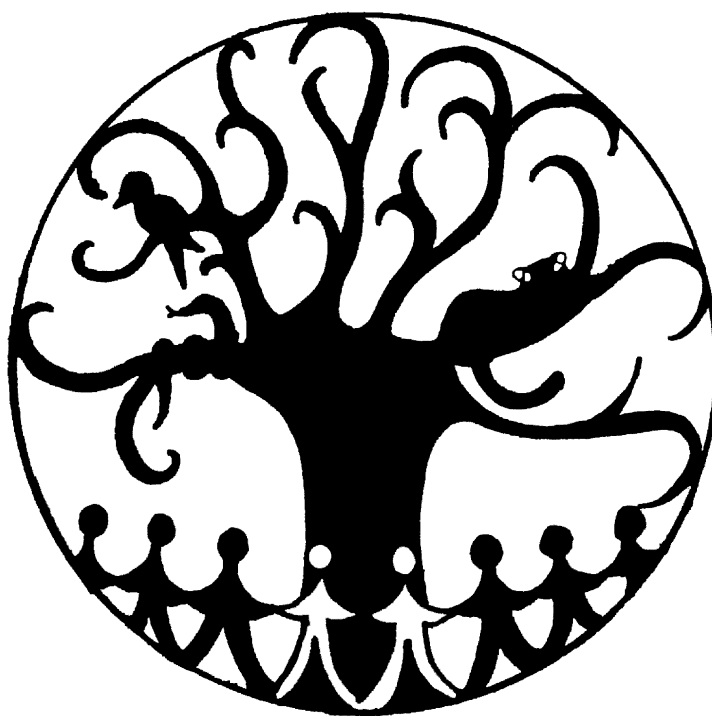


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ABOUT KALPAVRIKSH

BEGINNINGS

Kalpavriksh is a non-governmental organisation working in the area of environment education, research, campaigns and direct action. It began in 1979, with a youth campaign to save Delhi's Ridge Forest area from encroachments and destruction. Starting with these roots in local action, Kalpavriksh has moved on to work on a number of local, national and global issues. Kalpavriksh is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1980(No. S-17439) and is based in Delhi and Pune.

PHILOSOPHY

Kalpavriksh believes that a country can develop meaningfully only when ecological sustainability and social equity are guaranteed, and a sense of respect for and oneness with nature and fellow humans is achieved.

GOVERNANCE

Kalpavriksh is a non-hierarchical organisation. One of the working principles that emanated from the philosophy of the group, was a democratic decision making process. All decisions are taken during group meetings and based on group consensus.

FUNCTIONING

Core Functions: which include general administration, website administration, finance, accounts and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office.

Projects and activities are related to the following themes:

- Environment Education
- Environment and Development
- Conservation and Livelihoods
- Urban Environments
- Alternatives



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting was held in Pune on 4th and 5th of October, 2015. Selection of the governing body (core group), the office bearers and financial auditor was done at this meeting.

Treasurer: Milind Wani

Secretary: Sharmila Deo

Other Members: Anchal Sondhi, Meenakshi Kapoor, Manju Menon, Prabhakar Rao, Kanchi Kohli, Neeraj Vagholikar, Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak

Auditors: Anita Limaye, Chartered Accountant, Pune

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

Kalpavriksh organised an orientation programme to familiarise the members on the The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The meeting was conducted by Advocate Rama Sarode, on 4th July 2015.

Kalpavriksh has an Internal Complaints Committee for its Pune and Delhi office. The members are:

Pune: Sujatha Padmanabhan (Presiding Officer), Shiba Desor, Prajakta Kulkarni, Neeraj Vagholikar and Advocate Rama Sarode as an external expert.

Delhi: Meenakshi Kapoor (Presiding Officer), Anchal Sondhi, Seema Bhatt, Prabhakar Rao and Shalini Bhutani.

PART A: PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

1A. Environment Education Material for Forests Of Central India

COORDINATOR: TANYA MAJMUDAR
PROJECT TEAM: SHARMILA DEO
YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2015
YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING
FUNDS SANCTIONED: 1,34,801
FUNDING AGENCY: LAST WILDERNESS FOUNDATION

Developments

Last Wilderness Foundation is a Mumbai based organisation that works on conservation related issues in and around tiger reserves of Central India. They approached Kalpavriksh to develop environment education material to support their work. The MoU was signed in April.

The following material was developed:

- 1) Two games to familiarise children with the flora and fauna of Central India: Bingo and Dominoes. These were developed as bilingual games, in Hindi and English. The illustrations were done by Sushama Durve.
- 2) A children's book of activities and information on local wildlife, for children was developed. This is titled "Jungle ke Rahasya". It is due to be published in mid-2016 and is in Hindi.

1B. Book on Alternatives in Food

COORDINATOR: SUJATHA PADMANABHAN
PROJECT TEAM: SHARMILA DEO, TANYA MAJMUDAR, SHIBA DESOR
YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2015
YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING
FUNDS SANCTIONED: 1,87,000 (THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVES PROJECT)
FUNDING AGENCY: OXFAM INDIA (PARTIAL SUPPORT- MISEREOR)

Developments

A children's book on alternatives in food was written, titled "Something to Chew On". This

was in conjunction with the work being carried out by the Alternatives Team of Kalpavriksh. The book consists of the history and diversity of food across India, issues and alternatives regarding health, medicine, environment, equity and so on. Art work for the book has been done by Rohan Chakravarty. The budget excludes printing costs.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

2A. Environment and Development Related Research and Advocacy

COORDINATION AND TEAM: KANCHI KOHLI (WITH INPUTS FROM MANJU MENON)

YEAR OR COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION: ONGOING FOR CAMPAIGN AND RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES SINCE 2000

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: ASSOCIATION FOR INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT (AID) COLLEGE PARK FUNDS OF BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN (CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2013 AND ADDITIONAL RS. 3,13,475 RECEIVED IN MAY 2015)

FUNDING AGENCIES: AID

Developments:

The ongoing research work related to development and environment concerns continued during this period. Members of the team regularly coordinated on telephone and email with local groups and individuals on specific queries and applied research strategy inputs. Other than the policy and legal research on various GoI circulars and orders, the campaign provided technical support on local specific issues in Ratnagiri (Maharashtra); Jagatsinghpur (Odisha), Raoghat (Chhatisgarh).

The Campaign team also wrote popular articles on these subjects. Dissemination of KV E&D publications continued during this period in meetings, through presentations and so on.

2B. Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India

COORDINATOR: NEERAJ VAGHOLIKAR

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION: ONGOING SINCE 2001

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: N.A. FOR 2015-16

FUNDING AGENCIES: N.A. FOR 2015-16

Developments:

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaging with social and environmental aspects of large dams in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India co-ordinated by Neeraj involves

support to local groups on environmental and social aspects of the issue and advocacy at the regional/national levels on the same. In the current year the focus was primarily on: engagement with decision-making expert bodies on environment and forest clearances of certain hydropower and dam projects in the Northeast; continued focus on downstream impacts of hydropower projects on communities and sensitive ecosystems in the Brahmaputra floodplains; social and ecological impacts of certain projects on high-altitude ecosystems and species in the Eastern Himalayas; and provision of technical support to enviro-legal advocacy by local groups on the same.

CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS

3A. National Level Advocacy – Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act and Other Conservation Laws and Policies

TEAM: NEEMA PATHAK BROOME, MEENAL TATPATI, SHRUTI AJIT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2007

YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING (DIFFERENT PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FOR DIFFERENT PERIODS)

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED IN THIS PERIOD: RS. 1,177,500

FUNDING AGENCY: VASUNDHARA (AS PART OF THEIR AGREEMENT WITH OXFAM INDIA AS PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS UNDER COMMUNITY RIGHTS LEARNING AND ADVOCACY OF COMMUNITY FOREST RIGHTS)

Developments:

In 2015-16, there has been continued focus on advocacy and understanding of the provisions of Forest Rights Act, with a specific focus on Community Forest Rights at all levels as a part of a larger project on CFR learning and advocacy initiated by Kalpavriksh and Vasundhara with support from Oxfam in December 2011. There has also been regular advocacy with MoTA, MoEFCC, and PMO through letters and meetings on FRA related issues both at the organization level, and through the network.

A national consultation on CFR was organized in Delhi on 14-15 December 2015. People's elected representatives, from many political parties attended various sessions of the consultation and interacted with the participants.

Annual Citizens' Report on the status of implementation of CFRs, for 2015-16 has been prepared, including all the above mentioned issues and is currently in press. In addition to the report, like the year before, in 2015-16 also a number of consultations, capacity building workshops, field investigations, case studies, policy submissions, etc. were made. Some of these activities are described below:

Inputs and advice were provided for facilitation and better implementation of FRA to various grassroot level organisations, individuals and local community representatives. This has been done through correspondence and through participation in meetings organized by these organisations on site-specific issues related to FRA implementation.

Policy Comments

- 26th September 2015: Comments on draft guidelines for participation of private sector in afforestation of degraded forests issued by the MoEFCC
- 30th March 2016: Comments on revised Draft Wildlife Action Plan

3B. State Level Advocacy of Community Forest Resources

3B. (i) Documentation and Advocacy in Maharashtra on CFRs

TEAM: NEEMA PATHAK BROOME AND YAGYASHREE KUMAR

OTHERS INVOLVED: SHRUTI MOKASHI (AS AN INTERN)

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2013

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: MAINLY VOLUNTARY BUT TRAVEL AND LOCAL EXPENSES SUPPORTED BY LOK SANGHARSHA MORCHA AND KALPAVRIKSH

Developments:

Maharashtra related information continues to be shared regularly on the state level e-group on CFRs in Maharashtra. Kalpavriksh has also been in touch with local *sangathanas* and NGOs, which are involved in implementation of the Act for regular updates. These updates have been shared with the concerned authorities as and when need has arisen. Currently a state level consultation is being planned by network of Maharashtra civil society groups.

A state level civil society coordination committee for facilitation of CFRs in Maharashtra was constituted after a meeting of organisations working on CFRs in the state at Jalgaon in Gandhi Ashram, Jain Hills.

A detailed case study on management and governance of CFRs in Maharashtra is currently being conducted.

3B. (ii) Conservation and Development towards co-existence of Humans and Wildlife in and around Yawal wildlife sanctuary

TEAM: NEEMA PATHAK BROOME, SHRUTI AJIT, PRADEEP CHAVAN, SUBHASH DOLAS (BHIMASHANKAR TEAM MEMBER)

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION: 2010 AND ONGOING

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: VOLUNTARY

Development

Kalpavriksh continues to extend its support to Lok Sangharsha Morcha (LSM) based in Nadurbar and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra in a process towards establishment of rights under FRA; development of a co-existence plan including biodiversity conservation and social (health, education, water, energy, etc) development; and actual implementation of these plans in 17 villages within and around Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. This is with the overall objective of supporting and facilitating democratic conservation governance.

Much of the focus this year was on process documentation, and initiating a new project on NTFPs, traditional knowledge systems and facilitating of ground processes.

3C. State and Local Level Advocacy on Protected Areas

3C. (i) Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

COORDINATION AND TEAM: PRADEEP CHAVAN AND NEEMA PATHAK BROOME

SUPPORT TEAM: MILIND WANI, SHRUTI MOKASHI (AS AN INTERN)

LOCAL TEAM: SUBHASH DOLAS, SANTOSH KATHE, DINKAR VANGHARE AND SUNIL BHOKTE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: SEPTEMBER 2006

YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: PRADEEP CHAVAN HAS GOT A FELLOWSHIP FROM DULEEP MATHAI FELLOWSHIP FOR TWO YEARS (OCTOBER 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 2015) FOR HONEY BEE CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS PROGRAMME.).

Developments:

Capacity Building programme:

- ❖ Organized a training programme on Forest Rights Act (FRA) and Right To Information Act (RTI)
- ❖ Facilitated process of filing claims for CFR of Bhivegaon village and submitted the same to the Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC).
- ❖ Facilitated the process of Mapping of Kharpud and Mhasewadi Villages.
- ❖ Facilitated the process of forming Forest Rights Committee at Upper Bhomale Village
- ❖ Helping Kisan Sabha organization and Lokpanchayat in FRA (especially CFR) implementation in Ambegao Taluka of Pune District and Akole Taluka in Ahmednagar district respectively.
- ❖ With the help of Sub divisional offices at Manchar and Rajgurunagar, organized two trainings for the government officials on Forest Rights Act.
- ❖ Organized a small training for the Bhorgiri Eco-village development committee members about Eco-village development scheme and roles and responsibilities of the committee.
- ❖ Organized three meeting of NGOs and individuals working in the landscape between Bhimashankar and Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuaries on the landscape level approach for conservation.
- ❖ Facilitated the Uncultivated Vegetable Festival at Garbewadi.
- ❖ Facilitated two Self Help groups workshops cum meetings organized by Garbewadi and Bhomale (Upper) villages.
- ❖ Following up eco-tourism activity in Yelavali village.

3C. (ii) Honey Bee conservation and Livelihood programme:

Developments:

- Facilitated the meetings and discussions with honey harvesters on the conservation of bees and their habitats.
- Facilitate the process of Habitat revival with some honey harvesters.
- Facilitated the Honey enterprise by Jai Sadguru Women Self Help Group.
- Drafted Honey bee conservation and management plan with honey harvesters.

3D. Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas

3D. (i) Community Conserved Areas in India

COORDINATOR: NEEMA PATHAK BROOME

TEAM: ASHISH KOTHARI

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION: ONGOING

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: VOLUNTARY

Developments:

- A trip to Orans in Alwar and to facilitate a meeting of elders from the Orans to form a federation.
- Developing plans for future action in India on CCAs with ICCA Consortium
- Exploring possible collaborators and funders for a National workshop on CCAs in India

3D (ii) Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia

COORDINATORS: NEEMA PATHAK BROOME

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2011

YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED/REMAINING: NONE

CCA South Asia Google group

A google group discussion forum has now being set up for inter communication and sharing of information among the various members of ICCA Consortium in South Asia. Need based help and information dissemination continues to be carried out.

PAs and ICCAs

An international policy document on interface between PA and ICCAs in Overlapping situations finalized, along with other members of ICCA Consortium and a policy brief developed on the same issue.

3D. (iii) Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

COORDINATOR: MILIND WANI

TEAM: MILIND WANI, PRADEEP CHAVAN, SUBHASH DOLAS, DINAK WANGHARE, MINAL SONAWANE, VIKAL SAMDARIYA, ANURADHA ARJUNWADKAR, GOVIND KHALSODE

ADVISORY TEAM: NEEMA PATHAK, PANKAJ SEKHSARIA, SEEMA BHATT.

ADVISORS AND ASSOCIATES (EXTERNAL): KUMAR SHIRALKAR (RASHTRIYA ADIVASI ADHIKAR MANCH)).

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: DECEMBER 2014.

YEAR OF COMPLETION: NOVEMBER 2017.

TOTAL FUNDS SANCTIONED: 166,365 EUROS.

FUNDING AGENCY: MISEREOR

Developments:

1. Published two issues of newsletter People in Conservation
 - a. Volume 6, Issue I – Special issue on Vikalp (Alternatives)
 - b. Volume 6, Issue 2 – Special issue on Environmental Justice

3D. (iv) Protected Area Update

COORDINATOR: PANKAJ SEKHSARIA

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1994

YEAR OF COMPLETION: ONGOING

FUNDING: PROJECTED BUDGET FOR APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016 – RS. 7,00,000

FUNDS SANCTIONED– RS. 3,00,000. BY THE DULEEP MATTHAI NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST. RS. 1,00,000 BY IBCN, BNHS AND APPROXIMATELY RS. 80,000 WERE RAISED THROUGH DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Developments:

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 3, June 2015 (No. 115)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 4, August 2015 (No. 116)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 5, October 2015 (No. 117)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 6, December 2015 (No. 118)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXII No. 1, February 2016 (No. 119)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXII No. 2, April 2016 (No. 120)

A&N Islands

- Ongoing co-ordination and moderating of the andamanicobar yahoogroup

URBAN ENVIRONMENT

4A. Urban Greens in Pune

COORDINATORS: SHARMILA DEO

FUNDS: VOLUNTARY

Development

A road widening proposal was floated by the Pune Municipal Corporation for a 30 metre wide road starting from VAMNICOM Institute (Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management) on Ganeshkhind Road gate near Pune University circle to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chowk on Aundh road in Pune. There were many issues with this proposal, including felling of several trees, and many individuals and groups had objected to it. One such group, the ICS Bhosalenagar Mohalla Committee had strongly protested and there has been a long campaign trying to keep the existing road as it is. The Committee had approached the OIKOS group in Pune, to do an Ecological Assessment of the area. OIKOS agreed to do the survey, in which they requested KV to endorse or participate in, along with other groups and individuals.

Sharmila participated in the survey and contributed to the list of fauna. She also helped in collating and editing of the final report which has been handed over to the Committee.

A peaceful protest march was held on 5th June 2016 to stop the PMC from indiscriminate and arbitrary cutting of trees along the stretch of the road mentioned above. Many members from Kalpavriksh participated in the gathering.

4b. Urban Greens Delhi

COORDINATORS: PRABHAKAR RAO

FUNDS: VOLUNTARY

Developments

- The NGT case on trees filed by Aditya Prashad, in which Kalpavriksh had joined has been disposed of, after almost three years of continuous hearings. The NGT has given a direction to report any violations by agencies.
- The Native Tree Nursery that was started in Zakir Husain Delhi college with BNHS has come out nicely and are presently in a position to give trees for distribution to the public in the coming monsoon (July-August 2016)
- Bird friendly trees and bushes in the college have been planted to attract birds.

- Students have learnt to make bird feeders and nests by BNHS and have installed them at various places in the college.
- Cloth bags were made on a large scale in the college. The attempt is to make all first year students switch to cloth bags.
- Chintan (an organisation that works with wastepickers and others to recycle waste) has started collecting e- wastes from the college.
- The college is shifting to solar energy shortly. The work is in progress.
- In the college canteen, there is a shift towards more millet based food alternatives and teachers from different regions are encouraged to promote regional food that provide greater diversity.
- In Sector-14 NOIDA, a tree census was carried out with the help of children. This was preceded by a get together by parents and children. A fun programme was held by Clod-B member Ms Jaya Iyer.

ALTERNATIVES

The Kalpavriksh programme on Alternatives consists of projects and activities oriented towards documentation, advocacy, networking and outreach related to initiatives that move away from dominant economic, political and social systems that are unsustainable and inequitable. Given below is a description of four projects, and non-project activities, that have taken place in 2015-16.

5A. Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation and Vikalp Sangam

PROJECT: ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES AND VISIONS IN INDIA: DOCUMENTATION, NETWORKING, AND ADVOCACY

PROJECT COORDINATORS: ASHISH KOTHARI, RASHI MISHRA, SHRISHTEE BAJPAI

PROJECT TEAM: SUJATHA PADMANABHAN, ANURADHA ARJUNWADKAR, VINAY NAIR,

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: JANUARY 2015 (PHASE 2); JANUARY 2016 (PHASE 3)

YEAR OF COMPLETION: DECEMBER 2015 (PHASE 2); DECEMBER 2016 (PHASE 3)

FUNDS SANCTIONED: RS. 18,95,800 (PHASE 2); RS. 17,68,336 (PHASE 3)

FUNDING AGENCY: HEINRICH BOLL FOUNDATION

PROJECT: DOCUMENTATION CENTRE AND OUTREACH SERVICE IN COMMUNITY BASED DIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

PROJECT COORDINATOR: MILIND WANI

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: ASHISH KOTHARI (FOR ALTERNATIVES)

PROJECT TEAM: SHIBA DESOR, RADHIKA MULAY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: DECEMBER 2014 (PHASE 4)

YEAR OF COMPLETION: NOVEMBER 2017

FUNDS SANCTIONED: INR 18,35,981 (FOR ALTERNATIVES WORK)

FUNDING AGENCY: MISEREOR

PROJECT: VIKALP SANGAM: DOCUMENTATION AND CONFLUENCE OF ALTERNATIVES IN INDIA

PROJECT COORDINATOR: SUJATHA PADMANABHAN

PROJECT TEAM: ANURADHA ARJUNWADKAR, ASHISH KOTHARI, VINAY NAIR, NEEMA PATHAK, SHIBA DESOR, SHARMILA DEO, TANYA MAJMUDAR

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: JUNE 2015

YEAR OF COMPLETION: MARCH 2016

FUNDS SANCTIONED: RS. 23,48,950

FUNDING AGENCY: OXFAM INDIA

Note: the above projects are being reported on collectively below, as there is overlap in the kind of activities.

Developments

Case studies

The following case studies were finalized in the project period:

- Imlee Mahuaa: Learning in Freedom the Democratic Way: Case study by Sujatha Padmanabhan and Nyla Coelho on an alternative learning approach for adivasi children in Chhattisgarh. Translated into Hindi by Arvind Gupta
- Alternative worldviews of the Dongria Kondh tribe in Niyamgiri: Case study by Meenal Tatpati, Rashi Mishra, Ashish Kothari on the well-being vision and perspectives of by this adivasi community that fought off a multinational mining company but now faces other 'development' related challenges. Final case study awaited. Translation will be done subsequently.
- The Kaikondrahalli lake Wetland in Bangalore: Case study by Harini Nagendra of Azim Premji University, on citizens' action to restore the badly degraded and threatened lake, and convert it into a significant area for wildlife recovery, recreation and ecological benefits such as water recharge.

A proposed case study, on **Just Change**, could not be carried out as the consultant identified for this expressed her inability to do it at the last minute, making it difficult to find a replacement.

Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives India) website including stories commissioned for it

Anuradha Arujunwadkar continues to coordinate the website supported by Aletha Tavares and ThoughtWorks. As of March 2016 the site has about 440 stories and perspective pieces. It also has pages devoted to resources and events.

Several stories were also commissioned specially for the website:

- Babulal Dahiya's campaign to save traditional seeds. The story by Baba Mayaram in Hindi can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/बज-वरसत-क-सहजत-कसन-in-hindi/>
The story was translated into Halbi, an adivasi language spoken in Bastar, by students of Imli Mahua school, आघेचोबीजकेसमालतोबिताकिसान (in Halbi language of Bastar). The English version of the same, translated by Shiba Desor, can be seen at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/a-farmer-saving-our-heritage-of-seeds/>
- Community conservation and the anti dam movement in Sikkim. The story by Nikhil Roshan in English can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/the-nature-of-belief/#.Vgy9ElrFLdk>. The story was translated into Lepcha language by Kachyo Lepcha. It can be viewed at: http://vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Environment And Ecology/belief_story_lepcha_translation.pdf

- Sikkim's success with declaring the State an Organic one. The story written by Nikhil Roshan in English can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/back-to-the-earth-the-hard-way/#.Vgy9SlrfLdk>. This story was translated into Malayalam by N.P. Chekkutty and can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/നക്കക-പരകരയലകക-വമംS-in-malayalam/#.Vof2JxHF6FL>
- Assisted Living for persons with Autism: the story was written by Jo Chopra in English, and can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/arunima/#.Vs59TxHF5SU>. It was translated into Hindi by Arvind Gupta and can be read at: [अरुणिमा :खुशियोंकीसंभावनाएं \(in Hindi\)](http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/अरुणिमा:खुशियोंकीसंभावनाएं(inHindi))
- Human wildlife conflict mitigation in Ladakh: This story has been written by Tsewang Namgail. It can be read at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/protecting-snow-leopards-with-local-communities/#.Vgy7sFrflDk>. The story has been translated into Hindi by YogenderDutt and can be viewed at: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/सथनय-समदय-क-मदद-स-पहड़-तदओ-क-बचन/#.Vx77UqvF6II>
- Food Cultures and Traditions of Khasi Tribe in Meghalaya (in English) – can be read at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/meghalaya-sparks-of-hope/#.VohLveQYF3w>
- Livelihoods generation by Jharcraft, Jharkhand (in Hindi) – can be read at <http://bit.ly/1UopnKU>

In early 2016, a media fellowship was granted to Rucha Chitnis, who began working on a story on organic farming in Sikkim, and others in north-east India. She will write 6 stories for the website.

A few more stories were translated into regional languages (or into English) to increase availability of material in Indian languages. These were:

- Story on Marudam school - <http://bit.ly/1UhSLyV>
- Story on Waste material for crafting furniture - <http://bit.ly/1sSTtdw>
- Story on Carved out of rock - <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/in-telugu/#.VohOn-QYF3w>

Filming of alternative initiatives

Video Volunteers, an alternative media group headquartered in Goa with community correspondents in several states, was commissioned in early 2016 to make videos of 20 alternative initiatives in various fields. Planning for these began in March.

Vikalp Sangams (Alternatives Confluences)

Vikalp Sangam at Leh, Ladakh: The third regional Vikalp Sangam was organized at the

LEDeG campus in Leh, Ladakh from 20th to 24th July, 2015. Supported partly by HBF, the Ladakh Sangam broadly focused on the two issues that have been plaguing the region in recent years – Waste and increased popularity of Packaged Food. Another important aspect of the sangam was to revisit the Ladakh Vision Document and take it forward towards implementation. Around 100 participants attended the meeting. These were people who are associated with practising or understanding and conceptualising initiatives towards alternative visions for well-being. Participants were also encouraged to come with their displays and exhibits. Along with this, the Vikalp Sangam was supposed to have been a venue for displaying an exhibition of photos on alternatives (the exhibition being organised through financial support from Oxfam India), but due to landslides on the road leading to Leh the team carrying it could not reach. A full day of field visits was also organised, giving participants an exposure to the alternative learning centre SECMOL, the disability rights and livelihoods group PAGIR, and the ‘model village’ Saboo. Audio-visual documentation of the Sangam was carried out. Kalpavriksh is in regular touch with the local co-hosts regarding follow-up to the Sangam, including taking its recommendations to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council. This Sangam was supported by HBF.

Vikalp Sangam on decentralized renewable energy (DRE) was held on 4th to 6th March at Bodh Gaya, with a field visit to Dharnai. This Sangam was supported by Oxfam India, with additional support from all other co-hosts. The co-hosts were Greenpeace India, Centre for Environment and Energy Development, Kalpavriksh, Oxfam India and SELCO Foundation. Over 70 participants from all over the country attended and included people working on energy issues at policy level as well as at the grassroots. This led to very interesting discussions and interactions. A statement “Towards Energy Democracy: A Vision Statement at the Bijlee Vikalp Sangam” was issued by the participants.

Follow up actions decided upon include drafting a national roadmap for sustainable and equitable electrical energy, a national platform to continue sharing of experiences and advocacy, and production of material for public outreach. A field trip to the solar microgrid set up by Greenpeace India and CEED in Dharnai village, near Bodh Gaya, provided a grounding to the Sangam.

A Vikalp Sangam in Kachchh is being organized in July 2016, supported partly by HBF. Planning for this began in early 2016 in collaboration with Sahjeevan, the local host.

A Vikalp Sangam in Himachal Pradesh is being planned for August 2016, supported partly by Misereor; planning for this began in early 2016 in collaboration with Sambhavana and other co-hosts.

Discussions have been initiated for a Vikalp Sangam on Food, to be tentatively held in September 2016, supported by Misereor. The idea behind the Food Sangam is to highlight initiatives for making safe and nutritious food accessible, supporting ecologically and socially conscious systems of food production, supply and consumption, and sustaining food culture diversity. Towards this, work on documentation outputs, participation in food-related events (see chronology) and conceptual discussions have been going on.

A number of documentation outputs are being prepared. These include a one-page concept note on food sangam (in English and hindi), a briefing note on food connections for discussion during the Confluence, inputs to the children’s book on food ‘Something to chew upon’ and work towards a PiC newsletter on food issues.

Travelling exhibition and poster booklet

A few more posters on Food and Education were added to the exhibition. These were also translated into Hindi. These were displayed at the Maharashtra Sangam as well as during the National Core Group meeting which was held in Adivasi Academy in Tejgadh on 5th and 6th December.

[A booklet of the photo exhibition](#) was printed in both [Hindi](#) and English, for greater out reach of the Vikalp Sangam process. These have been very well received.

Vikalp Sangam e-list

A discussion and information sharing e-list has been initiated in 2014, and has over 225 members as of March 2016. There is regular exchange of articles, reports and other relevant material on alternatives, and occasional discussion amongst members on conceptual issues.

Vikalp Sangam core group meeting

The second Vikalp Sangam core group meeting was organised in Adivasi Academy, Tejgarh on 5th and 6th December, 2015. The core group meeting had 23 participants from 16 organisations with Bhasha Research and Publication Centre as the local hosts. The meeting was a platform to discuss the idea and objective behind Alternative Confluences (Vikalp Sangams) and for reviewing and reflecting upon the Sangam process so far. In this meeting, future planning and follow up actions for Vikalp Sangam were also discussed.

Book on case studies

The three editors, (Neema Pathak Broome, Seema Kulkarni and Neera Singh) have worked out the structure of the book, and have prepared a draft introduction chapter. The second set of comments have been sent to case study authors, and case study summaries were prepared. A contract has also been signed with a language editor.

The Other India Books has been contacted for publication of this book, they have expressed an interest.

Food Book

“Something to Chew On”, a book for young readers on issues related to food is in its final stages of production: the chapters are being edited for language and the illustrations are being finalised.

Book on ‘India Futures’

Initiated in early 2015, over 30 essays have been commissioned for this book. Of these, almost all have been received, comments have been sent back to authors, and several 2nd versions have come in. These were circulated in advance of the Authors’ dialogue that was held on February 23-25th 2016 in CSDS, New Delhi in collaboration with SOPPECOM. About 40 participants attended and vibrant discussions were held on the essays presented; these have been filmed and clips will be put up on the web. The authors will now revise their essays based on the discussions and submit final versions. Finalising the book will take another six months after which the publication process will begin.

Working paper on Alternative Framework

The draft framework note on alternatives, whose first draft was prepared in 2014 has been discussed in all VikalpSangam meetings held so far (except not in a focused way in the LadakhSangam) as well as the National Core Group meeting, and is continuously being evolved through suggestions and feedback. A [fourth version of the document](http://vikalpsangam.org/about/the-search-for-alternatives-key-aspects-and-principles-4th-draft/) is now ready, available at <http://vikalpsangam.org/about/the-search-for-alternatives-key-aspects-and-principles-4th-draft/>.

5B. Alternative Global Project

PROJECT: TRANSFORMATIVE KNOWLEDGE NETWORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRANSFORMATION

PROJECT COORDINATORS: ASHISH KOTHARI AND NEEMA PATHAK BROOME

PROJECT TEAM: RADHIKA MULAY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2016

YEAR OF COMPLETION: 2019

FUNDS SANCTIONED: INR 29,27,369 (April 2016 onwards)

FUNDING AGENCY: INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

A collaborative project with partners in 5 other countries was initiated, with the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA) of the Autonomous University of Barcelona as coordinator and Kalpavriksh as a co-coordinator, supported by the International Social Science Council. It aims to take further ICTA's work on mapping (EJ Atlas) and analyzing environmental conflicts, including through the addition of positive transformation (alternatives) initiatives and a global dialogue on alternative worldviews. These elements on alternatives will be Kalpavriksh's main focus, other than adding substantially to the EJ Atlas. As funds for the project had not come in by March 2016, this initial phase was mainly about finalizing the proposal, internal brainstorming in KV, and initiating discussions with partners on possible activities.

5C. Alternatives Forum Pune

Initiated in mid-2013, the Alternatives Forum Pune coordination was handled by .Kalpavriksh upto December 2015, and then handed over to one of the other core members in January 2016. A 7th organisation, Lokayat, joined the AFP as a core member. Seven sessions have been organized in this period:

- *Capitalism, Environment and Society* by Dr. Anant Phadke, 19th June 2015
- *Trees in Urban Areas* by Shobha Menon (Nizhal), 22nd August, 2015
- *Alternative schooling and education* by Jayashree and Amit from Adharshila, MP, and Prayag Joshi from Imli Mahua, Chhattisgarh, 23rd September, 2015.

- *Pope's encyclical vis-à-vis climate change* by Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram, Kerala, 27th November 2015.
- *Dastkar Andhra* by Latha Tummuru and B. Syama Sundari, Hyderabad, 21st December 2015
- *Rejuvenation of the Yamuna river* by Manoj Misra, Delhi, and *Devastating Chennai floods of 2015* by Janakarajan, Delhi, 29th of January 2016
- *In conversation with Meera Subramaniam* on her book *Elemental India : The natural world at a time of crisis and opportunity*, 11th February, 2016

5D. Other Processes

Radical ecological democracy e-list: A global information sharing and discussion list around the framework of Radical Ecological Democracy (RED) has steadily enrolled people from various countries. Pramod Sadalage of ThoughtWorks has voluntarily been managing the list so far, with inputs from Ashish.

Radical ecological democracy website: A blog on radical ecological democracy started around the Rio+20 conference in 2012, with the Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on RED, is now evolving into a full website that will contain stories and perspectives on radical alternatives to development from around the world. The conversion is under process and member Pallav Das will be coordinating it with help from Pramod Sadalage of ThoughtWorks who has voluntarily been managing the blog so far, and Ashish.

Global groups on alternatives: Ashish is a member of two ongoing and one short-duration working groups:

- Global group on 'Beyond Development', set up by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, to explore alternatives to currently dominant extractive development model
- Asian group on 'Socio-Ecological Transformation', also by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, with similar objective to above but with focus on Asian perspectives and context
- Global group on 'Shared Societies and Environmental Sustainability', set up by Club de Madrid, to produce a report on the subject by mid-2016

Yugantar process: Ashish is part of the advisory team for the Yugantar process, initiated in 2016 by Bhoomi College, to prepare materials on key aspects of development and alternatives for young people.

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PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

April 2015

- 3: Presentations to Karve College students (Neema, Ashish, Milind)
- 8: Presentation on alternative initiatives in Tamil Nadu by Inanc Tekjuc, Pune
- 8-9: Co-organised a meeting on 'Assertions of Rights over Non Timber Forest Produce and their Management' with ATREE and Vasundhara (Neema, Meenal)
- 11: Presentation on radical alternative democracy at Society for International Training, Jaipur (Ashish)
- 13-14: Presentation at and participation in India-Brazil Dialogue on Green Perspectives of New Middle Class, organized by Development Alternatives and HBF, Delhi (Ashish)
- 21: Press conference and release of civil society statement protesting crackdown on Greenpeace India and other NGOs (Ashish)
- 20-21: Attended workshop on Forest Rights Act organised by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand and made a presentation on The Forest Rights Act and diversion of Forest Land: Challenges and Impacts on Forest Dwellers. (Meenal)
- 24: Planning meet of Maharashtra Vikalp Sangam, Wardha (Rashi, Ashish)

May 2015

- 2: A presentation on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and The Last Wave – an island novel at the American Centre, Hyderabad (Pankaj)
- 10 to 13: Bird festival at Sarmoli, Munsiri, including presentations, story-telling, birding (Ashish, Shiba)
- 16: Book Launch Event: story reading and activity session with children at Pagdandi Café, Pune. (Sujatha, Ashish, Tanya)
- 17 to 21: Presentations on radical ecological democracy at Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin; Erfurt University / Max Weber Colleg, Erfurt; Presentation at and participation in conference on Good Life Beyond Growth, Jena University and Max Weber Colleg, Germany (Ashish)
- 17: Meeting with members of degrowth and environmental justice movements, Berlin (Ashish)
- 25 to 28: Meeting with degrowth researchers and activists, members of Coop Integral and community of Can Masdeu (squatted structure); Presentation on radical ecological democracy at ICTA, Barcelona Autonomous University, Barcelona (Ashish)
- 26: A presentation on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and The Last Wave – an island novel, Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad (Pankaj)

June 2015

- 3: Evaluation meeting of Srushti Mitra Awards at Centre for Environment Education Pune (Sujatha)
- 4: Meeting of civil society organisations with Rahul Gandhi re. attack on NGOs (Ashish)
- 5 to 7: Visit to Niyamgiri for study on Dongria Kondh worldview, Odisha (Rashi, Meenal, Ashish)
- 10: Meeting with Azim Premji University faculty regarding collaboration on alternatives and education (several members in Pune)
- 15 to 19: Presentations at, panel discussion, and participation in ENTITLE summer school 'Democracy, Justice, Institutions', Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey (Ashish)
- 18: Ecodevelopment Committee (EDC) meeting at Yelavali village Bhimashankar (Pradeep, Neema)
- 23: Ecodevelopment committee (EDC) meeting at Bhorgiri village

- 26: Evaluation meeting of Srushti Mitra Awards at Centre for Environment Education Pune (Sujatha)
- 27: NGO Network Meeting for sharing and planning on implementation of FRA (Pradeep, Neema)
- 30: Ecodevelopment Committee (EDC) meeting at Bhorgiri village Bhimashankar (Pradeep, Neema)

July 2015

- 3rd: Meeting with Collector Pune about implementation of FRA in Pune District, particularly Khed and Ambegaon Taluka (Neema, Pradeep)
- 8th: Participation in civil society meeting on FCRA-related moves by government, Delhi (Ashish)
- 11th: Presentation on environment and development to students at conservation course, Snow Leopard Conservancy, Leh (Ashish)
- 15th: Bhorgiri Eco-village Development committee meeting with Mr. Limaye (CCF WL) (Pradeep, Neema)
- 17th 18th: Visit to Sasputse homestays (Sujatha, Rashi, Ashish)
- 20th to 24th: Ladakh Vikalp Sangam, including presentations, field trip to Saboo, PAGIR, SECMOL (Sujatha, Rashi, Ashish)
- 20th: FRA Training Programme for Sub Divisional Level Functionaries in Ambegaon taluka organised by Sub Divisional Officer, Ambegaon (Pradeep, Neema)
- 20th: Public presentation on environment and development, LEDEG, Leh (Ashish)
- 21st to 24th: Ladakh Vikalp Sangam (Ashish, Sujatha, Rashi)
- 21st: Ecodevelopment Committee (EDC) meeting at Yelavali village Bhimashankar (Pradeep, Neema)
- 22-23: Rights and Resources meeting on Forest Rights Act (Neema and Meenal)

August 2015

- 3-10: Presentations, panel discussions, participation in Global Environment Summer Academy 2015 of Global Diversity Foundation, Bern, Switzerland (Ashish)
- 22: Alternatives Forum Pune session, presentation by Nizhal (Chennai), Pune (Ashish)
- 25-26: 'Enculturing Innovation: Indian engagements with nanotechnology', Paper at the fourth international conference "Responsible Innovation: a European Agenda?" organized in The Hague, Netherlands by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). (Pankaj)
- Training programme on FRA at the sub divisional office, Khed, Maharashtra (Pradeep and Neema)

September 2015

- 2 to 3: Interviews with Prayaag Joshi of Imlee Mahuaa Vidyalaya in Pune (Sujatha)
- 3: Participation in rally against raising of height of Sardar Sarovar dam, Pune (Ashish)
- 3: FRA Training Programme for Sub Divisional Level Functionaries in Khed taluka organised by Sub Divisional Officer, Khed (Pradeep, Neema)
- 6: Presentation at and participation in meeting of Via Campesina at Timbaktu Collective, Andhra Pradesh (Ashish)
- 7 to 8: Visit to Kalpavalli community conserved landscape, near Timbaktu, Andhra Pradesh (Ashish)
- 9th: Presentations on alternatives, birds, and CCAs, at Centre for Learning, Magadi, Karnataka (Ashish)
- 9: A presentation on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and The Last Wave – an island novel at the Tata Consultancy Services, Bangalore (Pankaj)
- 10: Co-ordinated a workshop titled 'What's behind a scientific article – What can sociological and ethnographic studies tell us about writing a scientific paper and doing

science?” at the Students Conference on Conservation Science, Bangalore (Pankaj)

11: A reading from *The Last Wave* and a discussion on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, iBrowse Book Club, Catholic Club, Bangalore (Pankaj)

12: Presentation on environment and development, and participation in seminar on Sustainable Development, Sheshadripuram College, Bengaluru (Ashish)

13: NGO network meeting at Kalpavriksh office to explore the possibility of landscape level conservation approach (landscape between Bhimashankar and Kalsubai harishchandragad Wildlife sanctuaries). (Pradeep, Neema)

23: Alternatives Forum Pune session, presentation by Amit/Jayashree on Adharshila and Prayaag Joshi on Imlee Mahua school (several Pune members)

23: Visit to Ramakrishna Oil Mills where cold pressed oils are sold (Shiba, Sharmila, Sujatha)

28: Presentation at and participation in seminar on Socio-Ecological Transformations, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Hue City, Vietnam (Ashish)

25-26: Attended a National Consultation on Women, Forests and Forest Rights Act in Bhubaneshwar (Shruti Ajit)

28: Presentation at and participation in seminar on Socio-Ecological Transformations, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Hue City, Vietnam (Ashish)

29: A presentation on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and *The Last Wave* – an island novel, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad (Pankaj)

October 2015

4-5: KV Annual General Body meeting

9: Planning meeting for Maharashtra Vikalp Sangam, Pune (Rashi, Shiba, Ashish)

13: Webconference on Borderlands of Activism (Ashish)

14-15: Participation in events related to project on *Sowing Diversity = Harvesting Security* through *Women, Seed & Nutrition*, Organic Medak campaign, & Community Radio anniversary, Deccan Development Society, Zaheerabad/Pastapur (Shiba, Rashi, Kanchi, Ashish)

16: Visit to Deccan Development Society farmers (Shiba, Rashi, Ashish)

17-29 : Visit to Imlee Mahua School in Balenga Para, Kondagaon District, Chhatisgarh for case study observations (Sujatha)

15-17: Visited a Van Gujjar village Tumdi Khatta in Ramnagar, Uttarakhand where several houses and agricultural fields were razed by the forest department. (Neema Pathak Broome, Shruti Ajit and Meenal Tatpati).

19-20: Uttarakhand consultation on FR with Van Panchayat Sangharsh Morcha in Dehradun (Meenal, Neema, Shruti Ajit)

23: Presentation (by skype) on Environment & Development, Buniyaad 2015, Sambhavana, HP (Ashish)

26: ‘Re-negotiating jugaad as a culture of innovation in India – A story from inside a modern instrumentation laboratory in an Indian university, Centre for Technology Applications for Rural Areas (C-TARA), IIT Bombay (Pankaj)

27-29: Maharashtra Vikalp Sangam, Wardha (Shiba, Rashi, Ashish, Lenka)

30: Visit to Subhash Sharma’s farm in Yavatmal (Shiba)

November 2015

4-7: Participation & presentations in International Terra Madre 2015, Shillong (including visit to Dombah village) (Meenal, Rashi, Ashish)

13: Preparatory meeting for Energy Vikalp Sangam, Bengaluru (Ashish)

14: Presentation on radical ecological democracy at SELCO, Bengaluru (Ashish)

15: Visit to see composting, rooftop gardening at Vani Murty’s place, Bengaluru (Ashish)

16: Presentation on Civil society in India, TERI University, Delhi (Ashish)

- 16: Session on Beyond Growth, organized by Degrowth Initiative, Delhi (Ashish)
- 17: Presentation at workshop on Towards Alternatives, TERI University, Delhi (Ashish)
- 20th – 22nd : Conservation Education Network retreat at Gurukul Botanical Sanctuary, Wayanad, Kerala (Tanya, Sharmila, Sujatha)
- 25-26: Birding trip to Bhigwan lake, near Pune (Ashish)
- 27: Presentation on Pope's Encyclical by Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram, Alternatives Forum Pune

December 2015

- 5-6: Vikalp Sangam core group meeting, Adivasi Academy, Gujarat (Sujatha, Rashi, Ashish)
- 8: Presentation on Protected Area Governance, at Training programme on Biodiversity Aichi Targets 11/12 for South, West, Central Asia, organized by Convention on Biological Diversity and MoEF/Govt of India (Ashish)
- 11-12: National Consultation on CFRs in Delhi (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)
- 13-14: Alwar, Rajasthan. Field trip to Orans and a meeting on Oran Federation (Neema)
- 15-19: Visit to Niyamgiri hills and Bhubaneshwar, re. case study on Dongria Kondh worldview (Meenal, Rashi, Ashish)
- 21: Presentation on Dastkar Andhra, Daram & handlooms issue by Syama Sundari & Latha Tummuru, Alternatives Forum Pune
- 25-27: Chhoti Haldwani Centenary festival, Uttarakhand (Ashish)

January 2016

- 4: Birding trip to Zuari river, Goa (Ashish)
- 5-6: Participation & presentations at sessions on cities, culture, commons, and media, at conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 7: Visit to Kaikondrahalli lake, Bengaluru (Ashish, Shruti)
- 8: Participation in preparatory meeting for Yugantar process, Bhoomi College, Bengaluru (Ashish, Shruti)
- 9: Lecture on People and Conservation at the Ecological Society Pune (Neema)
- 14-16: Presentations and participation in 'Beyond the Development Imperative' working group of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Brussels (Ashish)
- 17: meeting at TISS, Mumbai for planning for CFRLA project (Meenal, Shruti, Neema)
- 17-18: Attended a workshop on Mapping of Forest Land and Community Forest Resources under Forest Rights Act in TISS, Mumbai (Neema, Shruti, Meenal, Pradeep and Subash)
- 18-19: Participation in workshop on 'Shared Societies and Environmental Sustainability', Club de Madrid, New York (Ashish)
- 22: Presentations on radical ecological democracy at seminar on 'Reframing the Environment', Sociology Dept, Mumbai University; and at Dept of Civics and Politics, Mumbai University (Ashish)
- 25: Meeting of women self-help groups from Yelavali, Bhorgiri, Kharpud, Bhivegaon at Bhorgiri in Bhimashankar (Pradeep, Neema)
- 31: Birding trip to Veer Dam (Sujatha, Sharmila, Ashish)

February 2016

- 5: Presentation on radical ecological democracy at Fireflies Dialogue 2016: Sustainable Journeys, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 6: Presentation on radical ecological democracy at Bhoomi College, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 11-14: Uttarakhand Bird Festival, Asan Conservation Reserve, near Dehradun (Sujatha, Ashish)
- 12-18: Island Worlds – An exhibition of photographs on the A&N Islands, printed on silk fabric at Gyaan Adab, Pune. (Pankaj)

- 15: Birding around Gujjar Basti near Laldhang; Nature sessions with schoolchildren at Jhilmil Conservation Reserve, organized by Nature Science Initiative (Ashish)
- 16: Preparatory meeting on proposed Youth Vikalp Sangam, Delhi (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 16: Presentation on radical ecological democracy, Ambedkar University, Delhi (Ashish)
- 18, 19: Visit to Swayam Shikshan Prayog field offices in Tuljapur, Osmanabad with Misereor and SSP team (Shiba)
- 23-25: Dialogue on India's future, organized by Kalpavriksh, CSDS, and SOPPECOM, Delhi (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 25,26: Good Food for All Workshop (Shiba)
- 27-29: Field Visit to Narotichak, Gadchiroli for Case Study on CFR Governance and Management (Shruti M, Shruti A)

March 2016

- 1: meeting of civil society groups in Maharashtra on Village Forest Rules in Maharashtra (Neema, Pradeep, Shruti A, Shruti M)
- 4-6: Energy (Bijali) Vikalp Sangam, organized by KV, CEED, Greenpeace India, SELCO, & Oxfam India, at Bodh Gaya, Bihar (including field visit to Dharnai village solar microgrid) (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 7: Visit to Kedia village ecological fertilization initiative by Greenpeace India, Bihar (Ashish)
- 8-9: Visit to Greater adjutant stork community conservation sites in Kosi diara, and Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (Ashish)
- 8: Presentation on environment and development, organised by Mandar Nature Club, Bhagalpur, Bihar (Ashish)
- 9: Meeting with Bhagalpur University and conservation groups regarding threats to Gangetic dolphin and other wildlife, and traditional fishers on Ganga, Bhagalpur (Ashish)
- 15: Meeting with Video Volunteers member regarding filming of alternative initiatives, Pune (Shrishtee, Swati, Ashish)
- 16-24: Field visit to Gadchiroli for the study on CFR governance and management (Shruti A., Neema)
- 19: Presentation on Vikalp Sangam process at NAPM meeting on 'Alternative Development', Pune (Ashish)
- 25: Webinar presentation on radical ecological democracy to Climate South Asia (Ashish)
- 30: Presentation on environment and development, Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication, Pune (Ashish)

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, an island story including presentation on *The Last Wave, an island novel* (Pankaj Sekhsaria)

- 1) 2 May, 2015 @ The American Centre, Hyderabad
- 2) 26 May, 2015 @ Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad
- 3) 22 June 2015 @ RadioActive, Jain University, Bangalore
- 4) 25 June, 2015 @ Environment Services Group, Bangalore
- 5) 14 July 2015 @ The Conservation Biology Course by ATREE, Vishakapatnam
- 6) 9 September 2015 @ TCS, Bangalore
- 7) 11 September, 2015 @ iBrowse, Catholic Club
- 8) 29 September, 2015 @ Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad
- 9) 8 October, 2015 @ Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Mumbai
- 10) 9 October, 2015 @ Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Mumbai
- 11) 9 October, 2015 @ Somaiya Centre for Lifelong Learning, Mumbai

- 12) 26 November, 2015 @ Vidyavanam School, Anaikatti, Coimbatore
- 13) 26 November, 2015 @ CII Young Entrepreneurs Forum, Coimbatore
- 14) 5 December, 2015 @ Journeys, a festival by Gyaan Adab, Pune
- 15) 8 December, 2015 @ Nanavati college of Architecture, Pune
- 16) 9 December, 2015 @ Wild Katta, Jividha, Pune
- 17) 11 December @ Dept of Zoology, Modern College, Pune
- 18) 23 January, 2016 @ Travel Katta, Foliage, Pune
- 19) 29 January, 2016 @ Pondicherry University
- 20) 29 January, 2016 @ Kasha ki Aasha
- 21) 18 February 2016 @ Sheela Tai's Katta, Pune
- 22) 25 February, 2016 @ Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad

PART D: POLICY SUBMISSIONS AND LETTERS

- ❖ 1st July 2015: Letter of protest against the illegal arrests of women activists involved in the anti-Kanhar dam protests in Uttar Pradesh and asking for forest rights to be recognised in villages affected by the dam.
- ❖ 31st August 2015: Letters to the Governor of Maharashtra and Tribal Secretary Maharashtra about the Maharashtra guidelines on management of Community Forest Resources using village committees.
- ❖ 26th September 2015: Open letter to the Prime Minister against the draft guidelines issued on privatization of forests.
- ❖ 23rd October 2015: A petition to the CM and Tribal Secretary of Maharashtra on issues impacting effective and speedy implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.
- ❖ 19th January 2016: Petition against the Village Forest Rules to MoTA and PMO.
- ❖ 19th January 2016: Press release of Village Forest Rules Maharashtra
- ❖ 18th February 2016: Petition against the cancellation of Community Forest Rights recognised under the FRA in Hasdeo Arand forest by the Chhattisgarh government.
- ❖ 12th April 2016-Petition against the assault on locals of Caurem village in Goa for protesting against illegal mining.
- ❖ 12th April 2016-Petition against the illegal arrest and detention of a Dongria Kondh youth in Niyamgiri hills of Odisha.

PART E: LIST OF KALPAVRIKSH MEMBERS

1. Ajay Mahajan
2. Anchal Sondhi
3. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
4. Arshiya Bose
5. Ashish Kothari
6. Farhad Vania
7. Kanchi Kohli
8. Manju Menon
9. Meenakshi Kapoor
10. Meenal Tatpati
11. Milind Wani
12. Neema Pathak
13. Neeraj Vagholikar
14. Nidhi Agarwal
15. Pallav Das
16. Pankaj Sekhsaria
17. Pradeep Chavan
18. Pradeep Malhotra
19. R. Prabhakar Rao
20. Rashi Mishra
21. Saili Palande-Datar
22. Sanjay Sondhi
23. Seema Bhatt
24. Shantha Bhushan
25. Sharmila Deo
26. Shiba Desor
27. Sujatha Padmanabhan
28. Sunita Rao
29. Tanya Majumdar
30. Tejaswini Apte
31. Vandana Singh
32. Vasundara Krishnani
33. Vikal Samdariya
34. Yashodara Kundaji

PART F: LIST OF DONORS AND FUNDERS

1. List of donors

1A. KV General

1. Philanthropy Workshop, USA
2. Sanjay Shrinivas Rao Desai

1B. Education

1. Murali Padmanabhan

1C. Kachchh Book

1. Sandeep Virmani
2. Vilvasigamani R
3. Annie Gregory
4. Sanskriti Menon
5. Sultana Bashir
6. Sapna Ramakrishnan
7. Rashmi Singh
8. Anisha Shankar
9. Anupam Bhatia
10. Lakshmi Ramamurthy
11. Sudhir Badami
12. Udit Das
13. Aarati Halbe
14. Vivek Balaraman
15. Prithwiraj Ghorpade
16. Ranjit Gadgil
17. Akila Balu
18. Divya Oberoi
19. Nikhil Veena
20. Shailesh Valvaikar
21. Abhishek Jain
22. Manek Sangoi
23. Shilpa Mehta
24. Ayesha Mehta
25. Shilpa Mehta
26. Ashish Kothari
27. Sujatha Padmanabhan
28. Monami Basu
29. Sarah Klare
30. Peeyush Sekhsaria
31. Rashmi Goel
32. Shrikanth A
33. Abhishek Jain
34. Yatish Mehta
35. Usha Ganeshan
36. Sapna Ramkrishnan
37. Anuradha Mittal
38. Priyaranjan Prasad

1D. PA Update

1. Abhijit Gandhi
2. Seema Mundoli
3. Rucha Ghate
4. Saniya Chaplod
5. Satyaprabhu Sahu
6. Girish Punjabi
7. Kamlesh Pohekar
8. Natrajan K S
9. Sharmishtha Ray
10. Wildlife Protection Society of India
11. Usha Raman
12. Manjiri Pillai
13. Annie Josheph
14. S.K.Patnaik
15. Leena Taneja Rao
16. S.Y. Prabhu
17. Anil Kumar Jain
18. Dr. Goutam Vohra
19. B.C. Nanda
20. Dr. Vasant Kumar Alva
21. V. Govindarajulu
22. S.S.Khaira

1E. Alternatives

1. Rashi Mishra

1F. Conservation & Livelihood

1. Neema Pathak
2. Meenal Tatpati

2 List of funders

1. Heinrich Boll Foundation
2. MISEREOR
3. KHOJ
4. OXFAM India
5. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT)
6. Vasundhara
7. Last Wilderness Foundation
8. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
9. KNA Foundation

PART G: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Income and Expenditure Account

KALPAVRIKSH Income & Expenditure Account

SN	Particulars	(₹) For 2015-16			(₹) For 2014-15		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
A.	Income						
	Grants utilised	2,79,152.49	86,41,996.91	89,21,149.40	6,47,493.36	1,03,03,545.62	1,09,51,038.98
	Donations received	1,17,050.00	3,43,669.00	4,60,719.00	88,759.00	2,76,240.00	3,64,999.00
	Fees from Activities	45,350.00	-	45,350.00	95,421.50	-	95,421.50
	Income from publications	1,77,768.50	-	1,77,768.50	1,28,575.00	-	1,28,575.00
	Other Income						
	-Interest on savings & deposit accounts	2,56,234.00	-	2,56,234.00	87,534.00	-	87,534.00
	-Miscellaneous income	16,163.70	-	16,163.70	110.00	-	110.00
	Total Income	8,91,718.69	89,85,665.91	98,77,384.60	10,47,892.86	1,05,79,785.62	1,16,27,678.48
B.	Expenditure						
	Staff Payments and Benefits	96,959.00	23,93,978.00	24,90,937.00	2,42,274.00	17,79,592.00	20,21,866.00
	Professional fees	41,500.00	28,79,319.00	29,20,819.00	15,000.00	49,41,298.00	49,56,298.00
	Rent, rates and taxes	1,82,058.00	1,18,206.00	3,00,264.00	2,17,614.00	1,27,074.00	3,44,688.00
	Communication expenses	29,859.57	1,62,730.89	1,92,590.46	22,292.10	3,09,010.00	3,31,302.10
	Stationary	38,937.00	55,760.00	94,697.00	46,821.00	1,02,928.00	1,49,749.00
	Electricity expenses	12,719.00	589.00	13,308.00	11,931.00	1,887.00	13,818.00
	Travelling and conveyance expenses	2,879.00	19,24,466.40	19,27,345.40	23,959.00	11,87,657.12	12,11,616.12
	Remuneration to Auditors	64,410.00	-	64,410.00	40,500.00	-	40,500.00
	Other Expenses	1,63,303.59	14,50,616.62	16,13,920.21	2,69,287.28	20,90,339.50	23,59,626.78
	Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Building	-	-	-	7,706.00	-	7,706.00
	Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	40,000.00	40,000.00
	Others	10,343.00	-	10,343.00	-	-	26,980.00
	Depreciation for the year	20,214.00	-	20,214.00	26,980.00	-	-
	Total Expenditure	6,63,182.16	89,85,665.91	96,48,848.07	9,24,364.38	1,05,79,785.62	1,15,04,150.00
C.	Surplus / Deficit (A - B)	2,28,536.53	-	2,28,536.53	1,23,528.48	-	1,23,528.48

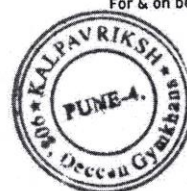
As per our attached report of even date

For Parash Sarda and Company
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 140714W

Parash S Sarda
Partner
M.N.: 143211
Pune: 05/10/2016



For & on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH



Secretary

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

KALPAVRIKSH Statement of Assets and Liabilities

SN	Particulars	Sch No.	(₹) As on 31st March '16	(₹) As on 31st March '15
A	Sources of Funds			
I.	Trust Fund		2,26,314.00	2,26,314.00
II.	General Fund			
	Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		29,69,444.08	28,45,916.78
	Add: Surplus for the year		2,28,536.53	1,23,528.48
	Add: Deposit Adjustment		3,700.00	-
	Less: TDS balances written off		58,525.00	-
	Closing balance		31,43,155.61	29,69,445.26
III.	Restricted Funds			
	Conditional Donations and Grants	1	16,15,873.72	23,95,973.12
IV.	Deferred Income			
	Transfer from General Fund		16,163.70	16,163.70
	Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased		-	-
	Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation		16,163.70	-
	Closing balance		-	16,163.70
	TOTAL I + II + III + IV		49,85,343.33	56,07,896.08
B.	Application of Funds			
V.	Fixed Assets	2	1,14,736.70	1,30,951.30
VI.	Investments in Bank Fixed Deposits	3	5,34,709.00	4,95,000.00
	Current Assets, Loan & Advances	4	43,17,844.63	50,80,231.43
	Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	1,20,048.00	98,287.23
VII.	Net Current Assets		41,97,796.63	49,81,944.20
VIII.	Notes to Accounts	5		
	TOTAL V + VI + VII + VIII		48,47,242.33	56,07,895.50

As per our attached report of even date

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