



## And the battle continues

**February 2006:** 9 given life sentences in the Best Bakery case by a trial court in Mumbai after Supreme Court directed the transfer out of Gujarat and retrial of the case.

**November 2011:** 31 given life sentence in the Sardarpura carnage case.

**April 2012:** 23 given life sentence in the Ode carnage case.

**April 2012:** 9 given life sentence in the second Ode carnage case.

**July 2012:** 22 given life sentence in the Deepda Darwaza carnage case.

**August 2012:** 32 given life sentence in the Naroda Patiya carnage case. Among those convicted is Dr Maya Kodnani, BJP MLA and former minister in Narendra Modi government and Babu Bajrangji, Bajrang Dal leader.

Survivor-witnesses of the genocide assisted by CJP's team of lawyers have thus already been successful in getting life sentences to 126 of the accused in 6 of the major carnage cases. This is historic. Never before has there been such conviction: Not after Nellie, Assam (1983); or Delhi (1984); or Meerut, UP (1987); or Bhagalpur, Bihar (1989); or Mumbai (1992-93). CJP's Legal Team will need to defend these convictions during appeals in the Gujarat HC and later the Supreme Court.

CJP is also recognized for driving institutionalized reform after amendments were made to sections of Indian Criminal law that has enhanced the rights of witnesses during a criminal prosecution (Section 24(8)(1) of the CrPC).

Path-breaking jurisprudence establishing principles and safeguards for the protection of human rights in general, witnesses during criminal trial and the rights of religious minorities in particular has also been the contribution of CJP through its 12 years of sustained legal interventions in the Courts.

**It is because of Teesta Setalvad that we have got justice and our faith in this country and judicial system has been renewed.**

— Shakila Bano Ansari, who lost seven family members including her husband, mother and sister, in the Naroda Patiya massacre (2012)

**You (Teesta Setalvad) are one of the most courageous and selfless activists who has chosen a difficult area full of challengers and dangers. Rest assured you will always find support and strength from your numerous admirers like myself.**

— Chaman Lal, distinguished Police Officer (retired)

## Justice for victims of Gujarat genocide (2002)

April 2002: A dozen prominent citizens of Mumbai form Citizens for Justice and Peace (CJP). Objective: Justice for victims and punishment for perpetrators of the genocide.

Path-breaking outcomes in many of the 68 different legal cases handled by CJP in the last 10 years representing over 550 survivor-witnesses: From lower courts in Gujarat to the Supreme Court.



Zakia Jafri, Gulberg Society Survivor



Teesta Setalvad, Secretary CJP

## Miles to go

CJP is presently engaged in 15 cases: from Gujarat courts to the Supreme Court. Among the cases awaiting justice is the Zakia Jafri case in which she has accused Narendra Modi (then Gujarat chief minister, now Prime Minister) along with 59 other top politicians, police officers and bureaucrats of criminal conspiracy for mass murder. Mrs Jafri is the widow of former Congress MP, Ehsan Jafri who was mercilessly butchered along with 68 others in Gulberg Society on February 28, 2002.

Since September 2012 onwards CJP has also been involved in other cases of mass crimes, especially the Dhule police firing (2012) and the Muzaffarnagar communal violence (2013) for justice, restitution and reparation.

CJP has supported a network of local lawyers and communities challenging persons in public life for instigating hate speech at normal times and during electioneering, both circumstances being violative of Indian criminal law (sections 153a and 153b and 505 of the IPC and sections 123a and 123b of the Representation of People's Act).

Join CJP's struggle for justice to Gujarat's victims of state-sponsored crimes against humanity. Also support an organisation working against the culture of impunity in other cases of targeted and mass crimes in the country.

**CJP's annual expenses are around Rs. 90,00,000. We urgently need your support.**