

CURRICULUM VITAE

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Journalism

Journalist since 1983. Reporter with *The Daily & The Indian Express*; Senior Correspondent with *The Business India*: Since August, 1993 Editor *Communalism Combat*, Bombay, Educationist, Social and Human Rights Activist Secretary, *Citizens for Justice and Peace*, Mumbai, Director, KHOJ, Education for a Plural India Programme

Through intrepid Investigative Journalism in *Communalism Combat* as also mainstream Indian newspapers has reported and analysed issued of communalization of the Indian Police Force, Institutionalised Bias in School textbooks and Caste and Gender Bias

Educator and Researcher

Educationist and Resarcher in History and Sovial Studdies since 1994; Curricular Writing and Teaching in the Classroom, running KHOJ India's Education for a Plural India Project.

Advisory Positions

Member of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) from 2004 till 2014; Government of India; Member of CABE Committee reconstituted in 2009; Member of Expert CABE Committee on "Regulatory Mechanisms for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks Taught in Schools outside the Government System" Joint Author of Report of the NCERT Committee Advisor of SCERT Board on the KHOJ Curriculum; Advisory Consultant of International Centre for Transitional Justice, New York & South Africa UNESCO's Peace Educators: In July 2000, the Director, Khoj (Teesta Setalvad), was elected President (Asia) of the International Association of Peace Educators (IAPE) at UNESCO's 6th World Conference on the Culture of Peace held in Paris.

Advocacy and Educational Training

Advocacy against Exclusion and Bias in History and Social studies Textbooks after analyzing Textbooks and policy in India for 45 years after Independence; Advocacy on the Issue of Criminal Justice System and Mass Crimes; Strong Advocate of Judicial & Police Reform; Organising Women of Dalit, Hindu and Muslim Communities especially Women and Youth Training Workshops: with Teachers in Private & State Schools (Six Every Year; Three Day Workshops)

Governance, Rule of Law, Justice Against Impunity

Resource Person at Police Training Workshop at Nagpur, Mumbai, Hyderabad ; Strong Advocacy on Administrative Reforms, Judicial Reforms and Police Reforms; Secretary Citizens for Justice and Peace, the main litigant in over 68 criminal cases trying to ensure justice for victims of mass communal crimes; the famed BEST Bakery case where justice was assured after transfer out of Gujarat, conviction of a sitting elected representative and former Minister in August 2012 (Naroda Patiya Case) cases ensuring reparation and against the culture of impunity; Leading the Research and Legal Advocacy for the pending case against a powerful and elected chief minister and 61 others following an apex court order and the Amicus Curiae opinion that there is enough evidence to prosecute many of those named by the Survivor Mrs Jafri and CJP in its complaint; The sustained legal Actions for Justice in Mass Crimes: Gujarat 2002 have created path breaking Jurisprudence while underlying the need for a National Witness Protection Programme, Independent

Directorates of Prosecution, Time Bound Trials and Police Reform; Justice for Minorities, Dalits and Women including the Best Bakery Case; Naroda Patiya, Sardarpura, Odh Gulberg Mass Massacre Trials; Class Action on Compensation; Case Related to Hate Speech in Gujarat and Maharashtra; Class Action for Compensation and Reparation; Setalvad was on the Drafting Committee of the Indian Government's National Advisory Council (NAC) that submitted a Draft Law for the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (2011)

Teesta Setalvad as the chief functionary of the organization, Citizens for Justice and Peace (CJP) has, collectively with her dedicated team including lawyers ensured that over 122 powerful perpetrators of the Gujarat carnage of 2002 are convicted to life imprisonment. CJP continues to ensure that the victories elicited in the Special Courts monitored by the Supreme Court of India are retained. CJP continues with its legal aid support to Victim Survivors in the appeals filed in the higher Courts, the attempts to get bail even in the changed and difficult political circumstances.

Setalvad has been made a brute target of six false criminal cases and faces continually the threat of arrest.

Peace Mapping, Prevention of Violence

Teesta Setalvad is in the process of designing and activating a Prevention of Violence/Peace Map Mechanism that will attempt to create a nationwide cadre of peace activists that will document the signals of the build up of communal, hate driven violence in various parts of India.

Alternate Internet Based News Portal

Setalvad along with her colleagues is in the process of the re-vamp and re-haul of the award winning magazine *Communalism Combat* and the alternate news portal www.sabrang.com . Electronic and print news and interviews will feature.

Plural Education and Diversity History Portal

The crucial elements of the KHOJ education for a plural India programme running for 19 years can be glimpsed on www.khojedu.net . We are in the process of re-designing and recreating a vibrant alternate history web portal, regular SMS/WHATs APP secular history messaging to counter the dominant majoritarian tendencies in India.

Curriculum Writing

Authorship & Production of Alternate History and Social Studies Text books and Supplementary Materials in use in Municipal Schools and Private Schools as Supplementary Material Authored Multi-Media CD ROM on *History/Civic for Middle School*

Setalvad has authored chapters on Alternative History & Social Studies Teaching Methodologies for both SAGE and another edited by Professor Candice Carter one of the leaders the world over in Peace Education (Candice C Carter, Phd, and Editor, *Journal of Stellar Peacemaking*, University of Education & Human Services, Jacksonville, USA). (Peace Philosophy in Action, Published by Macmillan in 2010) Setalvad's Chapter is entitled, "Pluralism and Transformative Social Studies 'Us and Them': Challenges for the Indian Classroom

Special Lectures

Towards a Modern Indigenous Historical Framework: Women and Pluralism in the Making of Our Histories, Abha Maiti Memorial Lecture, Asiatic Society, Kolkatta, August 22,2014.

Towards an Indigenous Historical Framework, Special Colloquium Lecture at the Azim Premji University, January 2014

A Public's Dilemma: Constitutional Principles Versus Majoritarianism, Volken Memorial Lecture July 2013, ISI, Bangalore

Human Rights for All: Constitutional Values and Education-A Challenge for the Indian Republic, Vidyajyoti College, July 2012

Secular Values and Communal Problems, Dr. Ambedkar College of Commerce and Economics.

The Constitutional Mandate & Education to the CABE Committee, 2005

The Reform of the Law & Law Delivery, Law Society of India;

Educational Policy, the Minorities & India's Diversity, at Gandhi Peace Foundation;
Caste in Indian Textbooks, Milind College, Aurangabad
Gandhi's Assassination and Indian Textbooks, at KHOJ, India
Accountability in the Indian Judiciary, National Judicial Academy Bhopal, October 10, 2009
Methodology of History Teaching, at Shivaji University, Pune.
Delivered 10th PC Joshi Memorial Lecture, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 31, 2003-04-08
Delivered Champa Foundation Memorial Lecture, November 1998

Other Writing

Footsoldier of the Constitution, Teesta Setalvad, A Memoir, Leftword, 2017
Beyond Doubt A Dossier on Gandhi's Assassination, edited by Teesta Setalvad, Tullika Books, 2015
Editor, *Gujarat: Behind The Mirage*, A Collection of Informed Arguments, The Book People, 2014
Author of chapter, *Reporting a Genocide*, in *Making News, Breaking News Her own Way*, Tranquebar Press, 2012
Author of Chapter, *Pluralism and Transformative Social Studies "Us and Them: Challenges for the Indian Classroom,"* Peace Philosophy in Action, Palgrave Macmillan, edited by Candice Carter & Ravindra Kumar, 2010
Author of chapter, *Justice Delayed is Justice Denied— Mass Crimes in India: A Challenge to Our Democracy; India* (Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust); Academic Foundation, 2006;
Author of chapter, *Criminals in Uniform, Gujarat Police*, Penguin India *Gujarat—Tragedy Unending*, 2002
Author of chapter, *The Big Story' --- Bombay 1992-1993 to Gujarat 2002*; Penguin India
Author of chapter, *Media and the Minorities*, ICSSR, 2001
Author of *Hate Speech and Our Courts*, Pune Law College, 2001
Author of chapter, *Women Shivsainik and her sister Sanghchalika* for a book being published by Kali for Women- Women & the Hindu Right

Direction and Script Writing

Direction and script-writing, *Bombay – A Myth Shattered*. a 25-minute documentary on the Bombay riots.
Educational Video Direction of a panel discussion *Past & Prejudice* with India leading historians
Co-producer of a 10-minute documentary film for ARDE (German TV) on human rights violations. Deals with illegal detention and torture of hundreds of innocent Muslims following the bomb blasts in Bombay.
Researcher, first 13 episode of ZEE TV talk show 'Chakravyuh'.
Script-writing, research for *Parliamentary Quiz* and *Unsung Heroes* for Doordarshan (Indian Government channel).

Awards Received

- Recipient, **"PUCL Journalism For Human Rights Awards, 1993**, March 1993
- Recipient, **"Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Journalist, 1993**, January 1993
- (Among other things, both citations made special reference to interceptions of police wireless message during the January, 1993 riots which expose the anti-Muslim bias of the force. Besides, the national press, the story was picked up by BBC, CNN and 'The New York Times'. Was also interviewed by CNN)
- **The Ramkrishna Jaidayal Harmony Award (1998)** from the Organisation of Understanding and Fraternity, Delhi for excellence in writing on communal harmony in English, December 1998

- **Maharana Mewar Foundation's Hakim Khan Sur award, 1998-1999** to **Javed Anand** and **Teesta Setalvad**, April 1999
- **The Ramkrishna Jaidayal Harmony Award (1999)** from the Organisation of Understanding and Fraternity, Delhi; to **Communalism Combat, Khoj and Aman**, December 1999
- **The Human Rights Award 2000** instituted by the Dalit Liberation Education Trust, Chennai, Tamil Naidu; to **Teesta Setalvad**, December 2000
- **The Prince Claus Award 2000 (Netherlands)**, “in recognition of exceptional initiatives in the field of journalism and development”, to **Communalism Combat**. Since 1997, the annual Prince Claus Awards (named after HRH Prince Claus of Netherlands) have been presented “to people and organisations to recognise and encourage their exceptional achievements in the field of culture and development in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean”, December 2000
- **The Pax Christi International Human Rights Award, October 2001.**
- The Xaviers Institute of Communications **Father Divakar Communication for Peace Award, January 2002.**
- **Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award 2002**, awarded jointly to **Teesta Setalvad** and **Harsh Mander**, Action Aid, India, August 2002
- **3rd Prakash Kaphley International Solidarity Award (PKISA)** December 2002.
- **Staines International Award for Religious Harmony** jointly awarded to **Teesta Setalvad** and **Admiral Ramdas**, August 2003
- **Nuremberg International Human Rights Award 2003**, awarded jointly to **Teesta Setalvad** and **Ibn Abdur Rehman** (Pakistan), September 2003
- **Vocational Excellence Award for Community Service for Communal Harmony**, Rotary Club, Mumbai West to **Teesta Setalvad**, October 2003
- **M. A. Thomas National Human Rights Award 2004**, Vigil India Movement, September 2004
- **Siva Prasad Barooah National Award for Journalism for 2002**, The Kamal Kumari Foundation, charitable trust, Assam
- **Maharashtra Foundation Award for Social Activist**, 2004
- **Defender of Democracy Award 2004**, Parliamentarians for Global Action, New York

- **Mother Teresa Memorial National Award for Social Justice** November 2006
- **Nani Palkhivala Civil Liberties Award for 2006**, to Teesta Setalvad, January 2007
- **Awarded the PADMASRI by the President of India, Shri APJ Abdul Kalam for Social Journalism and Social Justice.** The announcement was made on January 26, 2007 and the Investiture Ceremony was on March 23, 2007.
- **Mahatma Gandhi Peace Awards 2004-2005**, to **Teesta Setalvad** for outstanding work on **behalf of State Minorities Commission**, March 2007
- **Matoshri Bhimabai Ambedkar 2007**, to **Teesta Setalvad** for Human Rights Activities, January 2008
- **Pride of India Award, 2008** to Teesta Setalvad, AFMI New York, 2008
- **Award of Excellence in Community Services**, to Teesta Setalvad, NEEDS (Neo Educational & Economic Development Society), **BINT-E-HIND 2011**
- Awarded the **Jan Mitra Award** to **Teesta Setalvad** for her relentless fight for the rights of minorities and India's diversity by People's Vigilance Committee for Human rights, awarded by Swami Avimukteshwaranand, Varanasi, 9 August 2014
- **Bi Amma Award for Outstanding Contribution in Public Life, particularly Womens' Welfare**, Maulana Muhamad Ali Jauhar Academy, 10 December 2014
- **Mes Excellence Award** presented to **Teesta Setalvad** for contribution to Communal Harmony by The Education Society 2014-2015
- **Quaide Milleth Award for Probity in Political and Public Life** presented jointly to **Teesta Setalvad**, March 2015
- National Convention for peace & Harmony "Umbrella for Peace" Varanasi organised by Aman Committee Swaraj Abhiyan presented the **Aman Doot Award for the year 2015-2016** to **Teesta Setalvad**
- Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Centenary Award – 2015 for **Social Justice and Human Rights Crusade** conferred on **Teesta Setalvad**, Secretary, Citizens for Justice and Peace on November 15, 2016 at Madurai
- **Wockhardt Foundation Human Rights Popular Awards** in Category— Minority Rights Activists of the Year is presented to **Teesta Setalvad** on December 10, 2016

- **Humanity International Women Achiever Awards 2018**, presented to Teesta Setalvad on Womens Day March 8, 2018