Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

_Pir/ Peerzada_- a saint who has both scriptural and mystical knowledge

_Rath yatra_- literally means journey by chariot that has religious connotations and is a part of annual ritual of Jagganath temples where a chariot is drawn by ropes. BJP uses rath yatras as an important campaign strategy for mobilisation.

_Mood vatan_- original place of residence/ place that one belongs too

_Masjid_- mosque

_Mohalla_- a Muslim neighbourhood

_garba ras_- traditional group dance

_danda ras_- traditional group dance with sticks

_kar sevaks_- a volunteer working for the Ramjanmabhoomi movement for the building of a Ram temple over what is believed to his birthplace over which a 16th century mosque now stands.

_Ilakas_- areas

_Sarpanch_- the elected village chief who heads the village panchayat

_Dhamaal_- riot

_Vatani_- a resident, one who belongs to the place

_Jamaat_- occupational, caste or doctrinal group among Muslims

_Shuttle_- larger autorickshas that have a total of three rows of seats. Autorickshas that are shared by people going to different destinations along the same route are also called shuttle

_Lari_- hand cart

_Galla_- stall

_Colony_- a collection of houses in cites usually marked by a boundary wall

_Potlis_- sac made by tying together the ends of a large piece of cloth

_Hijrat_- exodus

_IDPs_- Internally Displaced Persons

_UN_- United Nations

_UNHCR_- United Nations High Commission on Refugees

_NGO_- Non Governmental Organisation

_NSSO_- National Sample Survey Organisation
US- United States
MP- Member of Parliament
MLA- Member of Legislative Assembly
NHRC- National Human Rights Commission
SHRC- State Human Rights Commission
NCM- National Commission for Human Rights
GR- Government Resolution
GOG- Government of Gujarat
BJP- Bharatiya Janata Party
ABVP- Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarthi Parishad (All India Students Federation)
BBC- British Broadcasting Corporation
IRMA- Institute of Rural Management Anand
PM- Prime Minister
CM- Chief Minister
AVHRS- Antarik Visthapith Hak Rakshak Samitee (Committee for the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons)
RTO- Regional Transport Office
SEWA- Self Employed Womens Association