

With you again... this new year!

Wishing you Peace, Joy and Fulfillment in 2009.

There's so much to share with you about what has been going on since our last newsletter . As you are aware, we have books, space and cyberspace, a filmmaker, docists, the quest to know more and a lot more to know...

Dissemination



Every month, we survey and put together important news and analysis for NGOs, activists, and all others who are working for justice and social change.

Some of the issues highlighted were:

Combating Terrorism: On the rage and prejudice after the 60 hour non-stop media coverage.

Plan without a Vision: On the PM's National Action Plan on Climate Change.

Poverty Hunger Profits and Politics of food.

Agony of the Inundated: On the Bihar's flood.



A digest of key ideas on development and transformation. The three issues covered.

Decentered Coalescence: On convergence in the global movement. *1, 2*

Global Kleptocracy: On the corporate land grab. *1, 2, 3, 4*

Habitat: Post Tsunami Issues: On what interventions have left behind. *1, 2, 3, 4*

India's Identity: An alternative Vision. *and many more...*

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Content for Networks

Documentation goes beyond clippings. It includes analysis, and knowledge development efforts like exchange of views and sharing of experiences. We have been taking our documentation to networks and supporting them in content development, facilitating exchange and dissemination. We have done this by developing low cost websites for these networks.

Knowledge in Civil Society (KICS).

KICS is a forum for conversations amongst activists and academics on issues relating to science and democracy. The forum seeks to promote a dialogue among its members that could lead to a more people-friendly science and technology policies and practices. www.kicsforum.net

Socialisation of S & T Research.

CED has developed this website as part of a larger project called Science, Ethics and Responsibility in Developing and Emerging Countries, where in the first phase, literature and information is garnered through participation of various stakeholders. CED contributed a large number of non-formal, non-book sources of information. setdev.kicsforum.net

The IAWS Archive 1981-2007.

This is a compendium of nearly a 100 conference documents, selected publications including workshop reports and newsletters of the Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS), put together in a compact disc format.

Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change (INECC).

It was formed in mid-nineties to understand the issues relating to climate change and its implications especially for local communities and to create awareness among communities most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

www.inecc.net (under construction)

Documentation Workshops

- Four two-day training workshops for various organisations working in tsunami affected areas as part of Reconstruction for Development Centres, covering electronic documentation, using HTML technology, Proxy Doc-C based on CED documentation

- Four-day intensive residential module on Basics of Documentation for students of the Advanced Certificate Course for Village Level Workers Training Programme conducted by Centre for Experiential Learning under SNTD University.

- Two two-day seminars on Elements of Documentation, Electronic Documentation and Process Documentation for final year students of MSW and BSW at Nirmala Niketan.

- Orientation to Documentation - workshop for field workers of Community Centres attached to the Justice and Peace Cell, Mumbai.

- Two exposure programmes for students of Nirmala Niketan for BSW and MSW students of Nirmala Niketan at CED

The learning continues... we attended & spoke at

- Workshop on “**Video Archiving: Archive, Access, Anxiety**” organised by Shaina Anand of Chitrakarkhana in partnership with Oil21.org, Point of View, Majlis, ALF, Magic Lantern and a few others.

- Workshop “**Policy Matters: Insight from Civil Society Engaging with Science and Technology**” organised by Hyderabad Central University, Centre for World Solidarity, Knowledge in Civil Society Forum

Workshops/Events organised by CED

Round Tables on Climate Change - Creating space for dialogues on climate change; its impact on the region; and India's role in the global context. The Regional Meetings at Mumbai and Bangalore organized by CED, in collaboration with INECC and ICOR, served as an opportunity for a dialogue that could be collectively meaningful to influence decision making from a longer term perspective. Report on the round tables at inecc.net/...

"Changes as they happen, documented ! and on the move..."

- Travelling Film SouthAsia 2008, a vibrant package of documentaries being screened at CED Bangalore Roof Top, every saturday evening (28th Nov '08 - 14th Feb '09). CED, Bangalore will host such short events every saturday evening. You too can use this space.



Sharing session on Urban Agriculture

Snehalata Shrikhande from Pune, Preeti Patil from Mumbai Port Trust and Bharat Mansata of Earthscan books shared their experiences with Urban Agriculture and highlighted the role it can play to reduce our 'Food Miles'. Valerie Fernando of CED spoke on permeable pavers as a means to enhance rainwater harvesting in urban areas.

Documentation

In addition to our normal documentation work (clippings, reports, books), we did special documentation for the Reconstruction for Development Centres (RDC) programme. RDC was a post Tsunami initiative that mobilised all resources and expertise on habitat related issues. During the course of our work, we were able to connect more successfully with our target audience through our information outputs (posters, films, backgrounders, docposts, etc.).

In another programme we brought out technical manuals - in prints and electronic form - in Tamil and in English on the following themes.

- Rain Water Harvesting
- Energy Efficient Housing in Reconstruction
- Solid Waste Management
- Sanitation
- Sustainable Built Environment & Climate Change

Video Documentation

Our video documentation unit makes films and video documents. You can borrow these as DVDs to use in your work.

Films

What song shall I sing today? (Tamil & English, 32 min.): It highlights the plight of Tsunami affected people living in temporary shelters hoping to get permanent houses; and of those in permanent settlements, awaiting the arrival of basic amenities....

Sanitation for You & Me (English, 20 min.): The film showcases various sanitation options and technologies in a simple manner. It highlights the factors that help decide what technology is best suited for a particular area.

Don't Dump, Compost (English, 17 min.): If we keep dumping waste the way we do, it's bound to create serious problems in the future.

Is your home climate proof? (English, 19 min.): Everybody is talking about climate change; very few are doing something about it...

Let's clean up this mess (Tamil & English, 32 min.): This is what the women at the East Devadhanam in Trichy decided. And they succeeded.

VIDEO Documentation

CED has been involved in video documentation for almost 3 decades now. Several seminars, events, talks, interviews have been documented. We do this because most of us do not get the chance to attend these events or meet these people.

The Science and Politics of Genetic Engineering by Dr. Michael Hansen, a Senior Staff Scientist of Consumers Union, USA. The talk was organised by Institution of Agricultural Technologists in collaboration with Sahaja Samruddha.

..."I would like to share some of the myths that have been said about this technology, particularly one that it increases yield to help feed the world and second that it decreases pesticide use."

Seven students of Arena Multimedia volunteered with animation work for two of our films, and with drawings for some of our posters.

Towards Water Wisdom: Limits, Justice and Harmony

A talk by Dr. Ramaswamy Iyer, the initiator and principal draftsman of India's first National Water Policy in 1987, and former Secretary of Water Resources for the Government of India. The event was organised by Arghyam on 21 Nov 2007.

Critique of Sanitation Post-Tsunami:

An Interview with Vijay Anand, Exnora International, Chennai.

Vijay Anand has been very closely involved in the Tsunami rehabilitation process, particularly the sanitation scenario. In the interview Anand shares information on various sanitation options and the economics of it.