

HOW SOCIETIES CHANGE?

10TH SHOLA FELLOWSHIP – HYDERABAD, 3rd – 6th January 2006

Programme

Day 1 – Arrivals. Meet by evening & over dinner – walk, talk...

Day 2:

Discussion theme led by Rupa

- Different Societies in India – urban, rural. (Few examples)
- Why do they change? Factors and Indicators of change. Need for change. Triggers.
- Role of leaders, philosophers, spiritual gurus and revolutionaries
- Mapping change – who maps societal change, how does it get recorded (group discussion)
- How Societies change – theoretical, descriptive, qualitative, prose sessions – through event-building; own experience in work / literature – demonstrate the common threads and process factors that bring in change in societies. Each person to talk about some aspect or part of society they belong to or engage with.

Day 3:

Morning: Spillover from Day 2

Hyderabad City Trip: Field Work – Observe Change in Societies through this historical city – be in groups – mingle in the old city; watch traditions, modernity, talk, see and make notes.

Evening theme led by Som: What changes did you see today? Are they changes? Forecast – what would happen? Image – construction.

Day 4:

Discussion theme led by Chau

Guest lectures / experience sharing of “How Societies Change”? In your respective work, area, people – with whom you interact, how do you see yourself as part of the society? Are you part of that change? Or are you out of it? Do you engage with change? At what level? With whom? How? Examples, incidents – this session should be as diverse as possible – with examples from different groups, different people from different walks of life – to get a big swipe on the societal canvas.

Evening: Wrap-up; relax, catch –up, plan for 2007...