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Abstract: This essay engages with the anthropology of development by discussing how development projects of welfare initiated by the state or NGOs are embedded in a larger cultural politics which include resource extraction, dispossession and displacement. This essay examines experiences of development among two social groups: (1) Bhilala adivasis displaced by a dam in the Narmada valley in central India; and (2) slum-dwellers and squatters evicted from their homes in Delhi. Through their experiences, it traces the state practices that they encounter, where extraordinary violence exists alongside everyday welfare functions. Such an analysis is important for understanding the relations between claiming citizenship and cultural identity for different subaltern groups, and how these have changed with economic development and liberalization.

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