

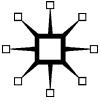
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In most cases I transliterate Gujarati terms into English following the style that appears in *Gujarati-Angreji Kosh* (by Pandurang Ganesh Deshpande (1993) University Production Board (Ahmedabad). I preserve linguistic variances or what might be wrongly identified as “grammatical errors,” that I encountered as I conducted ethnographic interviews in Gujarati in order to convey to the reader the linguistic register on which statements were articulated to myself.

I employ the following format: Bardoli Satyagraha, Kheda Satyagraha, and so on for specific episodes of satyagraha; however, I have opted to employ “satyagraha” with a lower-case ‘s’ in instances when I discuss the philosophy or vision of Mohandas Gandhi’s method of self-reform and popular mobilization.

When appropriate, I also employ the term Muslim communities in order to signal the diversity of Muslim communities that has existed in British India and postcolonial India, a reality that is sometimes reduced with the more common term that is employed to identify Muslims: “the Muslim community.” The British government employed the term “Scheduled Castes” from 1935 onward and it refers to lists of untouchable communities identified by state. The term that is commonly employed is “Dalit” which has come to mean “ground down” or “broken” in Gujarati and appeared around the 1920s. Unless seeking to identify specific untouchable communities in Gujarat, I employ the term “Dalit” throughout the text as it is commonly used in India, even if it might be perceived as being somewhat anachronistic, as a means to recognize the claims of Dalit communities to a history of oppression and resistance against the injustices, violence, and inequality produced by caste difference.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABVP	Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
CWMG	Collected Works of Mohandas Gandhi
CWSP	Collected Works of Sardar Patel
ECWGMG	Electronic version of Collected Works of Mohandas Gandhi
KHAM	Kshatriyas Harijans Adivasis Muslims
ITC	Instructors' Training Camp
MLA	Member of Legislative Assembly
MP	Member of Parliament
OBC	Other Backward Caste
OTC	Officers' Training Camp
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
TOI	Times of India
VHP	Vishwa Hindu Parishad

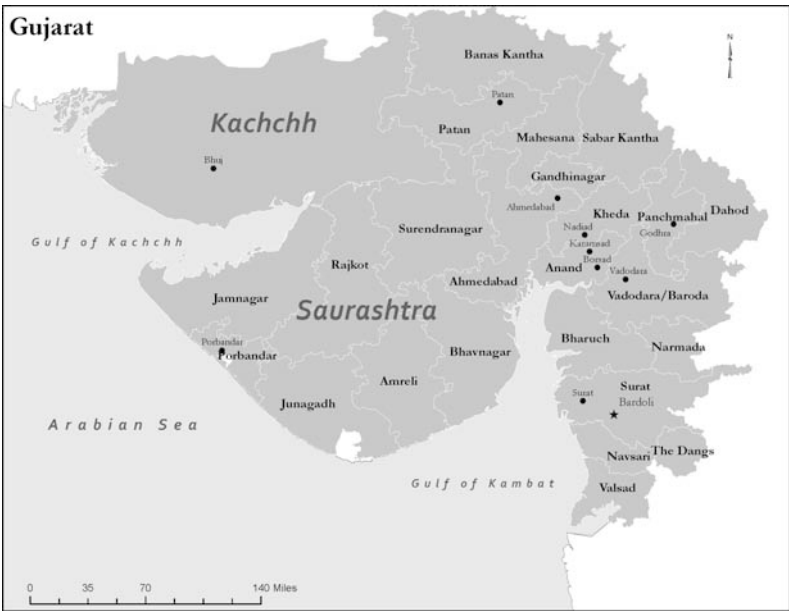


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