



**CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND DOCUMENTATION**  
*Information in the Public Domain for a Participative Society*

## Annual Report 2017-18

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## **CED 2017-18**

CED's information vision has been documentation for education and a participative society, a vision of accessible, relevant information for middle levels for over 40 years now.

Today we seem to be having an information overload. But we do not seem to be more "knowledgeable". We are told that it is a DIY ( Do it yourself) age.. that we are both producers and consumers of information. If we look at Twitter, Facebook, whatsapps and other social media today, it is free and open, but it essentially been captured by the fast, propaganda model of information. Post-google, CED's information vision translates into Slow (deliberate, engaged, non-formal, oral) Knowledge. The Financial Year 2017-18 at CED has been spent on consolidating what we called a Gandhigiri for channelising new technologies, into instruments of Reflection, Peace and Change. Slow Knowledge is achieved through deeper engagement with specific networks and groups which provide the content and areana of alternative knowledge. Thus this year, besides continuing rigourous documentation of the Vikalp Sangam process, we have extended it to processes like the CFP, the BRM ( Blue Ribbon Movement ) and other networks with whom we can partnered to ensure documentation of the experience and knowledge produced during the practice of Social Change.

Each of the networks will have focus on their proximate concerns, while we partner in documentation and content development on these topics. In CED, we will focus on civil society, alternatives, transition, under the programme "Long & Winding Road" -- a oral trans-media engagement on People Organisations and NGOs.

Currently critical area of intervention of slow knowledge is on social media. Thus in the year 2017-18, we set up a social media lab environment in collaboration with BRM.

### **BRM-CED Media Labs**

The main purpose of the Media labs was to co-create media that covers the social work of Blue Ribbon Movement (BRM), the larger collective that Media Lab is a part of, have internal self-reflection on media, our own presence in it and the state of affairs and invite experts and have open events on various themes related to media.

The BRM CED Media Lab started from 1st Aug. 2017. Every tuesday, 6 to 9 pm we set up a work space with high speed connectivity with several computers, recorders, camera,

recording and editing equipment. At Social Media level 1, we looked through our individual social media messages, discussed them, and fine tuned our response. At different labs there were short discussions on the state of the art, not just the technical aspects but also the content and the political shape it takes. We also took up various discussions on contemporary issues, spoke to visitors from different organisations and shared our thinking. At level 2, the best relevant posts, videos, chain of posts, ideas links were documented into a database and websites, as also posted into social media. The idea was to enable individuals to re-organise and collectivise their content subject-wise, giving a chain of links ( like our docswebs) and further comments, webpage, and individual blogs. This however became a highly individualistic activity, as participants preferred to work at their leisure at home, and incorporate it into regular activity.

Despite the slow start, we saw the possibility of a deeper engagement with the idea.

## **Video Documentation**

The object of Video Documentation is to develop a repository of experiential knowledge on social and development issues and social change. This will be made available as a library of full AVs. of critical seminars, workshops, as well as oral histories for a wider audience on line. Students and Researchers are invited to make use of the documentation, for their projects, dissertations and studies, while trainers and educators make use of these output.

Special Events at CED: These are essentially Seminars Workshops and Meeting held at CED at our initiative, where the proceedings are captured on video as documentation, and shared as research with an invitation to make educational modules from this content.

These events have been held specifically for the purposes of documentation and reflection, in collaboration with BRM, CFP, & Other Networks. They included:

- Mohanbai Hiralal discussion of L & W Road
- Anniversary of Justice Lentin's visit to Kamraj Nagar, and the famous slum demolition judgment. The event was curated by At Camp at CED on 2nd August 2017.
- Reading Ambedkar -- a two day intensive workshop by V Geetha 17 – 18 February 2018
- Constitution - a day long workshop on the important aspects of the constitution conducted with CFP and mentors by the Socialist Group. 8th February 2018
- Money: for the people, of the people, by the people organized with Human Rights Law Network (hln.org) at CED on Alternative Currencies
- Questions of Gandhi: A discussion organised with CFP, and BRM, with Sudheendra Kulkarni & Ramdas Bhatkal - 29th January 2018

Some of the videos and webcontent made from this event include

- Questions of Gandhi: Suddheendra Kulkarni & Ramdas Bhatkal - 29th January 2018
- Imposing non-violence? Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 3:27 min
- Gandhi & Dalits: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 6:58 min
- One People: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 14:50 min
- Social Leadership: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 4:39 min
- Standing Up against Violence: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 5:31 min
- Imposing non-violence, 4:14 min
- Leadership Issues: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 4:18 mins
- Ramdas Bhatkal: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 1:21 min
- Interrogating Non-violence: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 9:56 mins
- 52 inch politics: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 5:56 min
- Human Engineering - Peace Talks on Question of Gandhi, 8:23 min
- The Journey Inward: Peace Talks on Questions of Gandhi, 5.49 mins
- Understanding Gandhi Bashing: Peace Talks: Our Questions of Gandhi 6.47 min
- Applying Truth & Non-violence to Social Change: Legacy in Peace Talk, 5.03 min
- About Suddheendra Kulkarni: Journey from Marx to BJP to Gandhi 2.59 mins
- August Voices : at Peace Talks: Our questions of Gandhi, 4,18 mins
- About BRM: at Peace Talks on "Our questions of Gandhi", 3.51

Vikalp Sangam: The Vikalp Sangam are regular gatherings of NGOs, Civil Society and Peoples Organisations engaged in alternatives, seeking to share their knowledge as well as develop an alternative narrative to destructive and lopsided. The following Sangams have been documented in its entirety.

- Vikalp Sangam Kerala 10- 12 April 2017
- National Vikalp Sangam 27-29th November 2017
- Vikalp Sangam Core Group Meeting – 30 Nov - 1st December 2017
- Ancient Futures Book release: Kumar Ketkar, K J Joy, Ashish Kothari, Darryle Dmonte, Rajni Bakshi,

These are some of the videos which have been uploaded on You Tube as research and educational materials:

- Mera Savera: Youth at the Vikalp Sangam sharing their dreams and nightmares, 37:26 min
- Welcome to the Youth Vikalp Sangam, 9:37
- Lug gaya dhakse.(song) 4.45 mins.
- Why Belittle Black? ( Song) 2.29
- Kya Maanga, Kya Nahi! (Song) 5:10
- The Shikshantar Shake, 2.48
- Aspirations, Entrepreneurship - epistemological crisis..6.04 min.
- It all boils down to Swaraj: Kishore Sant at Vikalp Sangam, 14.56
- The Elephant in the Globe: Jai Sen & Kishore Sant on climate and alternatives, 5.11 min

- From Sangam to Sangam, 49.06 mins
- Artists of Kerala Speak., 34:24
- Meeting the Vikalpians at Bodhigram: Kerala Vikalp Sangam, 30.58 mins
- Vikalp Sangam: The journey till Kerala, 36.02 min
- Discussions on the Alternatives Framework at VS Kerala, 49:28 mins

Climate Change Meetings: The Indian Network for Ethics on Climate Change has held several meetings and discusses State of the Art on Climate Issues. We have recording of the following:

- INECC Meeting - 4-8th June 2017
- INECC Meeting 7 – 8 August 2017
- Observer Research Foundation Meeting with Jairam Ramesh

The following video modules of different issues were made:

- Jairam Ramesh on India's Policy Stance on Climate Change, 9.43 mins
- Jairam Ramesh: Environment has been sidelined for the "ease of doing business", 2.55 min
- Paradigm Shift in Climate Change, 2.24 mins
- Trump or No Trumps: Jairam Ramesh, 1.24 mins
- Still the same paradigm? 2.27 min

Meetings of Youth for Social Change: Besides the several gatherings of BRM, we have participated and documented meetings of the YOUTH alliance. These include the Learning Societies Unconference: 26th- 30th December 2017. We also have a series on the Jai Jagat campaign, starting with a rendition of Jai Jagat, by PV Rajagopal, 5:05 min. We also recorded and uploaded interviews with PV Rajgopal, Jill ben, Asheesh of Ekta Parishad – 15 June 2017, and Rurban meet with PV Rajagopal on Jai Jagat 2019 – 16 June 2017

Events , Meeting Lectures : taking place in the city are video recorded as a source of oral history and a testament to the State of the Art of Social Change, Development and Civil Society. The videos uploaded on these events include:

- Political Agency for Movements: Yoginder Yadav at NAPM Biennial Convention, 34.47 mins
- NBA protests Birthday celebrations, 8:19 mins
- 31 years of Struggle, 3 mins..
- You have been rehashbilitated..6.20 mins
- In Solidarity, 1:20
- Aadhaar Protest
- Break Aadhaar Chains: Activist Vidyut speaks 7.28 mins
- Break Aadhaar Chains: Nagarjuna at the Press Conference: 11.24 mins
- A Bhajan on Aadhaar - Protest song at the Break aadhaar chains presser, 11.29 mins

- Anti-aadhaar Press conference: Poem by Ramu Ramanathan, 5.11 min
- Break Aadhaar Chains: Peom by Anukruti, 2.34 min
- Break Aadhaar Chains: J T DSouza Statement, 19.45 min
- Anti aadhaar Press Conference: Sakina Dhorajiwala, 11.08 mins
- anti-aadhaar press conference - Statement by Kamayani Mahabal, 7.15
- Anti-aadhaar Press Conference - Testimony of Mithun, who makes a living selling veggies – 14.08 mins
- Anti-Aadhaar Press Conference: Testimony by Krishna Mane, 9.10 min
- Anti-Aadhaar Press Conference - Statement by Raghu Godavarthi, 11.56 min

**Oral History:** This is an ongoing series of video interviews with senior practitioners in the social change space, as oral history of experiential knowledge and hitherto unrecorded history of peoples movements. The videos uploaded included:

- Shraddanjali: Muneer Alaavi, 33.06
- Dreaming With Challam, 21:46
- Timbaktu & Subba: Remembering Dr. U Subbaraju, 10.50 min
- A PhD From IIT, prefers to Work with Children, 3:24
- In Memoriam: Dr U. Subbaraju, 7:28
- Salim Kaka : Maldhari from the Banni speaks of the tradition of tending to cattle, 12 mins
- Salimkaka at Home, 2:39 min
- Salim Kaka: A lifetime of Tradition, 3.2 mins

All of Video Research is uploaded for public reference on Youtube, mainly on The Long & Winding Road Channel with 336 subscribers. Other Channels include: PUCL Maharashtra, India Futures,

## **Electronic Documentation**

In view of the paucity of funds and general non availability of funds the electronic Documentation and Website updating is managed by part time and piece rate work done by consultants and contracted ex-staff.

**Eldoc (Electronic Documentation system):** A total of 107 articles were indexed and linked to our database during this year.

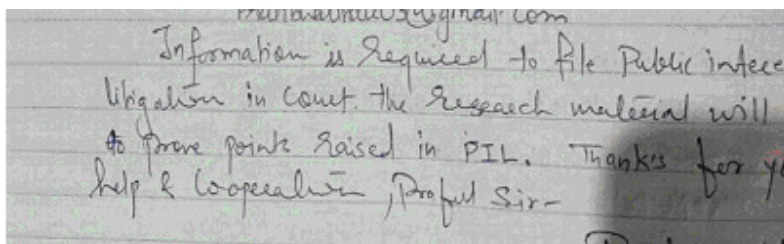
**Website:** CED's website DOCCENTRE.NET is updated regularly with outputs such as video clips, Info-tweets (DOCS-in-SITE), publications and so on. Other websites include Alternative Futures, Long & Winding Road, and the organisational website ced.org.in.

## Library & Reading Room

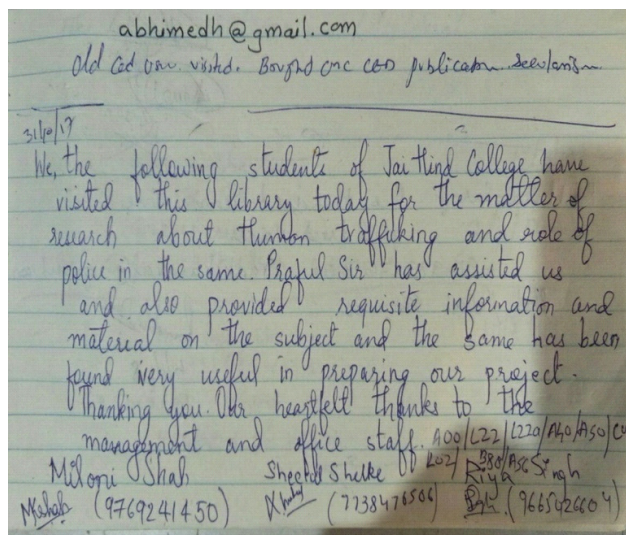
**The Library & Reading Room at Mumbai is being operated by the lone staffer, Praful. He reports that**

The students in

Mumbai have mostly referred to topics related to Child Labor, Abortion and Family Laws, Khilafat Movement, Domestic violence due to unemployment, Human Trafficking, Biomedical Waste Management, Organic Revolution, Water Pollution, Free Speech, Censorship & Writers activities in India, Freedom of Press, Television & Society, Tribal's, Transgender, Secularism, Crime Prison and Police, Corruption-Bofors Scam, Religion & Women, Urban Protest Sites.



Reference at CED Mumbai	Total	Students	Professionals
April 17	1	0	1
May 17	4	2	2
Jun 17	4	4	0
Jul 17	4	3	1
Aug 17	6	6	0
Sept 17	3	3	0
Oct 17	8	6	2
Nov 17	5	4	1
Dec 17	0	0	0
Jan 18	2	1	1
Feb 18	1	0	1
Mar 18	14	13	1
Total	52	42	10



## Seminar & Meeting Space

In addition to the events taking place under media labs and special events which are video documented, we have had the following events at CED.

- Fake News: Discussion with Pankaj Jain and combine it with BRM media labs, the day after 70 years of independence at CED on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- Eklavya meeting at CED on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- Screening of film made by an NRI called "From India with Love" on 6<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2017. The film is about an NRI who found six americans whose own lives have been touched by violence. & Tribute to Gauri Lankesh on 6<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2017.
- Nine day december campaign- City of Hope, process of co-creating a citizens campaign on love organized by BRM at ced on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017.

- The Sadhana of building a coalition of progressive Hindus a talk by Sunita Viswanath on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018 at CED.
- Pride and Prejudice: Group discussion on Mumbai Pride at CED on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- Workshop on Understanding Ambedkar at CED on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- PUCL meeting at CED on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.
- Living Mumbai. Film festival of youth films on Mumbai at CED on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## Financials and Funding

This year Rs. 1 lakhs was received from Kalpavriksh for video documentation. As there is no revenue from services, we had to withdraw Rs. 19.69 lakhs from our reserves to meet the deficit. With that, as on 31st March 2018 our reserve stands at Rs. 25.24 lakhs.

### Summary Income/Exp for the year 2017-18.

	Rs. in Lakhs		Rs. in Lakhs
Total Expenditure	20.69	Total Income	24.76
Salary/Fees	13.72	Kalpavriksh	1.00
Direct Prog.	0.61	Ret. on Invest	23.76
Indirect Prog.	4.70		
Computer/Eq.	1.66		
Earmarked for 18-19	4.07		

### Funds/Asset's as of 31/03/2018.

	31/03/18		31/03/18
<b>Funds/Liabilities:</b>	<b>R. 257.33</b>	<b>Property/ Assets:</b>	<b>Rs. 257.33</b>
Reserves.	Rs. 25.25	Investments	Rs. 250.59
Corpuses.	Rs. 214.12	Bank Balance	Rs. 1.24
Other Dep.	Rs. 2.73	Advance/TDS Deposit	Rs. 1.25
SSS Fund	Rs. 15.24	Asset- L&W	Rs. 4.24



## Organisational Aspects

The Management of CED is the responsibility of the Executive Council. The current members of Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza, John Dsouza, Preeti Bhat, Leena Abraham. The trust matters are the responsibility of the trustees: who are: Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza and John D'Souza . Four Meetings of the Executive committee were held during the year. The Annual General Body meeting was held on 10th March 2018. The following are the General Body members. Anjum Rajabali, Rajni Bakshi, Walter Mendoza, John D'Souza, Sumi Krishna, Kaiwan Mehta, Karuna D'Souza, Leena Abraham, Preeti Bhat, Abhishek Bharadwaj, Amita Malkani, Carmen Kagal, Tanvi Patel, Tanya Goveas.

Staffing has been restricted due to the lack of funds, partly because activities like those of CED are not prioritised by donor agencies, if they are independent and autonomous of other funded activities.

Currently Praful Sawal is the lone full time regular staffer. Rajshekara M our retired office assistant in Bangalore comes into CED Bangalore office as and when required for cleaning, as well as user visits to library, and is paid on a pro-rata basis. Similarly Priya Pradeep and Jacintha Menezes put in e-work from home, as and when required. All other work is done through specific contract and payments are increasingly linked to deliverables. Thus John D'Souza and Raajen Singh work on a part-time basis against reporting of work done and delivered. Vinod Kumar, who was handling website maintenance, and management discontinued his contract as of 1st July 2017. He has been mentoring and supervising this work, on an honorary basis since. Rajni Bakshi has been volunteering to organised several events at CED.



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