

## Further Down the Long & Winding Road



Annual Report 2015-16  
Centre for Education & Documentation



## CED 2015-16 in perspective

Doccentre was begun in June 1975 so as to incubate knowledge for community organisation, as was needed by VISTAS one of the first NGOs of its kind, while working in rural Maharashtra. Today there is a wide range of practice in civil society. There is a surfeit of academic overviews, and an information overload. It is in this context that CED is re-inventing itself. Even in the digital and instant communication age, the last Annual Report of CED highlighted the need for moving away from the "portal" mindset, and working as a nucleus in a knowledge "Indranet"<sup>1</sup>, in civil society. As a node in the Indranet, CED is focussed on the Long & Winding Road from Structural Change to Structural Transformation. Funding however continues to allude this effort and CED has been forced to make do with available resources. Further, Structural repairs ( Apr 2015- Feb 2016) to the building housing CED's Mumbai Premises had rendered it unusable, forcing most of us to "work from home" or "on the move"

## The Documentation Work

### **Total Books, Reports, Journals, CDs, Videos**

Books	18182
Reports	15356
Journal	7690
CDs	1910
video	739

When we began the financial year 2015-16, we had decided to focus our documentation effort on two themes, namely Climate Change and Long & Winding Road. The mandate was to do proactive documentation on these two themes, and build alcoves spaces physically and digitally, such that these alcoves represent the State of the Art, on these topics. The alcoves idea was abandoned by December, as we were not in a position to find the funds for a documentalist, following the resignation of B Veena. The digital and on line space is very active. Despite very limited person-power, and low budgets, CED continues to explore ways of managing a basic and small programme mainly centered around the Long & Winding Road.

The educational programme of CED now looks like:

Physical Documentation: The physical Books, Booklets, Reports, which represent knowledge of the critical three development decades are now in the archives. There is a Master Catalogue of of the Physical documentation at <http://doccentre.net/index.php/qrybooks> . About 1000 old documentaries are also catalogued in <http://doccentre.net/index.php/qryvideocat> . Physical reference to the selected recent

<sup>1</sup> Indranet: each node of a network, is a nucleus other nodes, and in fact leads us to them

### **Doccentre.net Statistics for the period from April 2015 till March 2016**

Month	Unique Visitors	No. of Visits	Pages	Hits
Apr 2015	4,351	6,250	13,909	31,054
May 2015	4,565	6,605	12,043	29,079
Jun 2015	3,822	5,622	14,466	33,679
Jul 2015	3,206	5,557	18,570	38,611
Aug 2015	3,799	6,528	17,136	48,173
Sep 2015	4,045	6,318	12,032	38,302
Oct 2015	4,447	6,883	15,741	41,635
Nov 2015	4,490	6,730	15,083	42,286
Dec 2015	4,564	6,924	16,208	47,862
Jan 2016	4,957	7,745	21,980	50,172
Feb 2016	4,353	6,911	18,108	48,307
Mar 2016	10,497	13,004	55,105	75,458

files at Mumbai is generally open, but the archives in CED Bangalore are accessible only by prior appointment, as no separate library staff is available.

Digitised Clippings: From the physical documentation of clippings, a major portion has been digitised and the same is still available on line at <http://doccentre.net/index.php/qryeldoc>

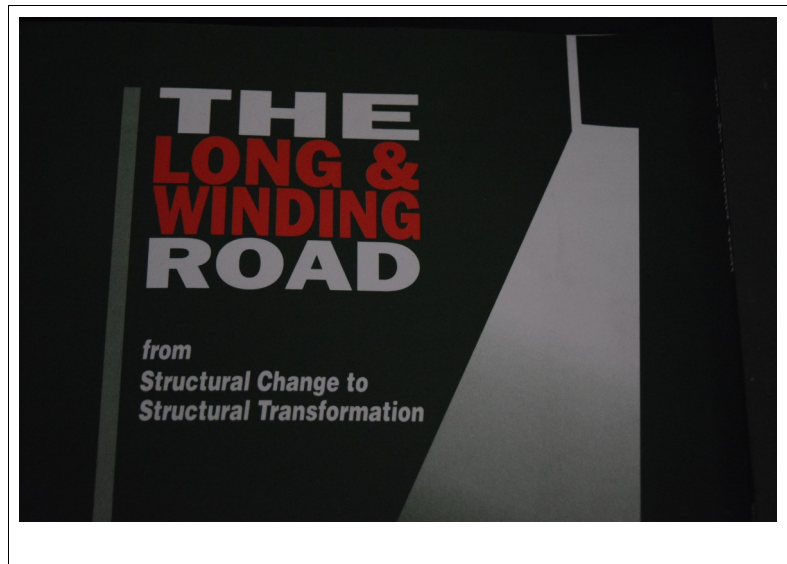
After the dominance of Google, the documentation effort has been selective, and increasingly restricted to selected documents normally crowded out in search engines. Also documented are selected documents in the focus areas of our research. An Index to these documents is available at <http://doccentre.net/index.php/qry2eldoc>

Thematic webpages which provide links to the basic reading material on emergent issues are still available at <http://doccentre.net/index.php/thematic-webpages>

Interviews: Several interviews with practitioners and thinkers have been fully documented and transcribed. These are accessible through <http://doccentre.net/index.php/interviews>

## The Long & Winding Road

a. Long & Winding Road II seeks to capture through multiple media: primarily video, the reflections and stories of a wide range of stakeholders impacting Structural Change and Transformation. The documentation of a variety of the recent important happenings marks the state of the mind of the current generation of activist. The Research is a longitudinal process over time. Therefore the structure of the project must be seen as a mosaic made up of documentation of events as and when they happen. Each part of the mosaic would have to be an sub-output by itself, which will be tailored to the needs of that events and participants in it.



Some of the events documented in 2015-16 are:

Climate Change: INECC Mumbai Meeting: 21st-23rd April 2015

KICS Sharing Session by Rukmini Rao Hyderabad: 23rd June

Leh: Vikalp Sangam: 15-21st July 2015

Climate Change: Mumbai: TISS Climate Meeting: 31st July-2nd Aug 2015

Dahanu Adivasi Rally 9th August 2015

Climate Change: INECC 2nd Sept-3rd Sept

Timbaktu- Via Campesina Meeting 5th-6th Sept 2015

INECC Delhi - 15-17th Sept 2015

Vikalp Sangam: Maharashtra Regional Meeting 27th Oct 2015-30th Oct

Vikalp Sangam Core Group Meeting, Tejgadh 4th-7th December 2015

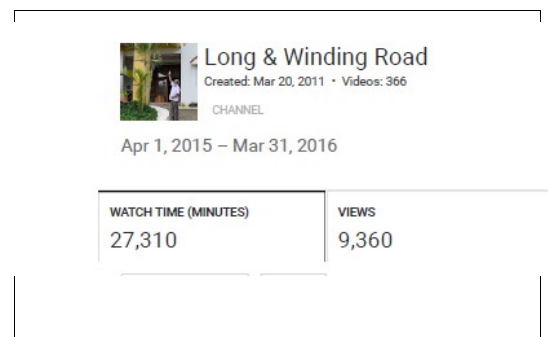
Timbaktu: Anniversary celebrations 24th-26th Dec.  
INECC Climate Change Meeting 8 th – 10 th Febraury 2016  
Energy Vikalp Sangam, Bodh Gaya 3rd Mar – 6 Mar  
Revitalising Rural Economy: Timbaktu Conference: 17 th Mar 2016



CED has also done a long recording of Sandeep Pendse, who has seen the early development of the left outside the pale of the formal party structure. Pradeep Prabhu, Fr Claude D'Souza, M V Sastrigaru.

b. After the recordings, video modules of these interactions, interviews, speeches, and presentations are compiled and placed as raw data and sound bytes in the public domain through You Tube, and in databases in CED cloud. These alongwith current documents & articles are then posted through several mailing list of specialised interest groups. In the financial year, 2015-16, 75 videos have been uploaded. ( a full list of the videos with links are available here <http://www.lnwr.in/lwrd/video-uploaded15-16.html>. From April 2014 till Jan 2016, we have uploaded 365 videos which have generated 55,865 views on this channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtuLVTvcFav1I-ZxdXf1pNw> This does not seem much considering the kind of hits small targeted films get these days. But the purpose is not so much to get immediate viewership, but to allow users online access and use when it is needed. The L & W Road channel now have 141 subscribers.



The documentation obtained in video form is put in the public domain, as open sources information, where NGOs, Organisations and Students are encouraged to use as source material for their own educational purposes, as well as use them as references for articles and papers. The main source of the videos this year have been the discussions and presentations at the Vikalp Sangam. The discussions evolve around the current alternatives.

c. From CED's point of view these videos become the building blocks of the ongoing Long & Winding Road, which is captured in the website [www.lnwr.in](http://www.lnwr.in) . One of the purposes of the website is to give each video a longer “shelf life” and a brand, or rather an identity, which

helps promotion of a certain perspective, rather than a result based on likes, or successful manipulation of results through meta-data of high-eyeball seekers.

Some of the pages compiled till now include:

Nakshatra Dhoolu: A Kannada Play – <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/rohith.html>. The story provides insight into the Left-Dalit relationship, and pleads for a “person caring” politics.

The workshop on Revitalising Agrarian Economy giving details of the work of Timbaktu Collective in the field of Cooperatives - <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/TC/Revitalising.html>

The other important work has been on the Energy Sangam, where the policies and alternatives relating to Energy development in a Climate Changing World is being discussed. <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/VS/VS-Energy.html> . a Webpage highlighting the issues has been developed on the Internet. Further several posts highlighting the issues, particularly linking it to the development of the Renewal Energy policy draft has been emailed to concerned mailing list, in order to generate study and debate.

A story of the nature of prosperity and destitution, resulting from the arrival of irrigation and canal system. <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/water/water.html>

Web pages under Construction – nonetheless in public domain

Sufi Songs, Body Work etc.. <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Ideas/Culture&Change.html>

Activist blues <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Ideas/ideas.html>

Energy issues in Climate Change <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Climate/Climate.html>

NAPM biennial Conference <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Struggles/NAPM.html>

Protests: <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Struggles/Struggles.html>

India Futures: <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/Futures/India%20Futures.html>

The State & Drought <http://www.lnwr.in/lwr/water/tumkur.html>

## Library Premises

At the time of the last AGM meeting, our CED Mumbai premises was under seige by structural repairs to the building. As events unfolded, almost the entire files section in the main reference room had to be pulled down, rendering the fitted furniture worthless. The Mumbai centre was rendered unusable for most of year. When finally the structural repair work was over, the premises were almost singled handedly nursed back to order by Praful from March 2016, when reconstruction of the furniture work, amidst mountains of books and

clippings files, and equipment, was begun. Since the old cupboards were anyway destroyed, we got a chance to re-design the centre particularly given the new emphasis on digital and online library and reference work. Thus the physical section of the library in Mumbai has been cut in size, and moved to one section leaving the other room as a multi-purpose educational space, including conferencing and digital studio. We need your support to help us monetise these facilities, in order to cross subsidise our educational activities.

Meanwhile, since there were no regular users in Bangalore, it was felt that we should not fill a vacant post of documentalist in Bangalore. Any researcher wanting to use the Bangalore Archives would have to make an appointment at suitable time slot as per convenience of part-time consultants, or perhaps with the help of former staff and volunteers. Since the space is lying unused, it was felt that the premises may be given on suitable rent, in order to cross-subsidise the expenses..

### Organisational Aspects:

The management of CED is the responsibility of the Executive Council. The current members of Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza, Vinod Kumar, John D'Souza. Since the last AGM in September 2015, the Executive Committee has met six times with the average attendance of four. Eric D'Souza a long standing member has resigned during the year, and as per rules, Rajni Bakshi was inducted as a permanent member in his place. The vacancy created by the elevation of Rajni to permanent member, was left vacant for the time being.

The trust matters is the responsibility of the trustees: who are: Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza and John D'Souza.

The following are the General Body members.

Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza, Vinod Kumar, John D'Souza, Sumi Krishna, Sameera Khan, Kaiwan Mehta, Karuna D'Souza, Leena Abraham, Preeti Bhat, Abhishek Bharadwaj, Amita Malkani, Carmen Kagal, Tanvi Patel, Tanya Goveas.

In view of the shortage of funds, the number of full time staff members have been steadily reducing as we have not filled any vacancies created by staff resignation. Depending on the nature of activities planned, the new policy is try and manage using existing staff and supplement it by project and work specific consultants.

### Summary of Income & Expenditure for 15-16

	Rs..lakhs		Rs. Lakhs
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>36.78</b>	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>36.33</b>
Salary/Fees:	17.28	Returns on Investments	33.05
Gratuity pmt:	9.45	Rents:	1.52

Arrears of Prof. fees:	2.92	Services:	0.02
Direct Prog.:	0.14	Kalpavriksh:	1.64
Indirect Prog.:	4.23	Donation:	0.10
Renovation:	0.76		
Building Repairs:	1.24		
Computer/Equipments	0.76	<b>Excess of Expense over Income</b>	<b>0.45</b>

Summary of Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2016

	Rs. Lakhs		Rs. Lakhs
<b>Funds/Liabilities :</b>	<b>232.87</b>	<b>Property/ Assets:</b>	<b>232.87</b>
Reserves	0.68	Investments	224.85
Corpuses	214.12	Bank Balance	1.04
Other Deposits.	2.71	Advance/TDS Deposit	1.11
SSS Fund	15.36	In Asset- vehicle	5.87

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