



We conclude our tour confronting topics relating to the closure and social struggles of mines and miners, brought about with their hard determination to obtain firstly better working conditions, and mostly the advancement of an alternate vision of development based on the valuation of human resources, environment and culture. Common to all miners, mining signified sacrifices and danger, but most of all, it represented a privilege in their poor but small world, guaranteeing, albeit miserable, a monthly pay packet, which consented a humble measure of future projected plans. The Mercury crisis which started in 1973, brought about the gradual closures of mines between 1982 and 1984, miners were laid-off, some were pensioned off and some were awaiting to be re-qualified and inserted into new activities that offered better working conditions, but most of all, to advance an alternate vision of development based on the valuation of Human resources, environment and productivity.