by Akshara. For this we received Rs. 90,000. We also did work for CFP-Citizens for Peace provided us Rs. 60,000 for maintaining their website till July 2010 and documented and made a film titled “the pala pitta sings no more” for Rs. 50,000/-, and we did some web “fiches” for Ritimo, a French documentation centre, received balance amount Rs. 2.97 lakhs

Our total expenditure for the year was Rs. 42.8 lakhs out of which 3.07 lakhs has been met by income from services and Rs. 26.1 lakhs withdrawn from CED reserves.

Information Hub

CED as part of its effort to re-define itself in the Internet age, has started working on specific focus areas, and integrating its documentation and information collection efforts with the downstream work that needs to be done on each of these issues through networking and collaborating with other actors in civil society. This involved a shift from a cafeteria model documentation centre to a knowledge hub.

The focus areas are :

Climate Change: This includes issues of habitat – rural and urban, environment, natural resource ‘management’. The focus here is on eco-communities that we relate with (urban and coastal) and on water, energy esp. renewable energy, health, forests, urbanization, transport and other infrastructure. In this work we are closely associated with the Indian Network on Ethics in Climate Change of which we are members.

Civil Society: Particularly issues of knowledge, information, science and technology relating to intermediary livelihoods & markets with a focus on localization and diversity. Here the focus is on small-scale organic agriculture; and will move on to health, habitat, forests, water; and on the media. In this work, we are closely engaged with Knowledge in Civil Society (KICS) . Additionally, a relationship has developed with Ritimo, a French documentation centre.

Alternative Institutions & Development: New Economics and Just Urbanism.

Physical Documentation

CED's two Centres in Mumbai and Bangalore have a good collection of books, films, reports, journals, magazines and newsletters. Particularly attractive are the archives of clippings and reports which are unique to CED and hold a complete history of contemporary issues. CED now processes very selectively 11 newspapers, 14 magazines, 39 Journals and 21 newsletters. As far as books are concerned, we have not had any grant for books, yet we have still been able to enhance our collection of books and reports, CDs, DVDs & Videos by 363 titles thanks mainly to donations from our users themselves, a indicator of their support to us. CED is particularly thankful to Rafiq Bagdadi, from Business India, Darryl D' Monte, Sumi Krishna and others in this regard.

Electronic Documentation

CED's documentation is also available in electronic form. To provide easy accessibility, we have build up the following databases, which are used to search the databases and retrieve the full documents both online and offline, in physical and in electronic form:

a) **Electronic Documentation System (ELDOC):** This is a database of electronic documents selectively sourced from different developmental sites. And this database also has documents from our more than 30 year old archives. This database has over 1,36,253 records and can be accessed through our website .

b) **Master Catalogue System (MCS):** It is the database containing index of all the books, reports, journal articles, films, etc. available at CED. This has over 44,000 records. This database is on line and the visitors to our website – www.doccentre.net can access these. The users can do field based search and make bibliographies, as well as ask for the books , AV materials and articles.

c) Under DOCSWEB, we have organised a set of interconnected hyperlinked documents on different themes. Besides these, we generate content input to the various websites that CED manages and generates content for. The websites are: www.doccentre.net, www.kicsforum.net, www.inecc.net, www.citizensforpeace.in (till Jul 2010), www.setdev.kicsforum.net.

Video Documentation

The main aim of the video documentation is to capture the experiences and knowledge of local people and those in civil society, and make them available in different forms. The following have been documented this year and some of them have the full transcription which has been made available in CED database and CDs of the same can be asked for on request.

1. Experiences at COP 15. Presentations led by Dr T Jayaraman of TISS, Darryl D'Monte and Walter Mendoza in Jan 2010 at CED Mumbai.
2. Focus group Discussion :Climate Change – a Glocal Approach.
3. Democratizing the Science and Technology of Climate Change.
4. Sharing session with Fr. Allwyn: From Dharavi to Dharavi Bhet at St. Xavier Institute for Social Research, Mumbai.
5. Sharing Session with Rajni Bakshi: Exploring a New Economics at CED Mumbai.
6. National Political Convention Meeting by INSAF 26 & 27 Feb 2010.
7. Interview with Fishermen at Bordi and Zai Village, 15 May 2010, Mr. Vijay Mahadev Mhatre, Thane Zilla Parishad Member and Member of Dahanu Taluk Paryavaran Bachav Samiti
8. Testimonies of Activists and Farmers at the People's Tribunal on livelihoods and climate change at Anantapur. 22nd October 2010.
9. Vulnerability to Climate Change: Mumbai-Thane Coast
10. Lectures by Avinash Kha & Sunil Abraham at the Resource Mela at Bangalore from 18th Nov to 20th Nov 2010.
11. Interview with Ajitha Tiwari on her study of CDM. Dec 2010 at CED Mumbai
12. Sharing session “Mumbai in The Time of Climate Change” at Kala Ghoda, on 11th Feb 2011.
13. Exposure Trip At Dahanu with students on 20th Feb 2011
14. Interview with people after their huts were gutted by the fire near Bandra Station, Mumbai. 5 March 2011.
15. Open Source Knowledge and Civil Society, talks by Venky Hariharan and Hemant Babu at CED Mumbai
16. CREAMing Management Knowledge for NGO enterprise, talks by Ranjeet Ranade & Bablu Ganguly at CED Banaglore

Publications & Information Packages

Research & Studies

Vulnerability to Climate Change Assessment Study in three slums in Bangalore.

This study is part of a larger multi eco-region effort by INECC partners which seeks to understand vulnerabilities of marginalised communities in these eco-regions. The study seeks to

- understand what constitutes urban vulnerability in the context of climate change
- identify the links between general environmental degradation and urban vulnerability
- understand people's responses and capabilities.

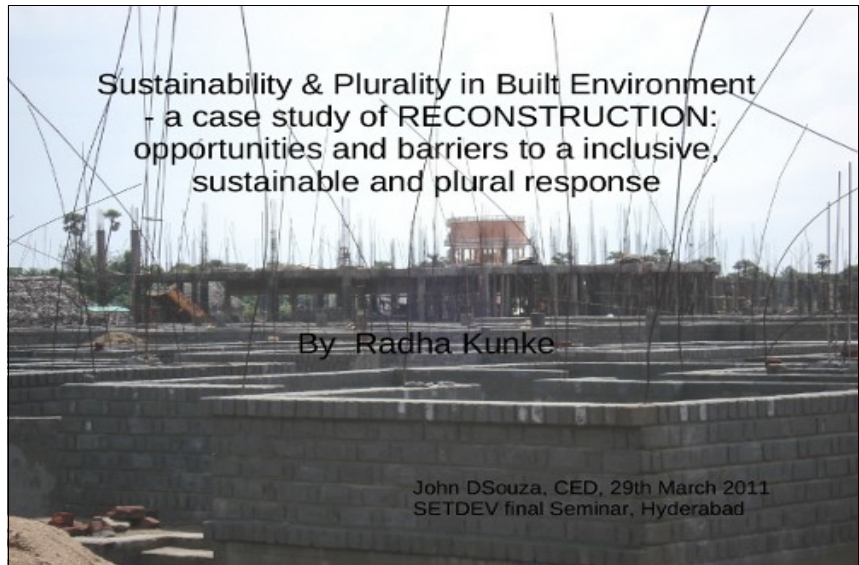
An advisory process was instituted to enable scientists, researchers, and civil society to come together to sharpen the focus of the study. Prof. T.G.Sitharam (Chairman, CiSTUP, IISc), Dr.H.S.Sudhira (ex-IISc, Researcher, Gubbi Labs), Rohan D'Souza (Ph.D fellow, NIAS), Dr.Bidisha Nandy (Post-doctoral fellow, IISc), Dr.Harini Nagendra (Adjunct Fellow, ATREE & Asia Research Co-ordinator, Indiana University) are among the advisors. Wilma Rodrigues (SAAHAS), Vinay Baidur (Independent Researcher), Arul Selva (Slum Jagatthu), Prema Manthesh (Ragpickers Education & Development Scheme-REDS) are part of this study.

Two questionnaires – one at the household level and the other at the neighbourhood level have been developed. The questionnaire is designed to get a qualitative insight into the socio-economic and demographic characteristics, access to essential civic amenities, peoples experience of environmental and climatic changes and their coping strategies. The questionnaires were prepared with inputs and guidance from Dr. Sudhira.



Sustainability And Plurality In The Built Environment: A case study of Reconstruction by Radha Kunke & John D'Souza


This study was done by CED as part of the SETDEV (Science, Ethics and Technology in Developing and Emerging Countries) project which KICS took part in. Our Built Environment is a symbol of the current paradigm of development involving control over knowledge and resources, furthering social inequities environmental degradation and cultural displacement. Post-disaster, the built environment assumes the form of reconstruction where some of these dimensions are enhanced within a narrow bandwidth of space, time and resources. This study traces these dimensions in the reconstruction efforts after the Bhuj earthquakes, the Bihar Floods and Tsunami 2004.




Democratising the Science and Technology of Climate Change: A case study on Indian Network for Ethics in Climate Change by Walter Mendoza & John DSouza.

This was another study under the SETDEV programme. It traces the involvement of civil society in the science and the politics of Climate Change and the kind of dichotomy between mainstream policy and the issues faced by the marginalized who are most impacted by development. It also examines how INECC partners at different places are involved in education on the science of climate change, engaged in policy, as well as in demonstrating alternatives at the ground level. These alternatives, in order to be mainstreamed need an alternative science and technology to thrive.


Democratising
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(INECC)



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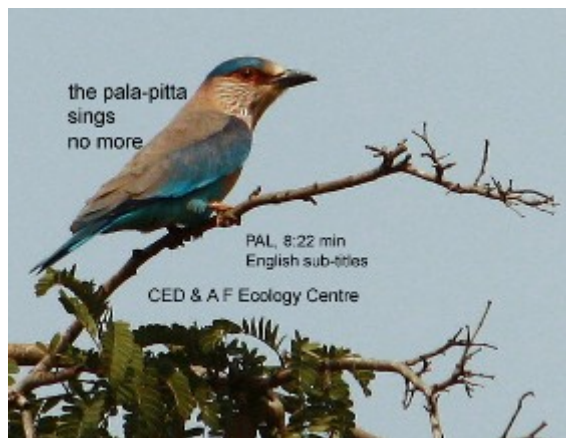
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Educational Publications

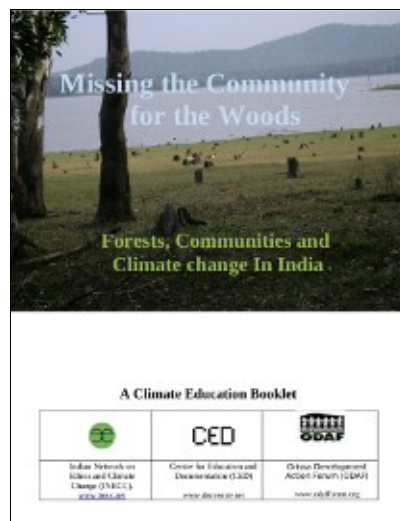
[The Pala-pitta Sings No More](#) : DVD PAL, 8'22" min. Telugu with English sub-titles , 22nd October 2010. A short trigger film on climate change issues facing people from semi-arid regions featuring the People's Tribunal on livelihoods and climate change, South India for Full resolution DVD contact CED. For [Script](#) check CED's website



for other livelihoods as well.

[Missing the Community for the woods: Forests, Communities and climate Change in India](#)

(Under Print & Translation). After the Cancun COP where the REDD proposal were put-together, CED revised its Climate Education Booklet on Forestry to include a critique of the REDD proposals and the Indian government's policy approach to forestry development. This revised Booklet contains updated chapters on Forests in India covering India's approach to REDD+, a chapter on the western ghats, and what is to be done. A Kannada version of the booklet has been prepared and is now undergoing pre-production and production work.



Information Packages

In keeping with the changing positioning of CED, during the period April, 2010 to March, 2011, we moved away from producing monthly round up of news to a single theme based issues, which have a longer shelf life and reference value. Critical Concerns: Like Critical Concerns, they highlight a set of clippings from newspapers, journals and other sources on critical issues & concerns for NGOs, activists and others concerned with Justice & Social Change. It is designed for easy quick read, with a link to the full article and other must-read references. It is produced both in print and electronic form, and is made available by email. The website version is accessible in multiple ways for different access points.

Documentation & Collation on Climate Education

As part of the Youth & Climate Change work of INECC, CED was given the task of collating information and documentation on Good practices on CC education, among teachers, NGOs and young people. CED has been gathering information by visiting different NGOs, Colleges as well as websites. The collection

has been classified into

- Existing Education on Climate Change
- Good Practices
- Resources on Climate Justice & Sustainable Development
- Learning to Mitigate & Adaptation.

Other information packages of this year which were placed on the Internet included:

Vulnerability to climate change: Mumbai-Thane Coast . This was prepared for the Pilot workshop between fisherfolk, coastal communities, Scientists, Researchers and Activities in May 2010.

Single Largest Internal security threat or The largest land grab since columbus. This was prepared for the INSAF national Political Convention on 'Capitalist Crisis and emerging Neo-liberal Challenges: tasks tfor social action.

Forest based communities and climate change Adaptation: Notes for a workshop for Journalists and Activists. organised by Pipal Tree, INECC and Centre for Education on 29th and 30th September 2010 at Fireflies Intercultural Centre Bangalore.

Websites

CED Website (<http://www.doccentre.net>): The CED website is mainly used by both members and non-members for checking the database of about 2 lakh records, as well as the catalogue of books, reports, journals, films and electronic documents. In addition to just documentation, a wide range of CED studies have been processed and adapted for theme wise curated display. Further all outputs like PPTs, publications have been adapted for internet to provide an interactive reading platform with links to further documentation. During the year the website got an average of 7000 visitors and about 33000 hits every month.

KICS Forum Website (<http://www.kicsforum.net>): Apart from technical maintenance and publishing ,KICs generated information and debate. The content for the website is generated mainly from our special documentation that we are doing for KICS, Documents from KICS group members and from various workshop and meetings organised by KICS.

SETDEV Website(<http://sntdev.kicsforum.net>): A separate website on Science and Technology has been linked to the main KICS website, which highlights and records the developments in the SETDEV project. Pdf versions of the documents on the SETDEV project have been re-packaged to make for easier online reading. We have also made collections on various issues relating to the case studies, and published it on the website, as a kind of input into the case study work not only of the topics assigned to CED but also others..

INECC (<http://www.inecc.net>): CED, as part of INECC (Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change) network, designed and maintain the website <http://www.inecc.net>. Climate Change being one of our focus area, CED has been documenting from secondary sources the science, the politics at the national and global levels, the different sectors impacting climate change, civil society participation , campaigns etc.. Most of these sections in this website are updated on a regular basis. This site also show-cases INECC's work and its functions.

Alternative Publications Dissemination

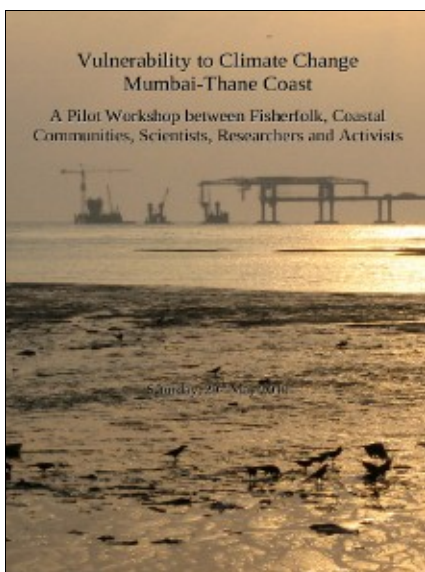
In order to popularize and make accessible relevant literature on development and social change, CED restarted its Publication Distribution Service (PDS). Around 150 titles of books, pamphlets, films, small booklets, reading materials etc. brought out by various NGOs, campaign organizations, individuals and activists, are made available at CED's centres in Mumbai and Bangalore.

We also take these titles to the important meetings and events that we organize or attend. CED's own publications and documentation outputs are also marketed in PDS. CED Books are also kept in different bookshops all over India. Around six bookshops and eight NGO outlets have been stocking CED publications. In the year 2010-2011, we sold 110 copies of CED publications and 89 copies non-CED publications

Workshops & Seminars

Vulnerability to Climate Change: Mumbai Thane Coast.

CED organised a pilot workshop titled “Vulnerability to Climate Change: Mumbai - Thane Coast” on 29th May 2010. The workshop brought together representatives of fishing and coastal communities, scientists, activists and researchers to discuss vulnerability of coastal communities



in the Thane-Mumbai coastal belt, and the follow-up study, awareness and action on adaptation to these challenges. The workshop was held in three sessions: Climate change: Impact and Vulnerabilities of Fishing Communities, on Impact and Vulnerability of Coastal Communities and The Way Forward.

Dr R.V. Sharma, Deputy Director of Indian Meteorological Department said that the 2005 global mean surface temperature is estimated to be +0.48 degrees Celsius above the annual average in the period 1961-1990 of 14 degrees. He said that explaining climate change is like discovering the motive behind the crime. Our development is such that it is adding to the problem of climate change.

In the session on Climate Change: Impact and Vulnerabilities of Fishing Communities, scientists from the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Mumbai said two fish varieties *tharli* (sardines) and *Bangda* (mackerel) are being affected by Climate Change and moving northwards. These two fishes are an very important in the diet of poor people along the Konkan coast. They said that the total catch in a tropical country will however remains more or less constant over a period of time. There is succession of fishes. If one fish is not available or it becomes depleted another fish will take that position. We may have to adapt to these changes by changing our fishing technology like size of net, timing and location of fishing etc. However, trawling would have to, in any case, stop. Currently there is a cap on the total number of licences of trawlers. But this will have to be curtailed drastically, if fish production has to be protected.

RK Patil, President of the National Fishworkers' Forum and representatives of fishermen from Gorai, Palghar and Mumbai said that there was a noticeable depletion in fish catch, and that the problem created by climate change is compounded by other factors like dumping of industrial waste, oil spills from the oil rigs and other pollutants along the coast.

In the session on Impact and Vulnerability in Coastal Communities, Prabhakar Nair of ICOR spoke of their on-going study besides highlighting the fish catch issues mentioned in the previous session. He spoke of the impact of sea erosion, higher sea levels, particularly high tides, on other poor communities particularly those staying in slums, and informal houses on the coast. The

perspective plan of six villages in Dharavi Bhet by CSA spoke of the kind of alternative livelihoods, as also the trend towards finding jobs in the services and IT sectors. An interesting perspective from Alternate Realities, Mumbai was that the homeless people in the city who provide some important services particularly in waste management, are most at risk from climate change induced disasters. However, they have no identity or locus standi which results in their being ignore in any of the plans, and progkeeps them totally out of any possible alternative plans and programmes of government and NGOs. .

CREAMing Management Knowledge for NGO enterprise



This was a KICS sharing session with Ranjeet Ranade, Bablu Ganguly and Liby Johnson on 22nd March 2011 at CED Bangalore. Ranjeet Ranade said that CREAM basically is a management course for adults, taking into consideration low literacy levels of the participants, the different backgrounds as well as the capability to absorb knowledge.

Bablu Ganguly of Timbaktu said that the people that we work with should participate in larger markets and they should do so from a position of strength. “We must work on equipping them with skills and

knowledge too do so.” He felt the need to engage with the market not in the competitive way, but as a livelihood issue.

Open Source, Knowledge and Civil Society

This was a sharing session with Venky Hariharan of Red Hat (now VP at Google India and Hemant Babu of Nomad on 15th March 2011. Both spoke from two different experiences of Open Source and its importance in ensuring knowledge in civil society remains in the public domain.

Impact of Climate Change on the Forest ecosystem

CED and Pipal Tree held a workshop for journalists and activists which was hosted and supported by Fireflies Intercultural Centre . Walter Mendoza presented a paper titled “To sink or not to sink” which highlight the issue of creating so called carbon sinks through forests and India’s policy approach. Raajen Singh discussed the forest dwellers viewpoint of the initiatives on the REDD plus. At the workshop we also prepared documentation booklet and a CD on forest based communities and Climate Change adaptation and distributed to the participants.

From Dharavi to Dharavi Bhet

This was a sharing session with Fr. Allwyn D'Silva on 7th April 2010 at St. Xavier Institute for Social Research, Mumbai. Fr. Allwyn has been working in the slum areas for a long time. Earlier he worked at slums Jeri Meri and Sakinaka. They started Jagruti Kendra there. In 2000 he started working at Dharavi which was a self-sufficient place with lots of small-scale industries around leather, plastic, pickle etc. The plans to make over Dharavi in line to modern building technology and real estate economy does not take into account manner in which lakhs of people earn their livelihood. If a potter is shifted to a match box in the 6th floor, it is not possible for him/her to make pots or sell them. Fr Allwyn is now working in the coastal belt where traditional fishermen are becoming more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, in addition to their being alienated from the modern economy.

Exploring a New Economics

This was a sharing session with Rajni Bakshi on 9th April 2010. Rajni had just published the book *Bazaars, Conversations and Freedom*. (www.bazaarsconversationsfreedom.com). Rajni related her work on new economics to the ongoing situation in the Dantewada region, where there is a tension between the needs of the local tribals of the forest lands, and the system of governance, whose only presence in the forest regions is to facilitate mining, even as whatever forest resources are there are illegally depleted by forest contractors. She stressed the need to register and strengthen the local economics which tribals are very much a part of, such that they are counted, and recognised by the dominant economy.

Mumbai in the time of Climate Change.

CED organized a workshop on “Mumbai in the Time of Climate Change on 11th Feb 2011 at BNHS during the Kala Ghoda Festival. The various talks and presentation were:

Session I: Mumbai & Climate Change

Weather Mumbai: As seen from Colaba Observatory- Dr. R V Sharma, Deputy Director, Indian Meteorological Department, Mumbai.

Future Tense: What my Crystal Ball sees - Darryl D'Monte, Forum for Environmental Journalists, Mumbai

Session II: Cancun Comes a Cropper?

Negotiating Realities & Carbon Budgets – Prof. T. Jayaraman, Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai.

A Feel of Cancun - Bolivia to Ramesh! - Meena Menon, The Hindu, Mumbai
No, Thank You- Praful Bidwai, Journalist, New Delhi

Session III: Amchi Mumbai, Amchi Vaat -Low Carbon Paths.

Nurturing the Waste-SSS style- Jyoti Mhapsekar, Stree Mukti Sanghatana, Mumbai





City Maker's as homeless in Mumbai - Abhishek Bharadwaj:
 Alternative Realities, Mumbai
 Connecting Growers and Consumers- Ubai Hussein,
 MOFCA/Hari Bhari Tokri, Mumbai
 To Market, To Work through Public Transport - Ashok Datar,
 Mumbai Environmental & Social Network, Mumbai.

Working in Networks

CED has taken up several activities in order to facilitate a sharing of knowledge and information on issues relating to civil society and its thrust areas.

The CED centres in Mumbai and Bangalore host several events at CED. We organized a total of Seven in Mumbai and five in Bangalore. We have also kept our premises open to other organisations to hold their events at CED, usually at no or very low cost. This facilitates interaction between civil society persons like those in NGOs campaign organisations and students, young professionals particularly those whom we consider as in the mould of new activist.

CED has also participated in network meeting outside CED:

1st and 2 March 2011, John attended two day workshop on climate change organized by AIPSN. (All India People's Science Network)

7th and 8th Feb 2011: John attended a workshop titled Combating Global Poverty in market driven world held on the occasion of 25 years of Creative Handicrafts in Bombay.

2nd and 3rd Feb 2011, John and Walter attended INECC Strategic meet at YUVA Kharghar

On 29th January 2011, Service Civil International (SCI) and Foundation for Integrated Development Alternatives (FIDA) invited John for judging presentations which were made in different colleges on "The Impact of Climate Change and its impact on-Environment, Health, Infrastructure, at Xavier Institute for Social Research.

7th January 2011, Walter participated in a discussion on Climate Change at MAITREYA- a Centre for Ecojustice and Ecospirituality situated in Bannerghatta.

1st October 2010, John attended the planning meeting at Public Hearing on climate change at Annapur.

Documentation Centres Meet

CED, as always has been at the forefront of the DCM. This time, Akshara took the initiative and we jointly called for a meeting of documentation centres in Kharghar. At the meeting, we decided to have a Resources Mela. The purpose of this meet was to

a) exchange among DCMers, about the methods and learnings on new ways in which we are doing documentation and generating alternative educational resources.

b) showcase & share these resources, as well as discuss with the broader civil society the kind of issues that we as resource centres face.

c) to discuss the changing relationship between resource centres and civil society organizations, given that new technology has enabled most organisations do some of the documentation and resource development themselves.

Resource Mela:

CED organized a Resource Mela with partners Akshara and Aalochana from 18th to 20th Nov. 2011. Fifteen organizations participated from all over India. There were around 50 participants for this meet.



Around 15 organisations from different parts of India took part in the Resource Mela. Participants for the Resource Mela: Akshara, Aalochana, Cehat, CED, CREA, Concerned for working Children, Equations, Laya, Indian Social Institute, Centre for World Solidarity, Other Media Communications, Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Swasthi, South Asia Peace Alliance, Sakhi Women's Resource Centre. Each one shared their extent to which they used new media and electronic technologies in their information work. CED shared its experience with using content management system to enable direct updating of websites and information, and how this has been retro-integrated with the database of electronic documentation and the library cataloging and retrieval system. CED also hosted an exhibition at its premises displaying literature, films, posters of the various documentation centres in India..



Two Public talks were in the evening. Avinash Jha from CSDS Delhi spoke on Knowledge in an Internet Era- Role of Documentation Centres in the Info-digital Society and Sunil Abraham spoke on Reclaiming Civil Society space on Internet.

Knowledge in Civil Society(KICS)

CED has been an active core member of KICS, and has participated in its core meetings, and major programmes of KICS. Many of the programmes relating to Civil Society have been held under the sponsorship of KICS, CED has also contributed to organizational development and has been furthering the dialogues in KICS through the websites, and by holding several events and workshops.

Indian Network for Ethics in Climate Change (INECC)

CED has been part of INECC network for some time now. CED has been documenting from secondary sources the science, politics at the national and global level, the different eco-systems being effected by Climate change, the different sectors impacting Climate change, Civil Society participation, campaigns and alternatives through newspapers magazine, websites. CED has taken up several programmes relating to Climate Change, a large part of which has been influenced and supported by INECC.

Expertise Sharing

CED has developed expertise in documentation and has been a pioneer in developing documentation and networking solutions, which we share with other documentation centres and NGOs.

30 Salesian Sisters (FMA) India visited CED on 14th of Sept. 2010. They were with us for a half day. Aim to visit CED to know how CED has documented issues how it is filed and the accessible. John demonstrated on documentation and also showed them a power point presentation on climate education. We showed our MCS database, electronic database, how they are stored and how it can accessed on the net.

CED also organized and led a 10 days training programme on documentation to core staff member of Council for Social Justice and Peace Goa .

Working with Youth/students

CED has had a long association with students and youth, as they are the largest number of users of our reference services for projects. While exposing students and youth to the various concerns of civil society, the programme enables them to develop their skills in various documentation and research functions and co-creating documentation with CED.

CED organised a Exposure Trip to Dahanu on Climate Change on 20th Feb 2011.

As a part of this programme, CED has made specific efforts to engage students in generating awareness action on Climate Change. As part of our Happy topics programme, students were allowed free access to the following topics “Vulnerability and adaptation relating to the poor communities, issues of equity and justice in international and national policies and programmes, Appraisals and Critiques of options put



forward by industry, governments, NGOs from the stand point of marginalised communities.”

Under the programme, Aadi Vaidya, Shobhit, Prajakt, Sheetal students from St. Xavier College did an assignment on "Effects of Global Warming on Coastal Areas". And prepared a power point presentation which can now be accessed on ced website. Madhulika Dasgupta from Sophia College worked on the Copenhagen COP as also Shanelle Rodrigues from St. Xavier's college, whose paper “[Climate Change: Copenhagen And Beyond](#)” is on CED website. Bhargavi G Naidu, Zainab Rampurwala, Ifrah Meer and Joyce Pereira from Dr. BMN College referred to various articles on climate change at CED, and watched documentary films and presentation on climate change. They later conducted a study on students’ perception of climate change visited CED and made a special presentation to the students.

CED has had several interns & volunteers during the year. Three Students Alan D’Souza, Ishan Kanungo, and Samit Mitra of St. Xaviers' are volunteering for hundred hours under the Social Involvement Programme (SIP) programme. As science students they have developed a few instructional slides to augment CED's basic slide show: Let's Understand climate change by do research and searching the Net.

Anjali Sheshadri, a 11th grade student from Minnesota, spent her holidays volunteering at CED from 15th July to August 15, 2010 and did some basic reference work on the Copenhagen Accord for CED.

In addition to the above, CED has been reaching out to colleges and schools to take the issue of climate change.

Walter gave a lecture to the students of Lourds Boys High school, Bangalore on 29th January 2011. It was attended by 9th and 10th std. students totaling around 160. The Students were introduced to what were Green house gases and the causes of emissions. Walter made the



session very interacting, with the students sharing some of their understanding about the causes of emissions being vehicles. The lecture also covered points on the effects of global warming where some of the students answered the question as sea level rise. Issues of equity comparison at the global as well as the city and village level, and finally the session was rounded off by suggesting means we could adopt like composting waste, reducing electricity usage and public transportation as ways to fight against Global warming.

On 24th January 2011, Walter gave a lecture on Climate change to the students of Christ College Bangalore.

On 10th December 2010, CED organized workshop at BMN College of Home Science, Matunga. Around 135 students were present. John gave them a presentation of “Basics of Climate Change” and we also screened them the film “The city calling”.

In an advanced programme on 27th January 2011, with the student members of the “Science Club” of St. Joseph's College Walter focussed on the relationship between growth, development, equity and Climate Change, and brought the focus to what Civil Society has been doing. And, the need to scale it up in spite of the vested interest in our lifestyle which we won't give up so easily. A few students among them have shown interest to take up different projects with CED. 18 students participated in this discussion.

Every year group of Akanksha students visits CED for the reference and they refer on ecology. Issues like Pollution, Waste Management, Forests, Water, etc. We also had a film screening and showed them the following films: People, Power, Putsil - Mini Hydro Plant , and AD 2048 : The Ozone Alarm



15th July 2010, John took part in a panel on Global Warming at IBS, Mumbai. John's presentation at this meeting: [The other images of climate change.](#)

Organisational Development

The AGM was held on 26th June 2010, where Vinod Kumar and Rajni Bakshi were re-elected to the Executive Committee. Thus the full Executive Committee for the year consists of Mr. Anjum Rajabali, Mr. Eric D'Souza, Mr. Walter Menodza, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Mr. John D'Souza and Ms Rajni Bakshi.

During the year this Executive Committee met five times- on 26th June 2010, 15th September 2010, 10 Feb 2011, 18th March 2011, 4th July 2011. It is scheduled to meet one more time on 5th September, before the AGM. During the year the Executive Committee held series of consultants reviewing the perspective and programmes of CED and has developed a working perspective for CED in the context of wide ranging changes in the information and development scenario in the country. Walter Mendoza stepped down as Executive Director, on 15th of September, 2010. John D'Souza, chief Documentalist took over coordination functions, in addition to his normal duties.

The Staff Structure is as follows:

Coordination : John D'Souza

Programme & Research: Walter Mendoza and Raajen Singh and Hita Unnikrishnan (till 30th June 2011)

Documentation: Veena B, Maya K, (till 9th July 2010).

Computer Programming & Services: Vinod Kumar,

Support to Documentation: Jacintha, Priya,

Documentation assistance: Prabhakar Ghadigaonkar, Vijay Pereira, Rajashekar, Saraswati(part-time) till 15/Oct/2010 , Shekhar Salvi

Administration: Praful S (accounts),

Office Assistants: Anant Yelve, Anto Dinesh(till 15/sep/2010) Shekar K(till 15/dec/2010), Robert

Capacity Building: All documentation assistants have been trained on contributing to through Content Management Systems. In addition the main area of capacity building has been on social networking and Web based workshops/meetings. This year we have set up CED social networking pages, and held several video/audio conferences, and facilitated remote lectures/participation in workshops. Many Bombay Bangalore meetings and discussions have been held using this facility. CED has also relayed most of its seminar and workshops live over low resolutions Internet.

Participation in Meetings/Seminars.

As part of the capacity building CED staff members attended various talks and seminars.

10th January 2011, Veena & Priya attended a workshop on Urban Mobility at CISTUP, IISC.

3rd Dec 2010, Priya attended the Fifth Henry Volken Memorial lecture . "Building a Just, Secular, Peaceful and Humane Society in India by Harsh Mandar. CED had the stall at the venue displaying and distributing CED booklet Mirror on Communalism and Docprints were sold.

23rd and 24th October 2010, Jacintha attended YUVA DRISHTI II organized by INECC.

22nd October 2010, John & Vijay attended Public Hearing on Climate Change and Food Security in Semi Arid Zones organized by Accion Fraterna Centre and Timbaktu Collective with support from CSA and CED. Video documentation of the peoples testimonies was done.

9th Sept 2010, Veena and Priya visited Saahas. Saahas is mainly working with Solid Waste specially waste segregation at source and retrieval of what can be recycled.

Financials & Funding

Extracts showing Sources v/s utilizations of Funds

<u>Sources of Funds</u>				<u>Utilisation of Funds</u>			
Particulars	Amt. In Lakhs			Particulars	Amt. In Lakhs		
	CED	Donors			CED	Donors	
CWS (KICS programme) (0)		4.04	4.04				4.31
				Sharing sessions		1.27	
				Workshop		2.13	
				Indirect costs		0.47	
				Shar. sessions Apr10		0.44	
CWS (SETDEV) (1)		0	0				3.28
				Personel Costs		2.52	
				Direct costs		0.46	
				Indirect costs		0.30	
INECC programme(2)		5.00	5.00	INECC			5.46
				For Arid Booklet		0.51	
				Ed. Materials		0.31	
				Pilot Workshop 1		0.37	
				Pilot Workshop 2		0.31	
				Pilot Workshop 3		0.55	
				Vulnerability Study		1.88	
				Website		0.82	
				Cl. Edu. Documentation		0.26	
				Indirect costs		0.46	
INECC 09-10 programme (3)			4.38	Website		0.02	4.39
				Cl Education		1.66	
				Pilot Workshop		0.91	
				Pilot Workshop 2		1.20	
				Pilot Workshop 3		0.50	
				Indirect Costs		0.11	

Particulars	Amt. In Lakhs			Particulars	Amt. In Lakhs		
	CED	Donors			CED	Donors	
Information Services			3.12				2.78
Membership fees	0.77			Personel cost	2.62		
Xerox	0.65			Programme Cost	0.04		
Publications	0.26			Establishment Cost	0.13		
CFP	0.60						
Akshara	0.21						
Action Fraterna	0.50						
Scaning Work	0.13						
Library & Ref. Centre			0.19				22.22
Other receipts	0.12			Personnel cost	16.51		
Rents	0.07			Programme Cost	1.30		
				Establishment Cost	3.86		
				Capital expenditure	0.39		
				Audit fees	0.17		
from Reserves & Investments			25.71				
Total			42.45	Total			42.45

Appendix: 1
Towards a Working Perspective/Direction for CED

CED is about information

- Information in the democratic process
- Information for awareness, analysis, critique
- Information as education and facilitator for participation and social change.

Given the new information scenario, CED’s work goes beyond past the post collection, to a more researched, targeted and user oriented documentation based on reflection, action, research and study of its core areas and dissemination and educational materials/outputs.

CED sees itself as part of the task to build, make resilient, and bring to prominence, intermediate alternative social, economic and cultural institutions enabling decentralization and participation. CED also sees its work as a part of and inclusive with other actors, particularly NGOs, Organisations, Peoples Movements, Citizens Organisations etc. CED’s own field of work revolves around Information, Education and Communication. CED seeks to do its documentation and information work by rooting it in the work of networks, interest groups in chosen focus areas which hold progressive perspectives of development and change. CED’s information perspective includes understanding of and resistance to dominant non-democratic, iniquitous development structures while engaging with pathways for alternative, sustainable, and equitable development & change. The areas of focus which CED chooses for itself are: Climate Change; New Economics, Civil Society & Just & Sustainable Urbanism.

CED will therefore, actively look for doing project/programme based work of creating media outputs, educational modules, web and multimedia that are needed by those who are working furthering this perspective in their work. Ideally therefore, the funding avenues should be explored from these very stakeholders or their funders. The other stakeholders include a) students, teachers and media persons, drawing them to engage with the same issues, either as projects work, or to further their own academic, professional or hobby pursuits. b) New activists : wanting to do projects work, as independent or scholars attached to or funded through CED. C) Other mainstream actors who work to play their own part in solving the crisis, such that they become part of the broader mosaic of engagement, rather than be perceived by us as the binary enemy to our perspective.

Our Client-Service profile

What people think of our work depends on what use they make of our different services. Perhaps we need to see which particular client-service type is more in line with our objectives, and which if dropped may not be critical.

Quick Reference	Students	Increasingly peripheral topics. Pious concern topics like green Mumbai
Updates	Individuals, online individuals	Any topic where we offer good monitoring
Education-Understanding	Online communities	Topics where CED would have a reputation, where it generates its own literature, compilations
Research	Researchers	Any topic that we are monitoring,

Outputs	NGOs, committed people, outreached	Topical issues concerning these groups, special interest groups like INECC, project partners
Educational activity like seminars	Converted, outreached.	Documentation/Information, focused topics, any current/hot topics

Our People, Our Skills

The Core Competency & Goodwill is in the field of documentation and information processing and sharing. Yet we need to move away from just collection and classifying especially since it takes so much time, money, space and since accessibility to general information is now being competently done by the Internet. So in the field of information, our work should be changed to information on information, or rather meta-information. But for this to be meaningful, we will need expertise or a discerning level of information about information. And this level of expertise we can only have in a limited set of fields. And the most useful ideas that we will have to offer will be in the fields where we see direct involvement in. That involvement has to go beyond the level of the theoretical, or the analytical and definitely beyond the propaganda.

In the field of information our core competence has been universalized only in documentation. We need to expand this to field of education and communications aspects. And in the age of Internet, this means competency in multi-media, flexible and inter-transmissible media and content. While it is true that only a few people have that fourth eye, such people are extremely expensive and many of them would find that their ambitions do not find fulfillment in CED. However it is also true that there are many who would find the service orientation of CED of value, and also see the merit of doing their work in a more committed atmosphere.

Our Work Systems

We have indeed done a lot of outputs and content development work in the last few years. The list is quite impressive. First, we have not capitalized on them. No publicity. No follow up. They seem stand-alone events.

Second, Our output doesn't inform our documentation, except in terms of quantity and lists. This is because we use our documentation in much the same way as the outside researcher does.

So we have to see our documentation and outputs work as part of the content development and ongoing engagement process. Put another way, we should not have any outputs development process unless it informs and develops the documentation. The corollary to this is that we should develop our outputs process and work systems in such a way that the documentation process is an integral building block of that effort. Otherwise there is no difference between us and the consultant, when we do a project for someone.

Finally we come to the finished product – the idea should be to create or contribute towards making a more meaningful analytical packages in interactive and multimedia. There is another element: We need to design it in such a way that it lends itself to updating rather than become a one-time finished product. We need to give more emphasis/importance to storing/displaying info in a structured way, especially in our eldoc and websites such that it goes beyond aggregating mechanised compilations.

Approach Now

CED needs to find a median between the fundable activities, and what we want to do. Now that Internet seems to have taken care of a minimum access to information, CED also needs to find ways and means to address the gaps & problems in the new information situation. These gaps point out to a higher level of information processing. In terms of content and experience, we will get that only if we collaborate and work with others who may be independents, or part of other NGOs, institutions, corporates.

In terms of information processing, there is still need for the more cogent, slow, reflective info. There is also the need to counter the manufacture of consent. We have chosen three themes-- Climate Change, Decentralised Economics and New Urbanism. In these areas we must find partners who will co-create with us -- scholars, activists, people who have that big idea, but need institutional support. To go with this we need to partner with other organizations involved in these fields in the neighbourhood. Thus we may have to tailor our agenda to those they are currently concerned, so that they see us as complimentary rather than competitive.

Therefore, more interaction with other organisations, going for meetings, actually talking to them, getting their stuff, materials, interviewing people on our focussed topics, transcribing, making notes, making visual materials, graphs etc. Finally, linking all these new inputs a part of our documentation. The next important task is to keep people informed about the good stuff, the work we do through various social networking tools and mobiles, e-lists, RSS, and just sheer unashamed publicizing. We may even need people looking specially at this. And we should always have a good even if small list of people (like advisory members, some journalists etc.) Whom we send these updates regularly. If we can do this consistently, I feel there is a chance that they may also "think of" CED when they come across any stuff and pass it on to us.

Appendix2

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2011							
			Amt. In Lakhs				Amt. In Lakhs
Liabilities				Assets			
<u>Funds</u>							
Corpus Funds			214.12	Investments			278.05
Trust Funds							
Earmarked Project Funds			51.18				
SSSS Fund			15.67				
Fixed Assets Fund			16.38	Fixed Assets			16.38
(As per Contra)				As per Contra			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				<u>Current Assets, Loans & Advances</u>			
Library Deposits			2.60	Cash & Bank Balances			3.02
				Deposits with others			0.08
				TDS on Investments			2.41
Total			299.94	Total			299.94

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011							
			Amt. In Lakhs				Amt. In Lakhs
Expenditure				Income			
Exp. on properties			1.26	Rents			0.07
Audit Fees			0.17	Interest			4.13
On Objects of Trust			23.59	Dividends			8.15
				Income from Other Sources			3.24
To Balance Sheet			47.28	Returns on Investments			56.62
				From SSS Reserves			0.08
Total			72.29	Total			72.29

Appendix 3:

Cumulative List of Publications

Films 2009-10

The City Calling (English Subtitles) & I am the drum that will be heard (English Subtitles)
(Trigger Films prepared for Public Hearings on the Climate Crisis, New Delhi.

Seeding a New Knowledge Movement: A film on the non-pesticidal management revolution in Andhra Pradesh

Earlier CCs

Water Crisis: Commodity or Human Right?. April, 2009

To GM or not to GM: That is the Big Question? (May 2009)

Food Security as a Right (June 2009)

Climate Change Copenhagan and Beyond

Climate Change Wheeling and Dealing: From Rio to Copenhagen- This CC prepared for Mumbai Public Hearing.

Single Largest Internal Security Threat or The Biggest Land Grab since Columbus. This CC prepared for INSAF National Political Convention on "Capitalist Crisis and emerging Neo liberal Challenges: tasks for Social actions.

Climate Change & Cities: This CC prepared for the Mumbai Public Hearing

Mining: The Ravaged Road Ahead the issues covered various aspects and concerns generated by mining in the country.- August 2009 - This is a special theme based issue on Mining.

Earlier Publications of CED

The Coast isn't clear : Climate change & India's Coastal Communities. Bio-regional notes on Climate Change.

Havaman Badal Aani Kinaarpattivaril Vasti: (Climate Change & Coastal Communities. Bio regional Booklet) Marathi

An Economics for Well-Being by Rajni Bakshi focuses on the kinds of economic structures that could truly revitalize and enrich people at all levels of society. The thinking in the New Economics stream is an important aspect of the global quest for systems that are socially just and ecologically sound.

Fascism & Communalism Considerations, by Sandeep Pendse. The surge in Hindutva politics in the late 1980s raised the crucial question of the similarities and dissimilarities between communalism and fascism.

Secularism and Secular Action by Shweta Damle. The constant attack on the secular fabric of the Indian society in the last two decades has been raising a fundamental issue about the concept of secularism-its alienness to India.

Development Governance: Dynamics of Panchayat Raj in Tribal Areas by Meena Dhodade. Adivasi communities have historically been self-governing societies. Community affairs, including major issues like regulation of access to natural resources and dispute settlements were regulated by the village community.

LET'S Make it happen: a CED Backgrounder on Alternative Economics, by Rajni Bakshi. Let's make it happen, is a plea for creating collective economic institutions including community currencies, development of local markets and bio-mass based industry.

Background to Globalisation, by Avinash Jha, (Hindi and English) Globalisation has intensified the domination of societies by considerations of economy and state power. This book traces this trend from the beginnings of the modern world and documents the emergence of the U.S. led global system after the second world war.

Changing the Stream: A Backgrounder on the Women's Movement in India, by Shubha Chacko. This book brushstrokes some of the themes, campaign issues and struggles that have shaped the movement/

The Long and Winding Road; from Structural Change to Structural Transformation this giving them better visibility to our own publications and dissemination by Walter Mendoza & John D'Souza (Hindi & English) The Long and Winding Road is part of personal journey, an exploration, of what we NGOs have been attempting to do during the past three to four decades.

Water! Water! Everywhere, But A backgrounder on water in Tamil

Your Money or Your Right to Rehabilitation. The idea of this backgrounder, is to highlight some of the ways in which "our money" (that is money that has been collected in our name, either in the form of taxes, relief funds, or immediate post disaster contributions from the public) have been mis-utilised, diverted, non-utilized, and denied to disaster victims. This relies on newspaper and CAG reports on the last few disasters: such as floods in Maharashtra 2004-2005, Tsunami that affected coastal states on 26 December 2004, Earthquake in Bhuj on 26 January 2001 and Super Cyclone in Orissa on 11 October 1999. All the disasters have one common tragedy that is misappropriation of funds. Available in Tamil.

Waste or Resource? A backgrounder on Sanitation Post Tsunami. Available in Tamil

Re-building Our Lives :A backgrounder on the Right to Work in the Context of Post Tsunami Reconstruction. Available in English and Tamil.

Fishing in Troubled Waters: Increased fragility of an already precarious livelihood. This is a Docpost special on the livelihood issue of the traditional fishing communities. It contains a collection of articles and reports which have been organised and pieced together with a narrative.

Net-working Together: A companion volume to the film on the livelihoods of the coastal communities and their fight against the global market hegemony.

Our Coast Our Right: Backgrounder on CRZ and Tsunami

Challenges to Change- cartoon booklet

National workshop on Policy Matters: Insights from Civil Society engaging with Science and Technology.

Development Digests - Issue 1-18

Monthly Critical Concerns

Monthly Docpost on Human Rights issues

Docpost on Habitat and Disasters

DOCPRINTS:

Sustainable Practices,

Rethinking Handloom

Farmer's Battle for Seed Rights

The Political Culture of Fascism
The Discovery of Poverty
Mirror On Communalism
Fear & Fascism
Challenging Communalism: Further Conversations on Gender and Violence
Democracy and Communalism
The Ghettoisation of the Mind
The Masculine Underpinnings of Civil Violence

Films:

Be'sharp Films - Sustainable Built Environment: Films and Multimedia materials, raising awareness among partners, network and anyone interested of the subject matter.

City Farming: Nature is vanishing at a very fast pace from cities. This film captures this process of Dr. R.T. Doshi Science of city farming.

Vernacular Values: Threading through the cross section journeys into the other paradigm in architecture and examines the values and underlying commonsense of the vernacular in shaping our built environment.

What song shall I sing today? It's nigh onto 3 years after the Tsunami. Yet some people continue to live in temporary settlements, in deplorable conditions, with no proper water supply and toilet facilities

Let's clean up this mess: This is what the women at the East Devadhanam in Trichy decided. And they succeeded. Simple methods, collective awareness, commitment and action brought about good sanitation. The women's self-helpgroups in this slum are operating the first ever community-based DEWATS system in Tamil Nadu.

Shanthi...Century Not Out: A film on a striking example of community awareness efforts by Shanti, which led to the construction of 200 Ecosan toilets in a tsunami affected village in South India.

Build Simply: A film on the approach to 'built environment' adopted by Timbaktu. This film explores Timbaktu's experiment of using different materials to build, varying from mud and stone to a foreign material cement.

"Namma Kadalkarai - Namma Urimal"(Our Coast-Our Right)A film explaining the Coastal Regulation Zone, and the Economics and Politics of its Implementation from the point of view of Local Community Rights.

Inayand Seyal Peduttal ("Net-working" Together) -Tamil. This film tries to address few such concerns related to reconstruction of livelihoods of the coastal communities post-tsunami. It covers a gamut of issues varying from alternative employment, educating the coastal communities to the global market hegemony and modernization of traditional fishing.

Veerabagupathy : A Community in Transition. A film showcases tsunami affected Veerabagupathy village in Kanyakumari District.

The earlier monthly round up issues including following focus issues. These are available on our website

Climate Change: Wheeling and Dealing: From Rio to Copenhagen in the run up to Copenhagen summit on Climate Change. A special version of this was prepared for INECC's Public Hearing on Impact of Climate Change in Mumbai in October 2009.

The Copenhagen Deal, it dealt with the various concerns emerging out of the Copenhagen deal. January 2010

BT Brinjal : On Hold for Now`, it dealt with the ongoing debate and discussions on about BT Brinjal. This was produced to coincide with the Public Hearing on approval to BT Brinjal. February 2010

`Single Largest Security Threat Or Biggest Land Grab Since Columbus` dealt with the ongoing public debate on the Maoists in India. A revised version of this issue was produced for the INSAF Political Convention in Bangalore. March 2010.

Water Crisis: Commodity or Human Right?, and a special titled` Adieu to Smitu` in remembrance of scholar /activist Smitu Kothari who passed away in March 2009.critical issues to theme based issues.April 2009

GM crops, To GM or not to GM: That is the Big Question? And regular round up of events and emerging issues. June 2009

Food Security as a Right - July 2009

`Mining: The Ravaged Road Ahead the issued covered various aspects and concerns generated by mining in the country. August 2009.