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23. Dr. G.S.Ghurye and Obituary, 1984
24. Congress(I), Communist Parties and Communalism, July 28, 1984 - Economic and Political Weekly.
25. Growing 'Governmental Lawlessness', June, 7, 1986 - Economic and Political Weekly.
26. The Divisive Function of the Myth of Hindu Spirituality, August, 1986 Current.
27. Rural Development and Human Rights of Agrarian Poor in Independent India, December, 1986 for I.P.Desai, Second Memorial Lecture, Surat.

V. Other Publications

(a) Editor - C.G.Shah Memorial Trust Publication:-

Have published uptill now 17 low cost booklets for spreading Social awareness and scientific tempo.

(b) Editor - Samaj Vijnarmala (Gujarati)

Have published uptill now 17 volumes.

VI. Books (Gujarati)

1. Samaj vol.1 - 4, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, 1960 -62
2. Jynatio Kyanthi Avi, Parichaya Pustika Prakashan, Bombay, 1960.
3. Bharatiya Samaj Ane Sanskrati na Abhyas Pravahe. R.R.Sheth & Co., Bombay, 1967.
4. Bharatiya Gram Samaj Shastra, R.R.Sheth & Co., Bombay 1970
5. Bharatiya Rastravadni Samajik Bhumika, University Grant Nirman Board, Gujarat State, Ahmedabad, 1973.
6. Gujarat na Lokshahi Ane Kranti (Jointly with Pregmal Rathod). Translation, University Granth Nirman Board, Gujarat State, Ahmedabad, 1975.

VII. Articles and Papers(Gujarati)

1. Prof. Mac Iver as a Sociologist, Gujarat University, 1961 pp. 1 - 27
2. Bharatiya Samaj ane Sanskriti - Temma Abhyesoni Samiksha, Gujarat University, 1962 pp 1 -42.
3. Bharatma Samaj Shastra ne Vikas; Ek Ruprekha, Gujarat University, 1962, pp 1 -49.
4. Problems of Modernising Gujarat; Presidential address, Sociological Section, Gujarat Research Society, Conference, 1966.
5. Samaj Shastrama Karl Marxnu Sthan: Vidya - Journal of Gujarat University, August, 1966 vol.VII No.2, pp 1-30
6. Problems of Urbanisation in India; University Lecture delivered at Ahmedabad, 1970.
7. Paltatu Gramgivan; University Lecture, 1972 pp 1-12.
8. Sahitya Ane Samaj - Sastra; Published in 'Sahitya Ane...' Ed. Yeshwant Trivedi, 1975 and others.

VIII. Research Experience

1. Associated as Associate Director UNESCO, All India Project on Group Tensions in India 1951 - Bombay. Project Co-ordinated under overall consultation of Dr. Gerdner Murphy.
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PROFESSOR A.R. DESAI

Quite unlike the run-of-the mill academics, Prof. Desai is not an arm-chair academic. For over half a century now he has been a multi-faceted personality. He was a political activist, and a Marxist from 1934 onwards. He was one of the active members responsible for organising the all-India Students Federation. He was associated with the Kisan and trade union movements during 1935-37, both by directly participating in the movements, and by editing bulletins, news-papers, etc. of the all-India Kisan Sabha. During the 1940s he developed a critical stance towards the conventional Marxists. During the 1940s he also wrote a number of pamphlets such as on agrarian indebtedness, Gandhian truth and non-violence, Exit God, Indian feudal states and national liberation struggles, etc. in both Gujarati and English. He was active in the RSD for sometime, and continues to be active in various progressive movements such as of civil liberties, trade union, peasant and dalit movements, and women's movements.

After his student days he was a practising lawyer for sometime taking up the cause of these movements. Later switched on to academic at the same time continuing with his other activities. From 1952 to 1976 he taught at the Sociology Department of Bombay University. As a teacher he guided more than 20 M.Phil and Ph.D dissertations.

Right from his Ph.D days his major concern of research has been to understand Indian society from a critical Marxist perspective.

After retirement Professor Desai has been actively linked up with various groups connected with various categories of struggles of the poor; more actively from the Troskyst current.

With a view to reaching out to people, he has been bringing out a series of pamphlets - non-profit pamphlets to stimulate discussion on vital issues. While these are published in both English and Gujarati, some have also been translated into Bengali and Hindi, and to other languages - all under the auspices of C.G.Shah Memorial Trust. Some of these pamphlets are available for sale at a nominal price.

For over the last four years he has been regularly bringing out a journal in Gujarati for reaching out to activists in different fields. He has also been an active columnist in a Gujarat newspaper. He was recently on the Human Rights Commission which appointed the Human Rights Tribunal comprising of judges who for conducting an open enquiry into the Arwal massacre in Bihar.

Professor Desai was President of the All India Sociological Association; he was awarded the national fellowship by the ICSSR; the most recently, in 1987, he has been the recipient of the "best sociologist of the year" award of the U.G.C.

He has authored and edited more than 15 books in English, and more than 30 books in Gujarati, some of which have been translated into other languages. He was also the general supervisor and editor of 18 volumes on Source Book on Labour Movement for the I.C.H.R. These volumes will be published shortly.

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