ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND GLOSSARY OF KEY CONCEPTS

The present research study uses the following key concepts defined as per the census reports and other statistical documents of Government of India and other standard academic sources.

- **Adult sex ratio (ASR)** - The number of females per 1000 of males in the 7+ years of age groups
- **Child sex ratio (CSR)** - The number of females per thousand males in the age group 0–6 years in a human population also known as juvenile sex ratio.
- **Declining child sex ratio (CSR)** - The fall in the number of females surviving vis-à-vis males in the age group of 0-6 years due to natural, demographic or human –induced factors.
- **Declining sex ratio (DSR)/Adverse sex ratio** - The fall in the number of females surviving vis-à-vis males due to natural, demographic or human –induced factors.
- **Ethnographic data/literature** - The detailed socio-cultural-demographic written account or description of a particular social group or community. (In this study it refers to descriptive account of Vadodara city).
- **Female Infanticide** - Killing of a girl child in the post natal, infant stage (0-1 years of age group).
- **Feminist research methodology** - The method used as a critique of mainstream androcentric model of research. It is a method which empowers women and gives them a voice to speak about the social life from their perspective.
- **Focus group discussions (FGD)** - A method of data collection through group interviews (8-10 respondents) moderated by researcher.
- **Gender Socialization** - The learning process of male and female members of society about internalizing their roles, responsibilities, values and norms.
- **Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR)** – It is defined as the number of maternal deaths of women in the ages 15-49 per lakh (100,000) of women in that age group.
- **Normative construction of girl child** - The socio-cultural devaluation and discrimination against the girl child in India
- **Patriarchy** - A social system of masculine domination over women. Rule by the male head of a social unit especially family. The patriarch is a societal leader who has legitimate power over others in the social unit (family) including other men, all women and children.
• **PCPNDT Act** - The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 (amendment in 2003), framed to penalize the stake holders involved in sex selective abortion.

• **Sex determination/ sex determination test or techniques (SD/SDT)** - The process of identifying or determining the sex of the foetus in the pre-natal (pre-birth) stage through new reproductive technologies namely, amniocentesis, chronic villi biopsy, ultra Sonography, or pre-conception techniques like Ericsson method and Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD).

• **Sex Ratio (SR)** - The number of females per 1000 of males in the population.

• **Sex ratio at birth (SRB)** - The number of girls born for every 1000 boys born. It is calculated by Civil Registration System (CRS) and Sample Registration System (SRS).

• **Sex selective abortion (SSA)** – Pre-birth elimination of the female foetus by medically terminating the pregnancy in the first or second trimester.

• **Violence against Women (VAW)** – Any behaviour (mostly by men) which harms or aims to harm, causes suffering to the women either physically, sexually or emotionally. It includes, rape, sexual abuse, dowry harassment, bride burning, mental or emotional torture, denial of rights and opportunity etc.