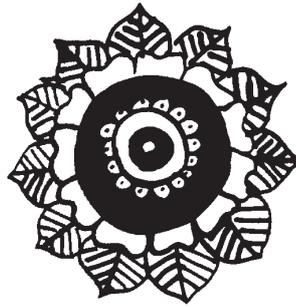


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About Kalpavriksh

Beginnings

Kalpavriksh is a non-governmental organization 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 organization. One of the working principles that emanated from the philosophy of the group, was a democratic decision making process. All decisions are taken in group meetings and based on group consensus, where all members are encouraged to participate and voice their opinion, regardless of how old or new they may be to the organization. Consequently, arriving at a decision is often time consuming but the process ensures transparent, participatory and democratic decision making that is valued by the group.

Meetings are held regularly. The AGBM is held once a year and is an opportunity for all members to meet. Occasionally, EGBMs, or Extra General Body Meetings are called for when policies need to be decided or special issues crop up which need discussion. One such meeting on Kalpavriksh's funding policy was held on 12th and 13th March 2007 in Pune.

Functioning

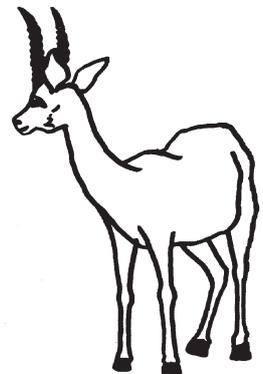
Barring a few minor differences in Delhi and Pune, following is the general way of functioning in Kalpavriksh.

The overall functions are divided into two categories:

a. **Core functions**, which include administration, finance, accounts, and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office. The core staff at Pune includes an office administrator, an office assistant and an office cleaner cum helper. Publications department is looked after by a publications in-charge while the accounts are handled by a part- time accountant. Kalpavriksh is responsible for the honoraria of the staff carrying out these core functions.

b) **Projects, and activities are related to the** following themes:

1. Conservation and Livelihoods/ Communities
2. Environment and Development
3. Environment Education and Awareness
4. Urban Environment Issues (Mostly in Pune and Delhi)



Annual General Body Meeting 2006

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held in Pune, between 12 and 14th August 2006. Following are the important decisions taken, regarding office bearers and associated functionaries.

Auditor: S. H. Sane and Co.

Secretary: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Treasurer: Sharmila Deo

Core group: Prabhakar Rao, Seema Bhatt and Kanchi Kohli (Delhi).

Sharmila Deo, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Erica Taraporevala, Neema Pathak, Manju Menon, Neeraj Vagholikar, and Milind Wani (Pune)

This annual report has been prepared by Meenakshi Kapoor with editorial inputs from Milind Wani, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Anuradha Arjunwadkar and Sujatha Padmanabhan.



Report of work done in 2006-2007

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Part A

Internal activities

For the first time in its history of about 30 years, Kalpavriksh had an internal evaluation. The evaluators (Seema Bhat, Milind Wani and Amita Baviskar) held individual and group sessions with all the members of Kalpavriksh, both in Pune (June 19-21, 2007) and Delhi (July, 2007). Opinions from some non- Kalpavriksh members were also sought and included in the evaluation report. The evaluation results were discussed in Pune during the AGBM (August 12-14).

I. Administration

Co-ordinator: Sharmila Deo

Team: Govind Khalsode

The administrator at Pune has continued to ensure that the office functions efficiently and has further streamlined processes so that these could be easily followed by future administrators. The administrator's task involves liaising (with banks, insurance company, hardware maintenance firm, accounting firm and other firms that provide crucial services to Kalpavriksh); making sure that all statutory reports are ready and sent out in time; having an overview of ongoing projects and the fund flow from the same; moderating the KV Pune e- group (which is a major communication tool within Kalpavriksh).

II. Website

Co-ordinator: Manisha Gutman

The Kalpavriksh website, www.kalpavriksh.org, has become fully functional as an online outreach tool for Kalpavriksh. Members have been regularly sending in updates that are being uploaded onto the site. Regular feedback from members on location of content, relative emphasis on various subjects and structure of overall website are also being incorporated. The structure of the site was revised to reflect the themes that are being finalized under Kalpavriksh. Additional tools such as drop-down menus have been added. Some pages of the website have been translated into French and Marathi by volunteers. The French content has been uploaded and Marathi is yet to be typed in. The Publications section was reconfigured to display books. Content on the Documentation Center was uploaded and made available on the website including the first issues of the People and Conservation newsletter in English and Hindi.

The web statistics which reflect the usage of the site are available at the following site: <http://stats.ekduniya.net/stats/awstats.www.kalpavriksh.org.html>. These have been revealing a steady increase in the number of visits to the site. The most visited pages have been the ecosensitive alternatives, Chandamama, Pune Tree Watch and Undermining India pages.

There have been meetings with designers and One World staff to refine the design and look of the site and its upgradation. The Kalpavriksh content for Holi was successfully linked to Wikipedia sites and it is being tried for other Kalpavriksh content as well. Uploading the audio content on the Kalpavriksh site is also being explored with the help of One World.

III. Publications

Co-ordinator: Anuradha Arjunwadkar

New books published and distributed by Kalpavriksh:

- Two of the three titles making up the Biodiversity Infopack i.e. *Understanding the Bio-Diversity Act* compiled by Kanchi Kohli and *A simple Guide to IPR, Bio-Diversity and Traditional Knowledge* by Tejaswini Apte were published this year.
- *Process documentation of The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan - India* has also been brought out.
- *Birds of Pune* by Anchal Sodhi et al and *Securing India's future* (NBSAP concise report) were reprinted.

- The title, *Birds in our Lives*, by Ashish Kothari, published by Universities Press, is being sold by Kalpavriksh.

Exhibitions:

This year, Kalpavriksh participated in two exhibitions that were organized on Environment-related work being done in Pune; one in August 2006 (at Infosys, Pune, for Infosys employees) and another in September 2006 (at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune, for Municipal Corporation Officers).

Credit Sales:

A number of bookstores in Pune were approached for sale of the titles *Birds of Pune* and the 2 titles of the Biodiversity Information Pack (see above). The books were given to them on credit for a period of at least 4 months. Due to the very low response for the infopack books, a need to directly reach those institutions which are involved with education in Law, as also students and practitioners of Law - in Pune and in other cities, is being felt. The response was fair in case of the title *Birds of Pune*.

Orders for the title Process Documentation of NBSAP are coming in.

The biggest single order (75 copies of the title *Participatory Conservation*) came from Birdlife Asia. The Co-operative store run by employees of the Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair, stocked and sold a large number of copies of the title Troubled Islands.

Cash Sales:

Significant sales happened at various meetings attended by Kalpavriksh members. Direct orders for all our titles continued to come to our offices in Pune and Delhi and were promptly serviced.



Part B

Projects, activities and campaigns

Theme 1: Conservation and Communities

I. Conservation and Livelihood (C&L) Programme

This has been one of the key issues that Kalpavriksh has been involved with for long. The greater objective of this programme is to strike a balance between conservation and people's livelihoods. The activities under this programme include research, documentation and advocacy.

Team: Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak, Milind Wani, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Shantha Bhushan, Erica Taraporevala, Seema Bhatt, Meenakshi Kapoor, Prabhakar Rao, Ajay Mahajan.

Non- members associated: Saili Palande, Sanskruti Marathe, Mayank Trivedi, Batool Balasinorwala, Antoine Lasgorceix.

Volunteers with Kalpavriksh on C&L:

1. Bryan Bushley, Hawai University, Ph.D. student, April to July 2006. Worked on putting together a policy brief on latest developments in conservation laws and policies in India. This brief (once finalized) will be disseminated to various grass roots and government organizations in India. He also helped with editing a brochure on Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) in India.
2. Antoine Lasgorceix. Has been helping on the global survey of CCA laws/policies, and on the special issue of PARKS (magazine of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas) on CCAs.
3. Saili Palande. Active with Tekdi, a group spearheading a movement to save green spaces in Pune, Saili Palande started working with Kalpavriksh in September 2006 for exploring possibilities of Joint Protected Area Management (JPAM) in Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary.

A detailed Programme of Action on conservation and livelihoods related activities of Kalpavriksh was finalized during the AGBM in August 2006. It was decided that activities taken up in the future would be in accordance with this programme. However, different aspects can be broken into smaller projects for convenience and to be able to get funds.

The table given below is indicative of work done over this year under the C&L program. (There may be overlaps and sometimes an activity may fit into more than one category, so this table only gives an overview of the work done.)

Field Research & Documentation	Advocacy and Networking	Policy analysis	Education & Awareness	Regional work
Directory of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) Study on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India	National Level Advocacy Consultation on the Future of Conservation IUCN Theme on Indigenous/Local Communities, Equity, and Protected Areas (TILCEPA) JPAM in Bheemashankar Wildlife sanctuary Campaign for community control over Biodiversity NBSAP Planning Commission working group	Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill 2005 Report of Standing committee of Agriculture on Seed Bill	JPAM in Bheemashankar Wildlife sanctuary Biodiversity Infopack Documentation & Outreach centre community based Biodiversity conservation Protected Areas Update CCAs Brochures	Orissa Nagaland

1. National Level Advocacy

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Neema Pathak, Neeraj Vagholikar, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Seema Bhatt, Erica Taraporevala, Shantha Bhushan

Year of commencement: Ongoing

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: No funds

Funding agency: NA

Developments in this year:

- Comments and recommendations on Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill 2005, report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (June/July 2006). Inputs to the making of Rules for the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognitions of Forest Rights) Act 2006 (January-March 2007)
- Membership of and inputs to Working Groups and Task Forces of the Planning Commission, for preparation of the 11th 5-Year Plan. This included the Task Force on Governance, Transparency, and Participation, relating to the Environment and Forests sector. As part of this, a note on "Participation in the Environment and Forests Sector" was drafted. A note was also prepared for the Working Group on Wildlife, Biodiversity, and Animal Welfare. Finally, comments and inputs were given to the overall Environment and Forests Sector report.
- Critique of proposed project on Conservation and Livelihoods, submitted by Ministry of Environment and Forests to Global Environment Facility and the World Bank.
- Publication and dissemination of a brochure on Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) in India.
- Publication and dissemination of a brochure on CCAs in Nagaland.
- Supporting wildlife research groups and individuals in their demand that Wildlife Research guidelines drafting process be opened up for wider inputs (see Protests/Letters below)
- Inputs to Himachal Pradesh Forest Dept, on the draft HP Wildlife Action Plan (October 2006)
- Finalisation of Terms of Reference and Draft Guidelines on Biodiversity Heritage Sites (under Biological Diversity Act) for the National Biodiversity Authority (November 2006)
- Inputs on conservation issues in PAs, to Archana Prasad, for the National Tiger Conservation Authority (December 2006)
- Submission to Expert Committee on Fishing in Tawa Reservoir, Madhya Pradesh (December 2006)
- Letter to the Uttaranchal Chief Wildlife Warden regarding management issues for Corbett Tiger Reserve (December 2006)
- Co-organising meetings in Bangalore (10th March) and Delhi (17th March) on responses to the Forest Rights Act 2006 and Wild Life Amendment Act 2006; and initiating follow up actions including working groups to formulate guidelines on Critical Wildlife Habitats, Co-existence, and Relocation.
- Revisions of draft application to Supreme Court on the ban on collection of Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) and malnutrition in Orissa PAs (February-March 2007)

2. Directory of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs)

Coordinator: Neema Pathak

Team: Batool Balasinorwala, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: Work on documenting CCAs started in 2001. Current work on updating and editing the information for a final publication started in August 2006.

Year of completion: Updating and internal editing finished by March 2007.

Total funds sanctioned: Rs 2,00,000 for updating and editing.

Funding agency: Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development

Report submitted: progress reports

Developments in this year:

External editing and design are currently on. Funds for publication are being explored

3. Study on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Milind Wani, Tasneem Balasinorwala

Partners: Vasundhara, Orissa and Foundation for Ecological Security, Orissa

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: 2006

Total funds sanctioned: Approx. 4.3 lakhs

Funding agency: UNESCO

Reports submitted: Two interim reports & a final report

Developments in this year:

This is a research project that tries to look at the impacts of India's conservation policies and programmes on the livelihoods and livelihood rights of the ecosystem- dependent communities.

This year the Satpura Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh) was revisited to assess the progress in terms of the effects of relocation on local peoples' livelihoods that has been made since the last visit at the resettlement site New Dhain. Sakot and Khakhrapura villages within the Bori Wildlife Sanctuary were visited to assess the readiness of people living within these villages for relocation outside the sanctuary. The research team tried to dig into the anticipated dangers associated with relocation like loss or degradation of or limited access to the source of livelihoods. A report of the findings was submitted to the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.

A visit to Great Himalayan National Park (GHNP) in Himachal Pradesh was also made to study the impact of restrictions on NTFP collection and grazing activities, and how much ecodevelopment activities were able to make up for the losses due to these restrictions.

The final project report was presented and submitted to UNESCO in Lisbon.



4. Consultation on the Future of Conservation and its Follow up

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Seema Bhatt, Neeraj Vagholikar, Prabhakar Rao, Erica Taraporevala

Year of commencement: 2006

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: None

Funding agency: NA

Reports submitted: Statement and Report of Consultation prepared and circulated

Developments in this year:

Some level of follow up that was thought out in the National Consultation on the "Future of Conservation in India" in February 2006, has been taking place. This is in addition to circulating the Statement and Report of the consultation. This is, however, happening only sporadically because Kalpavriksh or the other groups have not yet placed someone in charge for this. Follow up has included the following:

- Joint statements by a number of participants on the Tribal Forest Rights Bill (the ecological issues), and on Wildlife Research;
- Discussions on a joint process to assess and do advocacy on displacement from Protected Areas;
- Discussions on a joint process to deal with weakening of environmental regulations (Environment Impact Assessment, Coastal Regulation Zone, etc).

- Final inputs were given on conservation issues to the 11th five- Year Plan process relating to the Environment and Forest Sector.
- Guiding of a review paper on Displacement from Protected Areas, by Antione Lasgorciex (the paper was finalized after being circulated to the other organizations and individuals working on the subject).

5. Exploring Possibilities of Joint Protected Areas Management at Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

Coordinator: Neema Pathak (for the initial phase)

Team: Saili Palande (volunteer with Kalpavriksh), Milind Wani, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Ashish Kothari. Some members of education team, Sharmila Deo, Sujatha Padmanabhan, and Anuradha Arjunwadkar also joined the team.

Year of commencement: September 2006

Year of completion: NA

Total funds sanctioned: None yet

Funding agency: NA

Developments in this year:

In the month of June 2006, Kalpavriksh was approached by Conservator of Forest, Wildlife Wing of Forest Dept (FD) Pune for intervening in Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary to address issues pertaining to Conservation & Livelihoods. This was considered to be a good opportunity by Conservation & Livelihoods team for field level intervention to achieve objective of Joint Protected Area Management (JPAM).

Subsequently, background information on BWS was compiled from past researches and work of NGOs in BWS area. Also, details of issues and corresponding management recommendations were studied which can act as pointers for planning various interventions in the sanctuary.

Additionally, two meetings were organised with researchers associated with BWS

- Aparna Watve, Aniruddh Belsare, Forest Department, Dr. Ulhas Rane and Kalpavriksh Team
- Dr. Renee Borges (Senior Researcher- IISc, Bangalore) Dr Ulhas Rane and Kalpavriksh Team.
- Following three possible areas of intervention emerged from above discussions:
- Creation and strengthening of economically and ecologically sound livelihood generation activities in some of the villages in the BWS
- Plastic eradication and effective Tourist management especially during Shravan and Mahashivratri
- Education and Awareness Programmes for local schools and tourists
- Research studies to support above activities and collection & updation of information

Collaboration was sought from Dr. Renee Borges, Ulhas Rane and the FD. A 3 -day field visit to BWS was carried out by KV team followed by a meeting with Mr D.R. Parihar (CF, Wildlife) to discuss Environmental Education Programme in Bheemashankar. The possibility of working on Conservation & Livelihood component in Mhatarbachiwadi Village and Policy advocacy component of programme was also discussed with Mr. Parihar and Renee Borges.

Along with the FD, Kalpavriksh co-organised Mahashivratri Eco-Festival at Bheemashankar temple complex, which was held during 15 to 17th February 2007. The festival included plastic clean up and creating awareness about the sanctuary among the visiting pilgrims. These activities were very well received by the pilgrims visiting the temple.

Based on the discussions in various meetings, secondary literature reviews, and discussions within KV, currently proposals are being drafted for the education programme, research, and a 6-month initial period to explore potential role of KV in Bheemashankar.



6. IUCN Theme of Indigenous and Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas (TILCEPA)

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari and Tasneem Balasinorwala

Year of commencement: 2000

Year of completion: 2008

Total funds sanctioned: 10500 Swiss Francs for the year 2006

Funding agency: IUCN (World Commission on Protected Areas and Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy)

Reports submitted: An annual report submitted to IUCN.

Developments in this year:

TILCEPA has been restructured as the 'Strategic Direction on Governance, Communities, Equity and Livelihoods', within the IUCN. This gives TILCEPA a somewhat broader mandate, especially to include various issues relating to governance of protected areas. Ashish will continue as co-chair of TILCEPA till the end of the term i.e 2008.

Apart from helping various countries in developing their laws/policies/programmes relating to collaborative management of PAs and community conserved areas, following specific tasks were carried out:

Global network of human-wildlife conflict practitioners formed:

Initiated by TILCEPA and other groups, a Human-Wildlife Conflict Collaboration (HWCC) has been formed as a global partnership. The need for such an initiative was identified by a workshop of Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) practitioners (supported by TILCEPA at the 5th IUCN World Parks Congress in 2003, Durban and South Africa and recognized in the formal recommendations made by the Congress). Its mission is to prevent and mitigate HWC through collaborative learning, innovation, scientific analysis and the development and improvement of best practices and policies.

The HWCC was formally launched in November 2006, at a gathering of over fifty conservation professionals in Washington, D.C. An interim steering committee was established. The Wildlife Society, located in Bethesda, MD, committed to host the HWCC office. TILCEPA Core Group member Francine Madden is coordinating the initiative.

Work related to Protected Areas (PAs):

Mt Merapi, Indonesia – Alert follow-up

TILCEPA had sent a letter of concern to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Indonesia about the recent establishment of Mt. Merapi National Park. The letter raised concerns about the implications of the National Park's establishment on local indigenous communities and asked the government to clarify its position on how the communities will continue to use, manage and benefit from natural resources inside the park. The Government of Indonesia (GoI) responded to TILCEPA with a letter affirming that Mt. Merapi National Park was established in accordance with national laws, which included public consultation with local communities. It also stated that further participation of the local communities in the park's management would be sought. Both the letters are available on www.tilcepa.org. A short visit to Yogyakarta was made in the month of May to discuss with local NGO WALHI (that had organized a public awareness campaign to reject the national park) the nature of follow-up actions.

Based on this, the following follow-up actions are being considered:

- Write a second letter to the GoI, presenting evidence of the petitions, class action suits and public demonstrations to argue against GoI's claim that local communities have been consulted adequately and stress the need to create real avenues for these communities to participate in park planning.
- Support WALHI to build coalitions with other international organizations dedicated to issues of human rights, indigenous peoples and equitable conservation, particularly ones that can give a more direct support than TILCEPA.
- Support WALHI to find further funding for its public awareness campaign so that they can reach

all 31 villages on the slopes of Mt. Merapi.

- Help the local NGO gather information on policies, organizations/committees and examples from similar struggles around the world.
- Establish the CEESP weblink on the Merapi conflict, as already proposed.
- Attempt to establish a more direct contact between local NGO at Merapi, TILCEPA members working in Indonesia or regularly visiting the area.

A final report of the trip to Mt. Merapi was submitted in December.

Task Force on "Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods"

Arising from workshops and discussions held by IUCN, and more recently at the 8th Conference of Parties of the CBD, members of TILCEPA have constituted a Task Force on "Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods" under the World Commission on Protected Areas. The Task Force, co-chaired by TILCEPA Core Group members Lea Scherl and Phil Franks, and member Ali Kaka, has three specific objectives:

1. To promote a better and more widely shared understanding of the linkages between protected areas, social equity, including poverty and poverty eradication, and sustainable development.
 2. To strengthen provisions for social equity in regional and global conservation policy related to protected areas, with particular emphasis on the Convention on Biological Diversity (and particularly in elements 1, 3 and 4 of the CBD Programme Of Work on PAs)
 3. To achieve more equitable outcomes in the implementation of regional and global conservation policy related to protected areas, with particular emphasis on the CBD.
- CBD's call for a review of implementation of the Protected Area Programme of Work was responded to. While the evaluation matrix sent by the CBD Secretariat had other aspects of review, the Task force's response, specific to India, was related to the Element 2 of the Programme of Work, i.e Governance, Participation, Equity and Benefit Sharing.
 - Inputs to a workshop on Social Assessment of PAs (UNEP/WCMC, Cambridge), and initiation of a process to develop a toolkit for this, with a possible writing workshop in September 2007.

WCPA Economic Valuation Task Force

IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) has established a task force of interested individuals with qualifications and experience in valuation of the socio-economic benefits of conservation and protected areas, to provide information and advice to help build capacity in economic valuation, and to encourage of the use of valuation in PA planning and management throughout the world.

Numerous government agencies, academic institutions, NGOs and other groups are currently involved in the valuation of PA benefits, as well as capacity building and associated activities and some members of TILCEPA are on this new task force

Strengthening and promoting community conserved areas (CCAs)

- A country based survey conducted by TILCEPA on laws and policies that support and recognise Community Conserved Areas is now available online at <http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/CCAllegislations.htm>. We have a fresh batch of preliminary surveys from more countries, which need to be finalised. Antoine Lasgorceix is helping with this.
- A special issue of PARKS (IUCN's journal on protected areas), dedicated to Community Conserved Areas, has been published. <http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/pubs/parks.htm#parks161>.
- A global project has been initiated on Community Conserved Areas. It has been approved for funding through IUCN under the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) Framework Agreement Reserve Fund, and will be carried out through 2007 under the joint guidance of the TILCEPA co-chairs. Five regional assessments have been commissioned under this.

7. Biodiversity info-pack

(Being carried out in coordination with GRAIN)

Coordinator: Kanchi Kohli

Team: Tejaswini Apte, Shantha Bhushan, Ashish Kothari, Meenakshi Kapoor, Mashqura Fareedi

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.6,74,094

Funding agency: International Institute of Environment and Development, UK

Developments in this year:

Two of the three outputs have been published. Meenakshi Kapoor joined Kalpavriksh as 'Biodiversity Campaigner' in July '06. A South Asia level Biodiversity Strategy workshop was organized in Kolkata to revive the biodiversity campaign. The two Info-pack books were also released at the workshop. The third book of the Info Pack *A Guide to the Biodiversity Act* was finalised after the Info Pack team had given inputs. The Guide has been sent for design and layout and is likely to be printed in April 2007.

8. Campaign for Community Control over Biodiversity

(Being carried out in coordination with GRAIN)

Coordinator: Kanchi Kohli

Team: Meenakshi Kapoor, Ashish Kothari, Tejaswini Apte, Shantha Bhushan, Mashqura Fareedi

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding agency: International Institute of Environment and Development, UK

Reports submitted:

- Report of the 'Biodiversity Strategy Workshop' (see below)
- Report of the Farmers' Workshop – LAWS & FLAWS – Farmers' Questions and Farmers' Answers
- Report on the Natural Farming Workshop in Dhuri, Punjab

Developments in this year:

From September to December 2006, a series of events (a rally in Delhi, meeting with the then Union environment minister and a workshop in Hyderabad) were held with the help of many civil society organizations and local communities, in order to oppose a few of the provisions of the Biodiversity Rules that were affecting communities' control over their bioresources.

Three books of the Biodiversity Infopack (see above) were also planned for. Apart from working on the Biodiversity Infopack, a South Asia level Biodiversity Strategy workshop was organized in Kolkata to revive the biodiversity campaign. Representatives from India and neighbouring countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh attended this event and together they decided on a number of follow-up actions to assert more control and access to communities for their biodiversity. Many of these were to be carried out by Kalpavriksh.

The following tasks were carried out as a follow up of the Biodiversity workshop held in Kolkata:

- **Resolutions to the Prime Minister against formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs):** The immediate follow up was the drafting of the resolution letter to be signed by gram-sabhas/ village councils all over India opposing few of the elements of the Biodiversity legislation which affect community controlled biodiversity conservation. The draft letter was then sent to all the Kolkata participants and other potential persons so that they could get it signed from their respective areas. The final collection was to be done by Deccan Development Society, Hyderabad. It was aimed that 10,000 resolutions will be sent to the PM. During the period of January-March 2007, attempts were made to reach out to various groups to coordinate and send these resolutions. As of March end, over 2000 resolutions were sent from Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Orissa

- **Farmers' Workshop – LAWS & FLAWS – Farmers' Questions and Farmers' Answers:** This workshop was co-organized by the Deccan Development Society (DDS), GRAIN and Kalpavriksh and supported by IIED in Zaheerabad, Andhra Pradesh, from the 14th to the 16th of January 2007. The workshop aimed at discussing three critical legislations, which have a bearing on agro-biodiversity and farmer's concerns. These were the Biodiversity Act 2002, Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Act 2001 and the Seeds Bill, 2004, (with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee). As background material to the workshop, attempts were made to prepare simple material and posters in different languages which can be used both as workshop tools as well as for awareness generation. Booklets on legislations pertaining to biodiversity were prepared & compiled from material extracted from the Infopack. These were translated into Kannada, Telegu, Tamil, Marathi and Hindi and released at the workshop. A poster comparing the above-mentioned three legislations on various aspects related to agriculture was released. This has been translated in Hindi and is in the process of being printed as pamphlets by DDS.
- **Initiation of the 'BioDWatch', a list serve:** The list serve was started to share updates related to the issues of biodiversity and agriculture. It essentially aims to take information to those who need it most – to the grassroots. It is also hoped that it will prove to be a platform to bring people together on common issues and thus ensure collective thinking and in the process strengthen the campaign further. Regular alerts are being sent out by the campaign desk.
- **Participation in Natural Farming Workshop, Dhuri, Patiala, Punjab:** As a part of the Campaign's efforts at interacting with farmers' groups, Kanchi & other Campaign members attended a Natural Farming Workshop held in Dhuri on the 11th of March 07 organized by Kheti Virasat Mission. The workshop was a part of a larger process of the Kheti Virasat Mission to raise public outcry on the after effects of the Green Revolution in Punjab and the need for reviving traditional methods of farming.
- **Translation of the second book of the infopack:** Translation of '*A simple guide to Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge*' into Hindi is going on.
- **Dissemination of the Biodiversity Infopack:** Complementary copies of the infopack books have been sent to various institutions that publish periodic magazines so that they can carry the announcement or review of the books in their respective magazines and newsletters. 25 copies of the two infopack books were sent to IIED to sell the books through them/ Earthprint.
- **Letter sent to the Prime Minister:** A letter was sent to the Prime Minister on behalf of campaign for community control over biodiversity confronting /questioning his recommendation to biotechnologically develop new rice varieties and bring a second green revolution in rice.

9. Kalpavriksh – GRAIN collaboration

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Kanchi Kohli, Meenakshi Kapoor

Partner: Shalini Bhutani of GRAIN

Year of commencement: 2001

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: None

Funding agency: NA

Developments in this year:

Working jointly on the preparation and production of the Biodiversity InfoPack (see above) was the main activity in the Kalpavriksh-GRAIN collaboration. Given that 5 years of the collaboration are over, Kalpavriksh and GRAIN members met during the Biodiversity Regulations workshop in Kolkata, to chalk out future plans. A number of possible activities have been listed, and will be firmed up in the coming months. Joint work on the finalization of the third book of the infopack was done. The tasks carried out under the Campaign for Community Control over Biodiversity (letters, resolutions, farmers' meeting, list serve) are being managed collectively by Kalpavriksh and GRAIN. (See above).



10. Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

Coordinator: Erica Taraporevala

Team: Sanskruti Marathe, Ujjwala Shinde, Bina Thomas, Neema Pathak, Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: August 2006

Year of completion: January 2008

Total funds sanctioned: 25000Euros / Rs.13,00,000

Funding agency: MISEREOR

Developments in this year:

The main objective of the project is to create an information dissemination service to various stakeholder groups on community based biodiversity conservation and livelihood security

As part of its outreach program, the project is mandated to bring out newsletters on community based biodiversity conservation and livelihood security. The first issue of the bilingual (English and Hindi) newsletter on community based biodiversity conservation and livelihood security has been posted to over 1000 stakeholders. Our members also distribute the newsletters at all relevant meetings that they attended. The database of the recipients of the outreach material is constantly being updated.

The databases of books reports and magazines have been streamlined and the documentation centre is kept open to visitors on all weekdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Database of the experts and resource people in the field of community based biodiversity conservation and people is being built.

Books in the documentation centre that pertain to community based conservation have been annotated and the list has been made available on the Kalpavriksh website (www.kalpavriksh.org).

All relevant information regarding available resources with regard to community based biodiversity conservation and livelihood security and related matters have also been put up on the website.

11. Orissa State Level Advocacy

Coordinator: Neema Pathak (As an advisor to the Conservation and Livelihoods team in Vasundhara)

Team: Milind Wani and Ashish Kothari

Partners: Vasundhara, Bhubaneshwar

Year of commencement: September 2005

Year of completion: August 2006 (however informal collaboration continues till 2007)

Total funds sanctioned: Honararium plus Kalpavriksh expenses (15000 per month + 3000) was paid till August 2006.

Funding agency: Expenses for local travel are borne by Vasundhara.

Developments in this year:

- Documentation of Community Conserved Areas in Orissa, particularly protection of threatened species is continuing. Initiatives for conservation of fresh water turtles, Mahshir fish, Olive Ridley turtles, Black bucks, peacocks, migratory birds have been recorded. In addition, habitat conservation initiatives are also being documented. Some of these sites are under threat from mining and other interests. Vasundhara is exploring ways of dealing with the same. These case studies will be included in the Directory of Community Conserved Areas and also be used to produce a brochure (on the same lines as Nagaland) on CCAs in Orissa.
- Formats have been developed to document protected area (PA) related information in Orissa. The Vasundhara team is currently compiling the information. This will lead towards a status report on PAs in Orissa. This information will also be used in exploring possibilities of Joint Protected Area Management in one or two PAs in Orissa.
- A format has also been developed to collect information on "the impacts of a ban on NTFP collection from inside PA on people residing inside the PAs and consequently the wildlife". The Vasundhara team is currently collecting information regarding the same.
- Film maker Vijendra Patil has agreed to make a film of Community Conservation Initiatives in Orissa. Work commenced in February 2007 and is likely to take a year for completion.

- A concept note, structure and details of a workshop on CCAs in Orissa has been worked out. The workshop is planned in a way that would enable local communities to present their initiatives. The workshop will be held in Bhubaneswar in November 2007.
- Articles on CCAs in Orissa were written, sometimes with the Vasundhara team.
- Preparations for the Symposium on Community Conserved Areas in Orissa was finalised during a trip to Orissa. Meetings were held in a Peacock Community Conserved Area with the local villagers and politicians about future course of action in these villages. The DFO, Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary was also visited to discuss possibilities of collaboration between the Forest Department (FD) and Vasundhara, with advisory role from Kalpavriksh.

12. Nagaland state level work

Team: Neema Pathak, Ashish Kothari, Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon

Year of commencement: There is no formal project but involvement with the state started in February 2005.

Year of completion: NA

Developments in this year:

Team members visited the state in April. They traveled to Kiphire District and held detailed discussions with the Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development (NEPED) about future work in Nagaland. Subsequently, Makhezo, a Youth Group member from Nagaland visited Pune, spent nearly a month learning about various aspects of conservation and livelihoods. He met with a number of members in Pune. Based on discussions with him a proposal has been sent to the newly founded Feyeraband Foundation to support an exploratory meeting in Kiphire in Nagaland with a few Kalpavriksh members and the Village Council members. Their response is awaited.

II. Protected Area Update (PA Update)

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of commencement: 1994

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: Project Budget for April 2006 to March 31, 2007 – Rs.4, 74,000

Funds Sanctioned: Rs.3, 16,000. By the Foundation for Ecological (FES)

Additional funds were raised through donations, subscriptions, other sources

Developments in this year:

Production and printing following updates were carried out in this year:

PA Update Vol XII, No. 3, June 2006 (No. 61)

PA Update Vol XII, No. 4, August 2006 (No. 62)

PA Update Vol XII, No. 5, October 2006 (No. 63)

PA Update Vol XII, No. 6, December 2006 (No. 64)

PA Update Vol XIII, No. 1, February 2007 (No. 65)

PA Update Vol XIII, No. 2, April 2007 (No. 66).

The Foundation for Ecological Security has again agreed in principle to continue the support for the year 2007-08 like last year. Here however, there will be a shortfall of financial resources and these will be raised through donations, subscriptions, and other sources.

III. NBSAP Process Documentation

Co-ordinator: Kanchi Kohli, Seema Bhatt, Ashish Kothari (with Anuradha Arjunwadkar)

Year of completion: Ongoing



Developments in this year:

The NBSAP Process Documentation was finalized, designed by Ashish Fernandes, and published in Nov. 2006. International Institute for Environment and Development, UK, funded the printing of this document.

Theme 2: Environment and development

Research & Analysis	Political & Media Lobbying	Policy Analysis	Advocacy	Regional Work
Study on compliance of environment clearance conditions	Political awareness on EIA notification Collaboration with PANOS		Environment Clearance Campaign National Level advocacy Open letter Campaign Planning Commission Working Group	Follow up on Utkal Project, Orissa Support to Chhatisgarh groups No Dow Campaign, Pune

1. Campaign Desk for Environmental Advocacy

Coordinating team: Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Divya Badami

Year of commencement: October 2006

Year of completion: Ongoing (GGF funding ended in August 2006)

Total funds sanctioned: \$20000

Funding agency: Marisla Foundation, Global Green Grants Fund, donations

Developments in this year:**1. Participation and Networking in Campaign for Environment Justice - India and Political Advocacy**

In July-August 2006, as part of the Campaign for Environment Justice, India, Kalpavriksh members were in the forefront of creating political awareness around environment clearance issues, especially around the new notifications proposed by the concerned ministry. We met representatives from various political parties (including the CPI-M, CPI, Congress, Samjawadi Party, Forward Bloc, RSP) and shared concerns and experiences of groups all across the country. This was the first time that an exercise of political awareness that was specifically related to the environment clearance issues was undertaken.

The purpose of this exercise was two-fold:

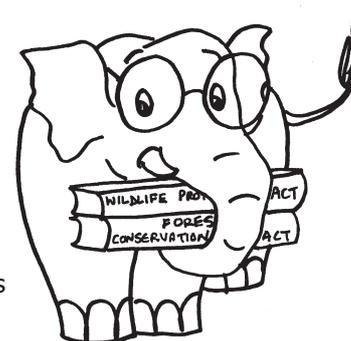
To seek political support for the ongoing campaign against the reengineering of the environment clearance process

To initiate a process of awareness of politicians on issues such as social and environment impact assessment.

As part of this process, we also met with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science, Technology and Environment, as well as the Planning Commission.

It was encouraging to note that some politicians came forward in support of the campaign and sent letters to the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Unfortunately, however, the MoEF still went ahead with issuing the revised EIA notification 2006, amidst stiff protest.

A letter was also written to Sitaram Yechury dated 24th November 2006 in response to Union Minister of Environment and Forests, Mr. A. Raja's letter to Yechury justifying going ahead with the issuing of the notification after Shri Yechury had written to him.



2. Participation in Action 2007: EIA related meetings/issues

Mass-based organisations, individuals, groups and peoples' movements came together under the banner of Action 2007. Among many other things, Action 2007 took it upon itself to dialogue with Ministries and Authorities of different sectors to submit memorandums and present demands. Under this programme, Action 2007 set up a meeting with Officials of the MoEF. Kalpavriksh prepared a draft of the memorandum on environmental concerns, which was modified by the organizing committee of Sangharsh 2007, and this was submitted to the Minister, MoEF on 30.03.2007. Kalpavriksh was also a part of the delegation that met Officials from the MoEF which included the Minister; R.K. Chandolia, his PS; Special Secy Siddhartha Behura and three other officials including S.Bhowmik, the Member Secretary, River Valley Expert Committee.

3. Campaign on Environment Clearance-related issues

3a. The national level campaign around environment clearance issues continued and the following activities were carried out:

- Culmination of the Post card campaign with a letter to the Prime Minister of India in April 2006
- Regular press releases in collaboration with the Campaign for Environment Justice (CEJ-I) (available on www.kalpavriksh.org)
- Taking the lead in national level coordination of CEJ-I collective efforts, including maintaining databases, information dissemination, correspondence to the PMO, the GoI and also collecting additional information.
- Filing of Right to Information applications specific to the national level process as well as the projects we have been following up with in Sikkim and Chhatisgarh
- Preparing a critique of the new EIA notification (available on www.kalpavriksh.org)
- Manju Menon prepared a note on SEZs in relation to EIA 1994 and CRZ notification.

3b. Open letter

An Open Letter (dated 8th November, 2006) signed by concerned groups and individuals in response to the issue of the EIA Notification was sent to the Prime Minister. The letter entitled "EIA Notification, 2006: Against the Constitution, its People, the Environment", highlights the basic concerns with the process by which the EIA Notification was issued and the main contentions with the Notification itself. A detailed note on the key problems with the content of the EIA Notification was also enclosed. The campaign was taken forward with RTI applications submitted at the PMO and the MoEF naming each of the 8 open letters that were sent and asking whether or not the said letter was received, what action had been taken and how the Ministries had responded to the letter.

The MoEFs response in this regard was unsatisfactory, inadequate and incomplete. This led to a First Appeal being sent. In response, an order was received stating that confusion had arisen because of the multiplicity of the areas that the RTI application dealt with, and that it had been forwarded only to the Impact Assessment Division (though open letters sent were not applicable to the IA Division alone.) The order also mentioned a possible personal hearing, which was ultimately not called for.

We have still not received a response after the Order was passed and we plan to take the matter up to the Central Information Commission now.

3c. Letter about the EIA Consultants Registration Scheme by the Quality Council of India

The campaign team along with several partner organisations has put together a response to the EIA Consultants Registration scheme by the Quality Council of India (QCI), a non-profit organisation floated by the industry sector. This scheme has been developed in consultation with the MoEF. The letter is presently in the process of being finalised and out on list-serves for endorsements. In January 2007, the letter was originally addressed to the Quality Council of India. However, following a discussion on the list-serve on the nature of the MoEF's involvement with the EIA

Consultants registration scheme, had been raised, along with the a concern that we should not be petitioning the QCI, which has participation in Industry Associations. The issue was investigated further, through phone calls to ministry officials, representatives on the board that developed the scheme, and through an RTI application filed at the MoEF. All sources confirmed that the MoEF was consulted in the formulation of this scheme at every stage.

This letter that was finally sent in April 2007, also has a fairly exhaustive compilation highlighting poor quality EIAs and the consultants responsible for writing these EIAs. This list may help when the idea to dole out "Dirty EIA Awards", which has been in discussion between Kalpavriksh and other partner groups, is carried through.

3d. Revival of the EIA Campaign

After the EIA Notification was issued, there was a lull in activity around advocacy. Subsequently, Kalpavriksh initiated the process for the formation of a Core Group to revive the EIA Campaign, which is a smaller and more focused group dedicated to strengthening the Environmental Clearance process. This was initiated in a small meeting with Shekhar Singh and Ashish Kothari. Drafting a Campaign Booklet is the first activity that Kalpavriksh took up as part of this Core Group. Other steps to be taken up for the revival of the campaign include political advocacy efforts and putting together a team of people including sympathetic ex bureaucrats, activists and politicians. Meeting with important people in the UPA and opposition parties is also being considered.

A review of Tawang Project EIA Terms of Reference was also done.

3e. Planning Commission working Group

The Planning Commission of India set up a Task Force (TF) in Governance, Transparency, Participation and EIAs (these were originally planned to be two separate TFs, which were later merged into one) under the Steering Committee for Environment, Forests & Wildlife and animal Welfare for the Environment and Forest sector. This was done as part of the XI five year planning process.

The TF included Ashish Kothari and Manju Menon, members of Kalpavriksh. The first meeting of the TFs was held in October. Four meetings were held in Delhi towards the preparation of a report of the TF. Submissions were made by Ashish and Manju on issues of participation and EIA procedures. Suggestions on the submissions made by other members were also made. The report was finalized in the month of December 2006.

3f. Critique to the EIA notification 2006

Members prepared a critique of the new EIA notification 2006 and distributed it amongst networks/partners.

3g. Follow up on the Utkal Alumina plant and mining project, Kashipur, Orissa

The Human Rights Law Network had organized an Indian Peoples Tribunal (IPT) in Kashipur, Orissa in Oct 2005 to highlight the severe human rights and environmental violations due to the Utkal Alumina Project that is to come up in Rayagada district. At the IPT, a deposition was made which highlighted the true status of the project in relation to environment related clearances. The public hearing for the expansion of this project was declared for Oct 17. A note was prepared regarding the chronology of environment and other clearances and information to prove the illegality of the project as well as the public hearing was made available to the local groups prior to the public hearing.

3h. Support to Local Groups in Chhatisgarh

During this period year, continued efforts were made towards helping local groups in Raigarh, Chhatisgarh in their struggle against various industrial projects proposed there. A field visit was undertaken in June 2006. Project sites were visited and there were detailed discussions on the future course of action with the local group, Jan Chetna and their associates. The possibilities of litigation were also discussed. The field visit also entailed meeting villagers that are going to be affected by the projects. Following the field visits, Kanchi also coordinated with Ritwick Dutta, lawyer, Supreme Court of India to file two legal cases. First was against the clearance granted to the expansion of a

steel plant at Patrapali close to Raigarh town. This was before the National Environment Appellate Authority. The second was before the Central Empowered Committee, highlighting clear violations of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 by Jindal Power Limited (JPL) in the construction of a Thermal Power Plant at Tamnar and a related dam at village Rabo. We were in regular touch with the advocate and the local groups, and gave substantial inputs into the process.

4. Study on compliance of Environmental Clearance Conditions

A proposal for undertaking the study was made to Association for India's Development - Austin. After discussions between Kalpavriksh and Aid, they have agreed to fund the study by granting Kalpavriksh USD \$ 5000. The time period is 18 months.

The Compliance Study which aims to gauge the extent of compliance of projects to environmental clearance conditions post clearance and the monitoring of the capacity and capability of the MoEF was initiated. This has been initiated especially because focus of groups and NGOs has been on the process of Clearance till the point clearance is granted, but there are no comprehensive studies of what happens to projects post-clearance, or whether conditions on which the Environmental Clearance is issued are being complied with.

Sectoral and National Level data and information the number of projects granted clearance has been procured through an RTI. This will be used for sampling purposes. This is envisaged to be a two-part study. Part I will explore the status of compliance through case studies across the country. This will be done along with local groups and communities. Part II will be exclusively based on interactions with officials of the Regional and Central Offices of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

For the case studies, the basic methodology to be applied is to study the environmental clearance letter, compliance and monitoring reports and do a ground level verification of the same with partner organisations.

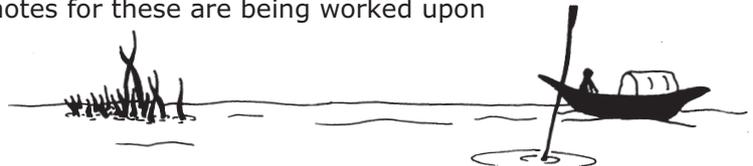
Data collection for the study has already been initiated. The process of data collection for the study has been slow as it is hinged upon RTI Applications that have been filed in the central office of the MoEF in Delhi, and by our partner organisations in the Regional Cells of the MoEF. Nearly all RTI applications filed have had to go to the First Appeal Stage because of inadequate information. Some some amount of basic information did, however, come in for all case studies. The process of explaining the process of monitoring and compliance by the MOEF and their grasp of the intricacies involved also took some time.

Part of the modalities of doing this study such that it gives a "national" picture was done, and RTI applications were filed to get the information. For a basic study of monitoring and compliance, we have decided to study documents regarding all projects that received environmental clearance in the year 2003, as an adequate number of compliance and monitoring reports should have been generated since then. However, this particular RTI has been transferred to the Regional Offices, and the onus has been put on us for procuring the information.

5. Collaboration with PANOS on media interface

Collaboration of Kalpavriksh with PANOS- South Asia on "Media Interface for People's Struggles" was discussed. The need was felt to actively take steps towards facilitating a process whereby people's groups can be helped to take their local and regional issues onto a national platform and to facilitate a process whereby local struggles are debated upon at the national level. Simultaneously, the proposal seeks to educate the media about the crux of environmental issues facing the country today, establish its importance in the mind of the media, cultivate a group of journalists who are committed to reporting on environmental issues and initiate a process of better coverage of environmental issues in the mainstream media.

This proposal involves bringing local groups to Delhi in order to interact with media persons in a less structured and more open and informal manner as against a press conference. Through this proposal one hopes to organise a media interface of 5 ongoing people's struggles in different parts of the country. This would be over a span of one year, at regular intervals of two or three months. Thematic areas most likely to be taken up revolve around coastal area concerns, mining, large dams, SEZs, and biodiversity. Concept notes for these are being worked upon



6. General National Level Advocacy Activities:

Participation in the campaign on environmental governance, including:

- Drafting an overview note on the decline of environmental governance in India ("The Re-colonisation of India Threatens Nature and People", July 2006).
- Briefing organizations like Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), on these issues
- Participating in planning meetings with NGOs and mass movements, at Chennai and Pune.
- Drafting and circulating a note on a proposed National Environment Commission.

7. Campaign support activities:

7a. The national level campaign around environment clearance issues continued and the following activities were carried out:

- Regular press releases were issued in collaboration with the Campaign for Environment Justice (CEJ-I) (available on www.kalpavriksh.org)
- Taking the lead in national level coordination of CEJ-I collective efforts, including maintaining databases, regular information dissemination, correspondence to the PMO, the GoI, and collecting additional information
- Preparing material through comparing successive EIA Notifications at its draft and final stages, and material on issues of environmental clearance on SEZs
- Filing Right to Information applications for specific national level processes such as the National Environment Tribunal Bill; follow-ups on the series of Open Letters to the PMO / MoEF; region and sector-wise number of projects having been granted clearance by the MoEF for compliance study analysis.
- Extracting information through RTI applications, attending hearings at the National Environment Appellate Authority and providing updates for local groups and partners, specifically in Sikkim, Chattisgarh and Kerala.
- Facilitating further political lobbying through Hindi translations of the Open Letter, notes on the EIA Notification and the letters to the Chairpersons of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Parliamentary Committee for Subordinate Legislation. Translations were done by Mayank Trivedi.

7b. RTI applications were filed and followed up on the following subjects:

- (i) Status and Implementation of the NBSAP
- (ii) Palamaneri Hydro-electric project
- (iii) Projects granted Environmental Clearance between 2001-2006
- (iv) Environmental Clearance of Projects
- (v) Clearance for two parcels of land under the FCA (1980) in McLeod Ganj
- (vi) EIA and CRZ Clearance for SEZs
- (vii) EIA and CRZ Clearance Documents for SEZs
- (viii) Environmental Clearance for the Koodankulam Nuclear Plant

7c. Support faxes were sent in the following issues:

- (i) Environmental Clearance to the proposed Athirappilly HEP to Mr. Bhowmik and Dr.P.G Shastri, members of the River Valley Expert Committee
- (ii) Regarding the Kalinganagar Anti-Displacement Movement to Mr. Navin Patnaik, CM, Govt. of Orissa
- (iii) Submission to the TNPCB for the environmental public hearing for Koodankulam Nuclear power

project (units 3,4,5 and 6) raising local and sectoral concerns and thereby urging that the project not be granted clearance.

7d. Follow-up for local groups

- (i) Procured documents on Tawang, Dibang and the Tipaimukh Hydro-electric Projects from the MoEF
- (ii) Tracking the Teesta 3 case at the NEAA and Teesta 5 case at the CEC and providing documented updates to Affected Citizens of Teesta, Sikkim
- (iii) Oral updates from the River Valley Expert Committee, MoEF for River Research Centre, Kerala

III.

III. Northeast dams follow-up

Coordinators: Neeraj Vagholikar and Manju Menon

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: 2007

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.5,52, 000

Funding agency: Bombay Natural History Society, Association for India's Development and International Rivers Network

Developments in this year:

The project team went on a field trip to the Northeast from end April to early June. The specific states travelled to include Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Work on the specific communication outputs envisaged as part of the project continued. Advocacy support, including on legal interventions before the National Environment Appellate Authority & the Central Empowered Committee was also given to local groups on dams issues in this period.



IV. Mining in North east

Coordinator: Neeraj Vagholikar

Team: Manju Menon

Developments in this year:

On request of the Samrakshan Trust, Meghalaya, Neeraj and Manju did a preliminary visit to the Garo Hills in Meghalaya in April 2006 during their ongoing Northeast trip to give advocacy inputs with respect to mining in ecologically sensitive areas there.

V. No Dow Campaign, Pune

Team: Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli

Funding Agency: GGF (under the EIA support work)

Developments in this year:

Dow Corning India Pvt. Ltd. (Dow) set up a silicone producing factory at Ranjangaon in Shirur Taluka, Pune District in 2005. Dow has inherited Union Carbide, the corporation responsible for the death of over 20,000 people in Bhopal after the disaster in December 1984. Dow acquired stakes in Union Carbide in 2001 and is therefore sheltering the world's worst corporate criminal and stands exposed as a willing accomplice of Union Carbide.

Kalpavriksh had been instrumental in collecting the much-needed information about the environment clearance for the project and the documents related to the project. Several activities were undertaken by a group called 'No Dow' in Pune. The group comprising several individuals and NGOs, including Kalpavriksh, had several meetings to plan and organise a demonstration in front of the plant, awareness programmes including a photo exhibition of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy (June 16-18) for the communities living near the plant as well as in Pune city and to get the issue

highlighted in the local media. A memorandum to the Chief Minister seeking the withdrawal of permission to the plant was also prepared.

Theme 3: Environment education and awareness

A group was formed within Kalpavriksh to work on education issues in a more focused way. This was a result of a few prioritization meetings that were held over the last two years.

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Team: Sharmila Deo, Anchal Sondhi, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Manisha Gutman, Sunita Rao, Erica Taraporevala, Bina Thomas Shantha Bhushan, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Yashodara Kundaji.

I. Raising awareness through writing for children in the media

1. A request was received from **Chandamama** asking Kalpavriksh to do a special booklet on the **theme of Planet Earth**. A group met to work out an outline for this and correspondence was started with Chandamama and also within Kalpavriksh to sort out issues related to funds for the work and timelines. The deadline was renegotiated with Chandamama to September 07. Time lines have been worked out for all the units.

Team: Erica Taraporevala, Neema Pathak, Bina Thomas, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Ashish Kothari, and Tejaswini Apte

Volunteer: Persis Taraporevala



2. Good Earth Coloumn

Coordinator: Kanchi Kohli

Developments in this year:

"Good Earth" is a series that appears in the children's supplement of the Hindu

Newspaper. Kalpavriksh has been co-ordinating this column and continued this year as well. The list of articles that appeared in Hindu Young World are as follows:

Month/ Year	Title and Author	Web URL
28 th April 2006	Not Quite in the Pink of Health: Harshad Karandikar	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/04/28/stories/2006042800230200.htm
14 th May 2006	Ensuring Healthy Farms: Shalini Bhutani	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/05/12/stories/2006051200240200.htm
2 nd June 2006	Miracles Happen Everyday: Harshad Karandikar	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/06/02/stories/2006060200220200.htm
14 th July 2006	Sowing Seeds of Inspiration: Kanchi Kohli	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/07/14/stories/2006071404040200.htm
11 th August 2006	What a Waste!: Manisha Gutman	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/08/11/stories/2006081100220200.htm
8 th September 2006	One with nature in your new home: Ashish Kothari	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/09/08/stories/2006090800200200.htm
13 th October 2006	One Night in the Jungle: Harshad Karandikar	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/10/13/stories/2006101300020200.htm

3 rd November 2006	Living Without a Fridge: Ashish Kothari	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/11/03/stories/2006110300140200.htm
8 th December 2006	Changing a way of Life: Manisha Gutman	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2006/12/08/stories/2006120800580200.htm
12 th January 2007	My Clothes are my blanket: Bina Thomas	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2007/01/12/stories/2007011200160200.htm
16 th February 2007	Purulia's Trsyst with Mixed Cropping: Meenakshi Kapoor	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2007/02/16/stories/2007021600470200.htm
2 nd March 2007	Baby's Day Out: Harshad Karandikar	http://www.hindu.com/yw/2007/03/02/stories/2007030200430200.htm

3. Raising awareness through special programmes:

- **Environment Education sessions for Symbiosis International School, Pune:**

Team: Erica Taraporewala, Anchal Sodhi, Sharmila Deo, Manisha Gutman, Ashish Kothari, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sujatha Padmanabhan

An environment education programme consisting of seven topics for the academic year 2006 - 2007 was discussed with the Symbiosis International School to supplement the international curriculum with which they function. The sessions that were conducted in this year were:

- 1) Web of Life
- 2) Trees (two outdoor session at Empress Garden)
- 3) Birds of Pune: Slideshow
- 4) Birds of Pune (outdoor session at Mula Mutha Sanctuary)
- 5) Kids for change

The total amount earned from this programme was Rs.10,000/-. It provided a good opportunity for the Education group to create audio-visual presentations on various subjects. The programme will continue into the next academic year.

- **Bal Vividha participation :**

Team: Erica Taraporewala, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sujatha Padmanabhan

A stall was put up at the Bal Vividha at Nagpur (12th to 14th Nov 06) organised by Comet Media Foundation, Mumbai. The stall showcased Kalpavriksh's work in the field of environment education for children. The *mela* was an interactive one in which a number of the activities and educational material developed for the Ladakh and BRT projects were used. The activities and material were well received.

- **Trees of Pune:**

Team: Sharmila Deo, Sujatha padmanabhan, Saili Palande

An audio-visual presentation on Pune's trees and the Maharashtra Tree Act was done on December 9, 2006 in Happy Colony at Kothrud for the resident children. About 35 children attended along with a few adults.

4. Safe Festivals Campaign

Coordinator: Manisha Gutman

Team: Sunita Rao

Volunteers: Erica Taraporewala, Bina Thomas, Radhika Arora, Mala James, Tasneem Balsinorwala, Anchal sodhi

Year of commencement: 2002

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funds: Donation for safe festivals for Ganesh chaturthi, No funds for Holi

Funding agency: Private Donor

Developments in this year:

Report on Ganesh Chaturthi

The Ganesh Chaturthi campaign focused on three aspects in the year 2006 namely, the promotion of natural clay idols, increasing outreach via several means and the expansion of waste flower collection.

In 2005, it was identified that there was a lack of suitable ecosensitive alternatives available for the festival. It was decided to experiment with Ganesh idols made out of natural clay. A local sculptor was approached and 30 idols were bought from him. These idols were then painted by the children of ASHA school using natural colours such as turmeric, multani mitti and geroo. Two sizes and two different forms of the idol were put up for sale. All idols were sold.

Visits were made to craftsmen in Pen, Chirholi and Sirsi. A sculptor in Sirsi has agreed to prepare idols for next year. A database of craftsmen who are willing to switch to clay if orders are available will be put together. This database could be made public next year. Several articles were published in newspapers in Pune and Mumbai. These articles were also picked up by the London Times and reported in the UK and Australia.

Direct public outreach was done through stalls at Dorabjees and at Infosys and we spoke to nearly a 100 people in person. Articles on the campaign were put up on the website and this attracted a large number of visitors (more than 8000 unique visitors in the month of August). An egroup on the Safe Festivals campaign was started with 88 subscribers who had signed up to receive more information.

The campaign also supported work being done by others, for example the competition for the most eco sensitive mandal which was organized by the Gayatri Pariwar. News coverage for the competition was organized by Kalpavriksh. We also supported an Indian student in the USA who was doing a study on the festival in the research she was putting together.

On the last day of the *visarjan* (immersion) four ragpicker women from the Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat group were employed to collect and segregate *nirmalya* at the Yerawada and Vishrantwadi ghats. The flowers collected from here were taken to ASHA School to feed into the Temple Flower project. Unfortunately, the flowers attracted too many bees which posed a danger to the children and finally had to be composted.

Thoughts for next year include:

1. Increase number of idols on sale
2. Publish list of craftsmen willing to make idols in clay.
3. Sytematise waste segregation along with Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat (KKPKP) and Waste Matters
4. Translate posters into other languages
5. An animation film if possible

Safe Holi Campaign:

The Safe Holi campaign entered its fifth year in 2007. The aim of this campaign is of spreading awareness about the harm done by toxic chemical colours and encouraging the use of natural Holi colours. Over the years many new aspects have been added to the campaign that has expanded to cover several cities now. In 2007, the new aspects involved:

- Launch of colours in Bangalore
- Developing blue as a new colour
- Work with women prisoners of Yerawada Jail
- Corporate social responsibility project done by students of Symbiosis
- After several discussions about possibilities of marketing colours through KV, it was agreed that

it would be better if this was done by an external marketing company. The holi colours to be henceforth a collaboration between KV, Vanastree and eCoexist.

- Collaboration with a marketing company for sale of colours
- Special packaging for an NGO in Thane
- New poster designed on trees that blossom during Holi
- Translation of existing Holi posters into Gujarati
- Emarketing and content added to Wikipedia

A total of 1470 kg of colour was sold in eight cities in India. A complete report on the activity in 2007 has been prepared and is available.

5. BRT Environment Education Programme-Phase 2

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sunita Rao

Team: Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sunita Rao, Yashodara Kundaji, Madhuvanti Anantharajan

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: Dec 2006

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.2,58,500

Funding agency: Asha for Education, Bangalore

Reports submitted: Quarterly

Developments in the specified period:



The Kannada version of the handbook, *Forests Alive!* was finalized during this period. Shri Nagesh Hegde who translated it into Kannada, helped in coordinating the layout work which was undertaken in Bangalore. The design and layout of the English version was used for the Kannada version.

Contact was made with a professional editor for the final editing of "*Forests Alive!*" and with a resource person for producing the CD version of the handbook. Final editing of the English version of the handbook by Madhuca Krishnan was completed. A first draft of three chapters was produced for the CD.

Progress was also made to try and get the Kannada version published. Navakarnataka publishers were contacted. Discussions are ongoing and key people from the associated agencies – Vivekananda Girijana Kalyan Kendra (VGKK), Ashoka Trust for Research on Environment and Ecology (ATREE), and Asha for Education aside from Kalpavriksh were consulted.

Orientation workshops with the teachers aimed at using the handbook continued this year, the details of which are given below:

• **Second teachers' orientation workshop, May 26 – 29 2006**

The overall objective of this workshop was to orient the teachers to Forests and Wildlife of BR Hills and Non-Timber Forest Products, two units of the handbook, *Forests Alive!* The thrust of this workshop, however, was the Forests and Wildlife chapter as an orientation with the teachers using a draft version of the chapter on Non-Timber Forest Products was already conducted in the first phase of this project.

Two resource persons participated in the workshop. Mr. Manjunath Hosabale spoke on the "Importance of Forest Ecosystems" and presented an audio-visual programme on the Wildlife of the Western Ghats. Mr. Sidappa Setty of ATREE addressed the group on "NTFP in BRT Wildlife Sanctuary: present scenario."

• **Third teachers' orientation workshop, August 22 – 23 2006**

The third teachers' workshop, like the others, looked at working with the teachers and familiarizing them with the BRT Manual (*Forests Alive!*/ Vana Sanjeevana – Kannada version). The topics dealt with this time were **Maps and Mapping** and **Agriculture**.

Sessions were of various kinds were conducted. These included direct classroom observation to see how teachers used the manual and had activities with the children, analysis of classroom observations in upper primary and high school, trying out sample activities from the manual,

presentation of work done by each teacher during the period June to August 2006, feedback on corrections in Kannada Manual, a presentation by researchers from Green Foundation Bangalore on "Agricultural Diversity and Food Security", and an art based activity for children.

Finally a discussion on workshop feedback, and planning for the final workshop (January 2007) was held. Preparations for the next workshop, the final process document, and other logistic were also discussed. A meeting with a volunteer from Asha for Education, Bangalore was held in October 2006.

- **Final teachers' orientation workshop**

The final teachers' workshop at VGKK, BR Hills was held on January 30th 2007. The themes explored were the last 2 chapters of the handbook- Health & Nutrition and Environment & Development. The school had also put up an exhibition of all the work the children had done while doing activities from the handbook. We had discussions about the future of the use of the handbook, both, on campus and the possibility of its use outside the buffer area of the sanctuary and in Chamrajanagar district.

6. Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Team: Sharmila Deo

Year of commencement: Jan 2006

Year of completion: Nov 2006

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.4, 75,794

Funding agency: Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust (SLC - IT), and Association for India's Development - Columbas (AID - C)

Reports submitted: Three work update reports submitted to funders

Developments in this year:

The Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme is a collaborative effort between the Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust (SLC-IT) and Kalpavriksh to facilitate the development and implementation of an education programme in Ladakh that is focused on the conservation of snow leopards and other wildlife of the local trans-Himalayan region.

During the period April to November 06, four workshops were conducted in the government schools in Matho and Markha villages, and two in the three schools in the Shang area. The workshops covered Ladakh's biodiversity (focusing on wild flora and fauna), threats and conservation actions. Methods used included film screenings, games, worksheet exercises, art and craft.

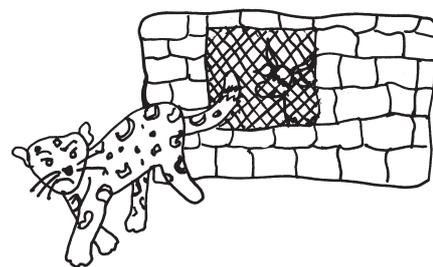
The responses to the workshops from the children and many staff members of all the villages have been overwhelmingly positive. To quote the Headmaster of Matho school: "The students have improved much more than before, so much so that the students seem to know much more than us teachers about the biodiversity of Ladakh. Even during the games period they prefer to play the environmental games instead of cricket or other games."

And to quote a student who wrote in her feedback: "...And your style of teaching I like very much. I like advice and everything that *kagaley* and *acheyley* (both terms of respect for Rigzin and Angmo, the educators) give. I don't know how the two days pass." (*Daechen Chuskit, class 8*)

A proposal was written up and funds procured through a donation for wider dissemination of material produced under this programme. Three posters were printed and dispatched to Ladakh in August: Birds of Ladakh, Mammals of Ladakh, and Ladakh Wild (an activity poster). These will be given to all government schools with the help of the Education Department.

Qualitative and quantitative feedback was obtained on the workshops. For qualitative feedback, the children were asked to give written feedback on the programme. During the last workshop at Matho and Markha schools, the baseline assessment form that was used in the first workshop was re-administered. The performance of each student was then compared during assessment and reassessment. The re-assessment scores were higher on every question when compared with the assessment scores.

A proposal was sent in to both the funding agencies for Phase 2 for continuing work in the current 5 villages as well as expanding to two more villages in Leh district and three more in Zaskar. The



funding from both agencies was confirmed by December 2006.

The period January to March was largely spent in planning for this year's programmes in the current schools and the new schools. The programme implementation will start mid-April 07. Draft agendas have been worked out for each village school programme and material required for each school was produced. A board game on conservation actions is ready for use. This was developed last year and field tested during one of the workshops.

Letters written by children of the Matho and Markha schools to the President of China, requesting him to take action against illegal trade in wildlife, were translated into English. These have been sent to the President, and also to some newspapers for media coverage.

A presentation was made on the programme in a workshop on "Environmental Education: Sharing Experience" organized by the India-Canada Education Facility (ICEF) and the Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research (BVIIEER), Pune held on 23rd and 24th March. The material produced under Kalpavriksh's site-specific education programmes was displayed.

7. Programme at Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary (proposed)

Coordinator: Sharmila Deo

Team: Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Bina Thomas, Neema Pathak, Sujatha Padmanabhan (on advisory capacity)

Year of commencement: 2007

Year of completion: (Proposal to be worked out)

Developments in this year:

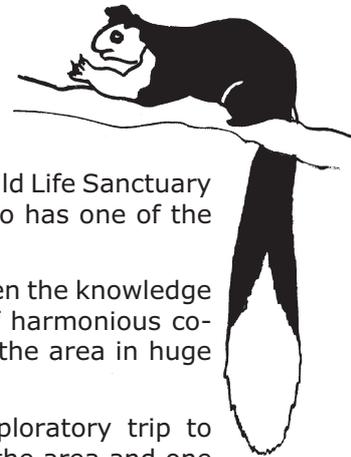
The education team is exploring the possibility of working in the Bheemashankar Wild Life Sanctuary (BWLS) in Maharashtra. It is an area that has clusters of sacred groves, and also has one of the 12 *Jyotirling* temples in India.

The objectives of the education programme are to instill in the village school children the knowledge and appreciation of their rich natural biodiversity, understand the importance of harmonious co-existence between humans and wildlife, and sensitize the tourists who frequent the area in huge numbers to the environment.

There have been two meetings with the Forest Department (FD) and an exploratory trip to Bheemashankar in this regard. A few members from the education team visited the area and one of the tribal schools.

Members of the team also participated in the Mahashivratri campaign organized by the FD. An interactive session with puppets was conducted with the visitors in the temple precincts as a part of spreading awareness. Inputs were also given to the shopkeepers and volunteers of the FD to deal with the plastic garbage.

The team is currently seeking funding for the proposal.



9. IHP – Rethinking Globalisation

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari and Sharmila Deo

Collaborating agency: Inter cultural Resources Centre, Delhi

Duration: 9th Jan 2007 – 20th Jan 2007

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.2,62,000/-

Developments in this year:

Kalpavriksh was the host co-coordinating agency for the International Honors Program in Pune and was instrumental in planning the programme contents, field trips and home stays. This year 24 students, largely from universities in the US joined this study group. The theme was "Biodiversity, Culture and Conservation". The issues explored were, broadly, biodiversity conservation and equity issues, government and community initiatives for conservation and traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights. Guest lecturers and resource persons included members of Kalpavriksh, and external resources persons such as Sujit Patwardhan, Persis Taraporewala and Saili Palande. Madhuvanthi Anantharajan was invited to conduct an arts session with the group. Vivek Gour Broome co-ordinated the field trip at Amba Valley in collaboration with Rural Communes.

Kalpavriksh will continue co-ordinating the activities of this study group in India.

Region-wise Updates:

I. Andaman & Nicobar

1. Jarawa Reserve Dossier

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of Commencement: October 2005

Funding: @ Rs.200,000 by UNESCO

Developments in this year:

The Draft of the Dossier was completed and sent to UNESCO. They have in principle accepted the draft. Draft has to be now sent to an identified list of experts to get their feedback

2. Onge (Andamans) Case

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of Commencement: 1999

Year of completion: ongoing

Nothing much has happened in this matter in the present period



3. Research Study on Building a Base for Advocating Sustainable Tourism in Andaman Islands

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria (representing Kalpavriksh)

This is a project being implemented by Equations. Kalpavriksh is one of a team of six core group members for the project. The other organizations involved are Society for Andaman and Nicobar Ecology (SANE), Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).

II. Uttara Kannada

1. Malnad Seed Collective (Conservation oriented livelihoods)

Coordinator: Sunita Rao

Team: Manisha, Manoramma, Savithriamma, Ganga, Rashmi.

Year of commencement: July 2005

Year of completion: Dec 2006 (this particular phase of funding although programme continues)

Total funds sanctioned: Approx. Rs.2.5 lakhs

Funding agency: Individual donor

Reports submitted: Quarterly

Developments in this year:

Malnad Mela (June 3, 2006):

The Malnad Seed Collective has held five annual Biodiversity/Seed festivals so far since 2001. The sixth festival in 2006 was held on June 3, 2006 in Sirsi. Although modest in scale, the mela's objective was to reach out to the public and share with them the work of the collective as well as the wealth of biodiversity around them. Conservation issues were also to be shared. Importantly, the mela served as a platform for the women from the seed collective to directly interact with consumers and buyers and sell them their seeds, fresh and processed home garden produce and crafts. This dimension was important to add to the worth of our conservation oriented activities.

About 120 people participated as stallholders. *Shankar Hegde* from Malenalli was the chief guest and spoke strongly of the urgent need to endorse the worth of local seeds and preserve them. The Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF,) S.G. Hegde also spoke of how women had a great

role to play in forest protection and that they would be accorded anonymity and protection if they cooperated in forest conservation work. This statement we felt was a direct result of having bombarded the forest department in the last several months with requests of being proactive about forest protection.

The Malnad Mela had stalls by the seed collective members as well as some outsiders. Seed groups from Neernali, Gubbigadhe, Amchimane, Karkolli, Kodigar, Sonda, VadhiraJamath, Malenalli, Mathighatta, Yellapur (organized by TEED), and Honnavar (organized by Sneha Kunja). The Concerned for Working Children (CWC) also participated. Self-help groups from Hitlalli, Golikoppa and one other village also came and have expressed interest in adding on the objectives of the seed collective to their work. The entire mela was conducted by one of the seed leaders - Manorama Joshi.

The Forest Department had a poster exhibition and a sale of indigenous forest species. They had also brought along Acacia but were politely told to refrain from selling them! *Sameeksha Ayurvedalaya* had a display of charts and magazines and stressed the importance of "first aid pharmacy gardens".

Some of the products on display and sale (from home gardens and *betta* forests) were local, open pollinated seeds (which did brisk business!), tubers (wild and cultivated), fresh vegetables and fruits, medicinal and flowering plants, cocum juice, cocum butter, dry red and white (medicinal) cocum, herbal hair oil, turmeric, spices, products from gooseberry (*amla/nelli*), jackfruit chips and papad, areca leaf plates and cups, bamboo products, and a host of other things. The food stall with *kashaya* (a local herbal drink), jackfruit *kadbu* and banana *roti* did well too.

Eight school children took part in a Natural Rangoli Contest at the mela and produced beautiful designs using seeds, vegetables, stones, and spice powders. They were given prizes.

The mela was held in Raitha Bhavan which is part of the Totgar Cooperative- which is a little outside main Sirsi town. Hence only about 300 visitors came. But the event got wide press coverage in the vernacular papers (*Prajavani, Vijay Karnataka, Usha Kiran, and Loka Dhwani*). It is hoped that a venue closer to town may be possible next year. This will ensure more publicity and hopefully more people will come.

The entire Malnad Mela had a very positive, vibrant energy. It could happen only because of the interest, commitment, and voluntary help of a lot of individuals, and the sponsorship provided by ATREE and an individual donor from Pune.

Internship (April, May, June 2006)

Katherine Cofell, an undergraduate from the University of Oregon at Eugene (USA), spent three months with the collective as an intern. Her work involved helping finalise the deforestation report, checking out the homestay and trek routes at Mathighatta where the Nellithota Forest Retreat has been set up, making posters, and helping out with work pertaining to the Malnad Mela. Her time here was beneficial to the collective. She also spent time with other homestays, allowing for a two way exchange of information and ideas, and also helping to augment their income a little. The University has proposed to send interns on a regular basis. Sunita Rao who was the intern supervisor and oversaw the stay, work and other details will continue doing so.

Marketing/Distribution

Contact was made with the *Indian Institute of Management – Bangalore* (IIM-B) and details regarding a course for women on "*Running a Small Business*" obtained. It is proposed that Manisha attend this course in March 2007, and thus make a business plan for eCoexist as well as help the seed collective put a plan together for itself to be able to work towards setting up an independent, small scale, economically viable enterprise run by a local person in Sirsi. Sale of some of the produce locally also goes on.

Participation in Annual Flower Show (Lalbagh, Bangalore) August 15/16, 2006

Two members of the collective Manorama Joshi and her son Vivek (who has been volunteering for a lot of the collective work) participated in the annual flower show in Bangalore. This was in response to an invitation from Green Foundation, Bangalore which was having a large display on "Biodiversity and Food". Produce and value added food items from the *malnad* region were taken for display and sale at Lalbagh. The exposure gained from the experience was tremendous.

The possibility of setting up a small scale, independent, financially viable enterprise in Sirsi is being explored. Marketing via email/internet is another option being considered.

Planning ahead

Annual plan for the year 2006-2007 (looking at the major focus areas of the collective that include research and documentation, outreach and networking, and conservation and livelihoods), and logistics for *training sessions* in the post monsoon months were done.

Visits will be made to the remote areas of the taluka and environs to see if *new seed groups* can be started.

Designing and sourcing products for the Safe Festivals Campaign will also be done. The products will include clay ganesh idols and *diyas* painted with natural colours (for *Ganesh Chaturti* and *Diwali* respectively), and seed-string *raakhis* for *Raksha Bandhan*. The possibility of producing a new colour for Holi (blue from indigo) will also be worked on.

Nov 3-7: Workshop on Shoonya Krishi ("Zero budget "organic farming) by Subash Palekar in Sirsi. Stress was laid on traditional varieties of seeds and breeds of cattle, simple and cost effective agricultural practices that were not harmful to the environment, and an overall simple lifestyle.

Nov 12: Kowdi workshop – traditional patchwork quilts from cloth bits/old torn sarees etc that are otherwise thrown away. Two tribal women from a village near Hubli were the resource persons. The need to preserve this skill and to recycle everything was stressed.

Nov 13: Trip to Charakha Handloom and vegetable dye unit in Heggodu (Sagar Taluk, Shimoga district) – discussion on further developing holi colours, and launching colours in Bangalore are on. Efforts to locally cultivate indigo are also going on.

There are now requests from as far away as Sagar (80 km) to begin seed groups there.

A new colour (blue) was researched and developed for Holi 2007 using indigo. The formula for green was also changed using indigo and turmeric to get a bright green. Efforts are on to improve the red and stop using red earth as a component altogether since soil is not a renewable resource.

Discussions are on with the Siddi seed group to see how we can install astra stoves in members' homes (thereby reducing the drudgery of carrying home firewood and pressure on the forest), and have them collect seeds of forest species to sell back to the collective. The work here is challenging because of the terrain and because of the nature of tragedy that seems to strike the families at all times. There is also alcoholism here amongst the men further compounding the challenges. The women are keen to keep up with the collective and are being encouraged to do so.

A business plan was worked out with Ecoexist (an agency begun by Manisha to handle marketing) to see how best the rural work can have a place in mainstream or alternative urban settings. We are also trying to work on a marketing strategy. While work with the holi colours goes on, we will also need to look at how best to consolidate the food products. It is evident that value addition adds substantially to the income made from home garden produce.

There is also a desire among members to register the collective as an independent entity and streamline the products dimension of the work. One of the members is actively seeking to secure a space in Sirsi which can be an outlet for produce but we are a long way from actually getting this going since this will need a proper team.

A lot of time is being spent trying to send off proposals to various agencies to make this effort into a systematic project over the next 3 years at least. AID Bay area chapter is considering the proposal, while UNDP (CCF2) is still awaiting word from MoEF. The latter project will be through a local agency Prakruti, with Kalpavriksh being the associated agency. The other funding sources being considered are Misereor, Hivos, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Global Fund for Women, and terres de Hommes (tdH).

Although the programme looking at livelihood options within the collective officially came to an end in December 2006, the work with the seed collective continues. About 1.5 tonnes of vegetable colour were produced for Holi (please see report on Holi).

Networking in Bangalore, the nearest large city has been strengthened and we hope to build up a small consumer group there that is sensitive to being a part of Community Supported Agroforestry activities. The possibilities seem immense even without a regular project. One volunteer is working on a website. A lot of other help has also been forthcoming.

A booklet on amla, its sustainable harvesting, and recipes (traditional and some new innovations)

is under preparation. We hope to have a workshop soon on this based on all the amla products prepared by the seed collective members this summer.

Tree nurseries of indigenous species by two members continue on a small scale. Orders have come in for 1000 mango saplings for next year which we have taken up. Individuals will work on this independently and get paid directly.

As of now, there is no systematized marketing dimension as such – it has been informal, small and direct. We will continue to collaborate with eCoexist and hope to build up something in Bangalore through mailing lists and producer-consumer exhibitions twice a year.

After a lot of discussion, we also hope to independently register the seed collective. The connection with Kalpavriksh as one of the collaborators will of course continue. This is indeed a healthy sign as the members want their own independent identity, but also value the connections, relationship and trust they have with other groups that have been supporting them.

III Pune

1. Pune Tree Watch

Team: Tasneem Balasinorwala, Shantha Bhushan, Sujatha Padmanabhan and Anchal Sondhi .

Other members involved: Ashish Kothari, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Neema Pathak

Year of commencement: July 2005

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds received: Rs. 2.6 lakhs

Funding agency: AID Bay Area chapter

Reports submitted: Monthly

Developments in this year:

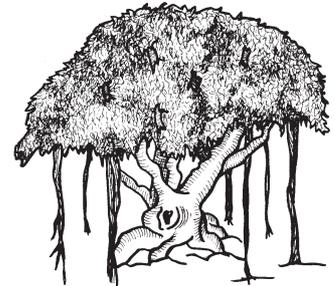
Alerts:

The entire tree felling activity and development work in the city has been keeping the Pune Tree Watch team busy. Some amount of conformation to the Maharashtra Tree Act is being observed through the stray incidents whereby notices are being put on trees before giving permission for felling. A detailed list of alerts that the group was involved in is available at www.punetreewatch.org

Efforts to save trees from constructions:

25 – 30 beautiful trees at the International Convention Centre site were saved from being chopped or transplanted due to an intervention by Pune Tree Watch members. This was managed after the intervention of the city engineer that ensured changes in the design plan in order to save the trees. This example however is not replicable for most of the construction sites, given the current urban scenario and development mode. A similar case has been taken up with a commercial structure called Nucleus Mall. Pune Tree Watch strongly feels that a huge portion of land outside the mall is being unnecessarily used for parking given that there is parking facility already provided inside the mall itself. It is being requested that this either be a mix of parking and green area or a complete green area. Although the city engineer has been helpful, all the efforts and suggestions are falling on deaf ears. The C.E.O of the construction firm was also contacted (Vascon Engineering) but there has been no response on this so far.

The group also managed to save 50 odd trees on the Lal Bhadur Shastri Rd ahead of Alaka Takies which were to be cut due to the laying of the storm water drainage. Mr Prasad Latkar, member of Pune Tree Watch and a town planner was consulted. PTW members met Mr. Madhav Latkar, Road Dept, Pune Municipal Corporation, regarding the issue and requested him to share the master plan for the road and the proposed storm water drainage. A joint meeting was organized and attended by Madhav Latkar, Mr Khaire, Prasad Latkar and the consultant group – Kashec Engineers. The group suggested that the storm water drainage can be laid using the 'looping' method whereby the drain loops around the tree and it need not go in a straight line. Where necessary only the roots would need to be cut and not the tree. The garden department has said that they would help in the root cutting and the pruning of the tree to maintain a balance. They have replicated the similar model in three other roads where the storm water drainage was being laid out. This has helped to save hundreds of trees.



Road Conflict:

In Pune there is an ongoing conflict related to the construction of a new road on a forested hill called the Law College Hill or Vetakdi. The area in question is an ecological hotspot for Pune's Urban Environment and there are many studies that report good biodiversity and ecological value. The 'forests' on the Law College Hill qualify as forests as per the interpretation of the Honourable Supreme Court and any claim by PMC that they do not need clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is in contravention of the orders of the Supreme Court. Clearly the ongoing tree felling on Law College Hill by the PMC for construction of the Paud Phata - Balbharti road is in violation of Supreme Court orders dated 12th December, 1996 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 (T.N. Godavarman Vs Union of India) and the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. A number of environmentally conscious groups and individuals are fighting this against the PMC (Pune municipal Corporation). To initiate stronger action, Kalpavriksh has written a letter to the Central Empowered Committee about the matter. The CEC has sent a letter to the Chief Secretary, Forests, Maharashtra, directing them to institute an enquiry and send them a report in response to our letter on the Paud Phata - Balbharti road.

Meeting with the Commissioner:

During this period the group met up with the Pune Municipal Commissioner, raising concerns about the various inadequacies in the functioning of the Maharashtra Tree Act. A campaign was also started for the constitution of the Pune Tree Authority, so that it does indeed represent experts and civil society. The group initiated a call for the nomination of experts on the Pune Tree Authority in a transparent and accountable way. Led by Pune Tree Watch, many environment groups and civil society groups have written to the Pune Municipal Commissioner urging that the nomination process of the Pune Tree Authority (PTA) be done in a transparent and accountable manner. They have also recommended the names of various individuals and environment organizational representatives who have expertise in the area of urban environment. The team also wrote to the PMC commissioner on the unsatisfactory participation of the Additional Municipal Commissioner in the proceedings of the Pune Tree Authority as the chairman. Following this the Additional Municipal Commissioner was present in the next meeting of the Tree Authority.

The Pune tree watch has alliances with some other active environment groups in Pune as well to form the Urban Biodiversity consortium, to work on certain important aspects of the city's urban environment.

Act Amendment:

A meeting to discuss amendments to the Maharashtra Tree Act (MTA) was held on Dec 4th and a meeting was also held with Kisan Mehta on Dec 8th. The proposed amendments have been finalized. The Social Forestry Dept (SFD), Pune and the Urban Development Department of the Maharashtra State government have been approached regarding this. A presentation was made to inform the SFD. on the key sections of the act and the proposed amendments by the Town Planning and Valuation Dept, Pune. , Pune Tree Watch, and Save Bombay Committee. They have stated their interest in taking this forward with their inputs as well.

The MTA when compared with legislations of other states/cities is outdated and unsatisfactory. The intention was to make the Act more stringent, and more punitive. It was compared with the legislations from Delhi and Karnataka and suggestions were then made for the amendments .. A simplification of the MTA can be found online at: <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/f3/punetw/laws/mta>.

Maharashtra (Urban Areas)**Forest Case, Pune:**

In 1997 a survey of forests was ordered by the Supreme Court in all the states to identify and include areas (Govt or individual owned), as forests that are not under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department (FD), but fall within the definition of the dictionary meaning. As a result for Pune City, the FD had identified certain areas which were added to the 'official' or 'identified' forest list. Subsequently they also submitted a list to the Collector, which included Law College Hill, Fergusson College, The Television and Film Institute of India (FTII) , Vaikunth Mehta Institute and such places in the city where plantations were carried out by the FD - to include them in the 'identified' forest



list. A resurvey was ordered in August 2006 by the Joint Secretary, Forests (Maharashtra), to exclude such areas that have been mistakenly identified and also to reascertain the true identified forests. On the 10th of Nov, the group met the Collector Mr Deshmukh on this issue and urged him to include Law College Hill and other such sites in the 'identified forest' category. The response of the FD was retrieved from the collector's office using the RTI, The FD has excluded many areas which they had previously included in 1997. There is absolutely no mention of including more forests. Just to state some figures - for the city of Pune a total of 97.95 hectares were in the earlier list and through this resurvey they have recommended all the 97.95 hectares be excluded for various reasons. In the entire pune district the forest area therefore comes down from 1100 ha to 300 ha.

Since the Maharashtra Forest Department has yet not filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court, the group is trying to use this opportunity to get various areas included by sending letters to the Collector, with copies to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF). Kalpavriksh has written a follow-up letter to the Collector expressing concerns about the resurvey and seeking remedial measures

Exhibitions:

The group participated in three exhibitions to get more citizens to participate. One good thing that came out of one of the exhibition was the opening up of a possibility of working with the Pune Cantontment Board as well. We are hoping that this will be successful.

Tree Plantation drive:

A tree plantation drive was organized at the Nucleus Mall. There was a proper ceremony with the Police Chief planting the first tree. Tree guards and watering of saplings was done with help of horticulture members. Due to the intervention of PTW members native and indigenous trees are getting planted.

As part of the joint urban greens proposal, Pune Tree Watch has been approved for funding by AID (Bay Area chapter).

Several complaints were received during this period wherein applicants who receive tree pruning permission, use this to cut the entire tree or then prune more than necessary.

Others

On the organizational front, Anchal Sodhi is largely looking at the regular functioning of the group. She has also initiated awareness activities for the benefit of members of the Pune Tree Watch.

Active intervention in the process of tree felling is continuing. For more details on the tree alerts that the group has taken up each month see www.punetreewatch.org.

Pune Tree Watch has also received media coverage through the year. The members were interviewed on Radio Mirchi on the basic work being done by Pune Tree Watch.



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- Great Himalayan National Park, 18-22 April, 2006; part of ongoing research project on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India **Ashish Kothari, Milind Wani, Bansuri Taneja, Kanchi Kohli**
- Madhya Pradesh, visit to Satpura Tiger Reserve, March 2006- part of ongoing research project on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India. **Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak, Milind Wani,**
- Field visit to Bangladesh, 27 – 30 May, **Ashish Kothari**
- Trip to Singhdad, Pune, 18 June; Bird watching , **Ashish Kothari**
- Hail Haor (wetland) and Lawachara National Park, Bangladesh; to see collaborative management initiatives of the government and NGOs; June 2006. **Ashish Kothari**
- Madhya Pradesh, visit to Satpura Tiger Reserve, June 2006- part of ongoing research project on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India. **Milind Wani, Tasneem Balasinorwala**
- Bhubaneshwar, Orissa, visit to Angul part of ongoing research project on Conservation and

People's Livelihood Rights in India. **Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak, Milind Wani, Tasneem Balasinorwala**

- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya & Sikkim, April 23- June 10; for the follow – up of Northeast Dams work, Updating the Nagaland CCAs and mining, **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon**
- Bhubaneshwar and surrounding areas; 6th to 16th of July 2006; field visits to CCAs and work in Vasundhara office. **Neema Pathak**
- Phaltan, Maharashtra; 25th and 26th of August 2006; exploratory visit for PCD field visit in November 2006. **Neema Pathak, Sharmila Deo**
- Jawahar, Maharashtra; 15th to 17th September 2006; exploratory visit for PCD field visit in November 2006. **Manisha Gutman, Neema Pathak.**
- Hohe Tauern National Park, Austria, 20-22 September; part of WCPA Steering Committee meeting, field trips to learn about Austrian PA management issues. **Ashish Kothari.**
- Several protected areas of Catalunya, Spain, 24-27 September; part of meeting WCPA Task Force on Protected Landscapes, field trips to understand Catalunyan government's approach to managing mixed natural/human influenced landscapes **Ashish Kothari.**
- Hivre Bazar and Wadgaon Ambli, September 9th 2006; reconnaissance trip in preparation for PCD study tour **Manisha Gutman, Sharmila Deo, Anuradha Arjunwadkar.**
- Visit to Jardhar village, Uttaranchal, to update the information for CCA directory, November 6th-8th, **Meenakshi Kapoor, Mayank Trivedi**
- Field visit to villages near Pune, November 6th- 11th, **Ashish Kothari** with the PCD team from China
- Amboli, Maharashtra, November 20th, Visit proposed iron ore mining areas near Amboli for EIA related inputs to local groups (**Neeraj Vagholikar** along with members of LIFE – Lawyers Initiative for Forest & Environment)
- Visit to Chhoti Haldwani / Corbett Trail, November 23rd, (village ecotourism), Uttaranchal, **Ashish Kothari**
- Visit to Camp Kyari, November 27th, (village ecotourism), Uttaranchal, **Ashish Kothari**
- Bhubaneshwar and Satkosia WS and Pakhide CCA, 30th November to 10th December, **Neema Pathak**
- Visit to Bheemashankar Sanctuary with forest dept, December 23rd, **Ashish Kothari**
- Waterbird census, Pashan Lake, Pune, 7th January, **Ashish Kothari**
- Reconnaissance trip to Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, visit to a school, 22nd to 24th January, **Sharmila Deo, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak, Ashish Kothari**
- Birdwatching trip to Mula Mutha river, with Symbiosis International School students, 3rd February, **Ashish Kothari**
- Visit to field sites of Seva Mandir, Udaipur, and chief guest at Umedh Mal Lodha award ceremony for outstanding natural resource conservation work by villages, Udaipur, 11th & 12th February, **Ashish Kothari**
- Visit to Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajasthan, 13th February, **Ashish Kothari**
- NE dams follow-up field visit to the Lower Subansiri dams site, Assam. 18th February to 5th March, **Neeraj Vagholikar**

III. Talks, presentations & meetings

April 2006

- 2:** Participation in Pune dharna by Narmada Bachao Andolan, against height increase of Sardar Sarovar Project, **Ashish Kothari**
- 12:** Role of youth and students in promoting and supporting community conservation in India



at Conservation and Education Centre of BNHS, Borivili, Mumbai, **Neema Pathak**

- 17:** Oral submission to Joint Parliamentary Committee on Tribal Forest Rights Bill, Delhi, **Ashish Kothari**
- 28:** Presentation at Workshop on Environment and Human Rights, Environmental Justice Initiative, Mumbai, **Ashish Kothari**

May 2006

- 1:** Presentation on overview of Kalpavriksh work to Samrakshan field staff at Baghmara, Garo Hills, Meghalaya, **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon**
- 2:** Lecture on Biodiversity, at NSS Camp, Purandar, **Ashish Kothari**
- 4:** Lecture at Bharatiya Vidyapeeth Environmental Education and Research Institute, Pune, **Ashish Kothari**
- 9:** Presentation on Ecosystems Services and NBSAP, at Workshop on Compensation for Ecosystem Services, ISEC, Bangalore, **Ashish Kothari**
- 11:** Presentation on Environmental Issues to Interns at the National Centre for Advocacy Studies, Pune, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 13:** Meeting of Consultative forum on Hydropower & Biodiversity organized by BNHS, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon**
- 24:** Participation at meeting re. TILCEPA's future status, at IUCN, Switzerland, **Ashish Kothari**
- 24-25:** Participation in Executive Committee meeting of the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP), Switzerland, **Ashish Kothari**
- 26-29:** Second teachers' orientation workshop held at the VGKK School at BR Hills, Karnataka **Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sunita Rao**
- 27-30:** Workshop on Collaborative Management of Protected Areas, Bangladesh. **Ashish Kothari**
- 30-31:** Meeting on Agrobiodiversity, Environment and Development issues in Nagni, Uttaranchal organized by Beej Bachao Andolan, **Kanchi Kohli**
- 31:** Lecture on Tribal Forest Rights Bill, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, **Ashish Kothari**

June 2006

- 2:** Presentation on EIA training programme at Mangan, North Sikkim, **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon**
- 8:** Environmental public hearing for the Teesta Stage III hydroelectric project at Chungthang, North Sikkim, **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon**
- 14-15:** KV Prioritisation retreat, Pune, **all members from Kalpavriksh Pune**
- 22:** Meeting with NGOs in Chennai, to plan EIA/CRZ/environmental governance campaign, **Ashish Kothari**
- 22-23:** Participation in Workshop on People's Biodiversity Registers, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, **Ashish Kothari**
- 30:** Meeting with NGOs in Pune, to plan EIA/CRZ/environmental governance campaign, **Ashish Kothari**

July 2006

- 7-8:** Participation in Sustainable Development Dialogue, Wilton Park, UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 15:** Lecture on Community Conserved Areas, BNHS meeting, Pune, **Ashish Kothari**

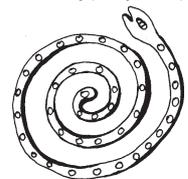
- 16-17:** Meeting of the Coalition of GM Free India in Bhatinda, Punjab organized by Kheti Virasat Mission, **Kanchi Kohli, Meenakshi Kapoor**
- 22:** Lecture on wildlife/forest laws, at course on Environmental Laws for Primary Judicial Officers, Judicial Law Academy, Bhopal, **Ashish Kothari**
- 24:** Meeting with wildlife officials of Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, regarding PA/people issues, Bhopal. **Ashish Kothari**

August 2006

- 17:** Presentation on Wildlife and Wildlife Conservation Issues to students at Insearch, Pune, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 17:** Talk on safe festivals at Infosys Exhibition, **Manisha Gutman**
- 25:** Meeting with Local struggles in Himachal Pradesh, Shimla organized by Navrachna, **Kanchi Kohli**
- 28-29:** Meeting of Campaign for Environment Justice-India, Bangalore organized by campaign members held in Environment Support Group office, Delhi, **Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon**

September 2006

- 3-4:** Meeting with Equations, SANE and Action Aid to discuss project on tourism in the Andaman Islands, Bangalore, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 8-9:** Participation in workshop on Biodiversity Regulation, Kalpavriksh/GRAIN/Deccan Development Society, Kolkata, **Ashish Kothari, Kanchi Kohli, Shantha Bhushan, Tejaswini Apte, Meenakshi Kapoor**
- 13:** Lecture on sustainable development issues, IndSearch, Pune, **Ashish Kothari**
- 13:** Presentation on the A&N Islands to MSc Students at the BVIEER, Pune, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 18-22:** Presentation on CCAs at Steering Committee of World Commission of Protected Areas (WCPA), IUCN, Heilingenblut, Austria, **Ashish Kothari**
- 23-27:** Presentation on CCAs at workshop of WCPA's Task Force on Protected Landscapes, Olot, Spain, **Ashish Kothari**
- 28:** Presentation on Politics of Biodiversity in India, at Barcelona Autonomous University, Spain, **Ashish Kothari**
- 28:** Talk on Safe festivals at St. Miras College, **Manisha Gutman**



October 2006

- 2-4:** Participation in meeting on "Science-Policy Interface for Biodiversity", Leipzig, Germany, **Ashish Kothari**
- 8-9:** Presentation on EIA issues in the meeting of Thermal Power Project affected communities in Western Maharashtra, Dahanu, **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 16:** 11th Plan Task Force meeting, Delhi, **Ashish Kothari**
- 26:** Discussion on People's Biodiversity Registers with Rural Communes and Vasundhara, Pune, **Ashish Kothari**
- 27-28:** Meeting on the post tsunami situation in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands organized by the Chennai based Tsunami Rehabilitation Information Network and Action Aid, Chennai, **Pankaj Sekhsaria.**
- 30:** Meeting on possible urban biodiversity project, with WWF, Ranwa, Ecological Society, CEE, **Ashish Kothari**
- 30:** Meeting of the Planning Commission Task Force on Islands, Corals, Mangroves and Wetlands, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**

November 2006

- 6-7:** Consultation on 'Globalisation, Trade and Tourism: impacts on people's rights and development' organized by Equations, Delhi. **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 10:** Meeting of the Planning Commission Task Force on Islands, Corals Mangroves and Wetlands,. **Pankaj Sekhsaria.**
- 5-12:** Evolving Alternatives: A training programme on Sustainable Development was organised by Kalpavriksh for the NGO Partnerships for Community Development (PCD) based in HongKong. The programme started with a two day workshop on Environment and Development which was held in Pune. This was followed by a study tour which took the participants to Hivre Bazar, Wadgaon Ambli, Jawhar and Ralegan Siddhi. **Manisha Gutman, Sharmila Deo, Neema Pathak, Ashish Kothari.**
- 12-14:** Participation in Bal Vividha, Nagpur, **Erica Taraporevala, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sujatha Padmanabhan**
- 19:** Presentation on EIA issues in the workshop on RTI and peoples participation in environmental decision-making organized by Lawyers Initiative for Forest & Environment (LIFE), Belgaum, Karnataka, **Neeraj Vagholikar.**
- 21-22:** Presentation on EIA issues in the workshop on RTI and peoples participation in environmental decision-making organized by Lawyers Initiative for Forest & Environment (LIFE), Panjim, Goa, **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 23-24:** Participation and presentation in the 'Seminar on Livestock based livelihoods: An action Program for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, organized by ANTHRA and Action Aid, Port Blair, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 28:** Talk on Learning for Life to the Programme Managers of Terre Des Hommes, Pune **Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sunita Rao**
- 29:** Talk on the Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme to Ladakhi students undertaking the course on sustainable development conducted by TISS, Mumbai **Sujatha Padmnabhan, Sharmila Deo**

December 2006

- 1:** Meeting with COFACE, a French financial institution regarding the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower hydroelectric project in the Northeast, Delhi, **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 4-5:** Participation in Winrock-IIED workshop on Environment and Biodiversity Governance, Delhi, **Ashish Kothari, Divya Badami, Kanchi Kohli, Meenkshi Kapoor, Tejaswini Apte**
- 6:** Presentation at Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi, **Ashish Kothari**
- 7:** Follow up meeting to Future of Conservation consultation, **Ashish Kothari**
- 8:** 11th Plan Task Force meeting, Delh, **Ashish Kothari**
- 18-20:** CCA Directory final writing workshop, **Ashish Kothari**
- 23:** Meetings in 2 villages in Bheemashankar Sanctuary, **Ashish Kothari**



January 2007

- 4-6:** Participation in meeting of Environmental Equity and Justice Partnership, Delhi, **Ashish Kothari**
- 9-20:** Coordination of International Honours Programme students' visit to Pune, **Ashish Kothari, Sharmila Deo**
- 12:** Presentation on the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 'Yuvashakti', Pune, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 13:** CEEP visit to Kalpavriksh: Faculty and students from the Centre for Energy and Environmental Policy, **University of Delaware** visited the Kalpavriksh office for a day long interaction with the Kalpavriksh team. Neeraj co-ordinated the visit to Kalpavriksh, presentations (by Kalpavriksh members) and discussions that were held on specific Kalpavriksh work: NBSAP, E&D, Safe Festivals and Pune Tree Watch (including a field visit to Law College

Hill). Members who made presentations or were part of discussions were **Ashish Kothari, Manju Menon, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Manisha Gutman, Tasneem Balasinorwala** and **Neeraj Vagholikar**. Saurabh from the Tekdi group was also present. Co-ordinated by: **Neeraj Vagholikar**

- 14-16:** *Laws and Flaws: Farmer's Questions, Farmer's Answers*; co-organised by Kalpavriksh, DDS and IIED at Pastapur, Zaheerabad, **Kanchi Kohli, Mashqura Fareedi, Meenakshi Kapoor**
- 15:** Alongwith Prayas and Parisar, Kalpavriksh co-organised a talk by Dr. John Byrne, Centre for Energy & Environmental Policy, University of Delaware on "Mumford on Modernity: Hearing a Voice Not Heard", Lokayan, Pune, co-ordinated by: **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 21-22:** National meeting on dams organized by SANDRP, River Resource Centre and ESG, Bangalore. **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 24-25:** Presentation on "*Human Rights and Environments and How Social and Environment Justice is often violated in Today's Context vis-à-vis Policies and laws*" at a National Seminar on "Human Rights and Related Environmental Issues" organized by Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Development,, Noida, **Kanchi Kohli**
- 30:** Final Teachers' orientation workshop held at the VGKK School at BR Hills, Karnataka **Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sunita Rao**

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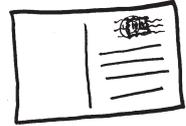
- 5:** Presentations to Green Heritage and Peoples Movement for Subansiri Brahmaputra Valley (PMSBV) on the latest developments with respect to the project; presentations to specific faculty of Guwahati University who are proposed to be on a committee to study the downstream impacts of the Lower Subansiri project; presentation to the All Assam Students Union (AASU) on the project, **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 5:** Session on 'Development and Environment', Institute of Management Development and Research, Pune, **Ashish Kothari**
- 9:** Presentation on 'Impacts of Globalisation' at workshop on Globalisation, organized by Protsahan, Mumbai, **Ashish Kothari**
- 11:** Presentation on the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 'Foliage', Pune, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 12:** Presentation on Forest Rights Act at Manmohan Singh Mehta Memorial Trust, Udaipur, **Ashish Kothari**
- 14:** National Meet Against Nuclear Power, Kolkatta, February 14th 2007 co-organised by Anti Nuclear Forum, West Bengal; CNDP West Bengal; Safe Energy and Environment and National Fishworker's Forum. Meeting was also coupled with a field visit to Haripur, a proposed nuclear power plant site, **Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli**
- 16-17:** Participation in Mahashivaratri activities (garbage clean up, awareness raising, etc) in Bheemashankar Wildlife Sanctuary. **Sharmila Deo, Sujatha Padmanabhan**
- 20-21:** Participation at workshop on 'Vision 2020: Social Assessments of Protected Areas', World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 21-24:** IBA workshop organized by BNHS, Kaziranga NP, **Ashish Kothari**
- 21-24:** IBAs and development projects: Engaging with the environment decision-making process, Aaranya Lodge, Kaziranga NP, Resource person: **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 22:** Meetings with BirdLife International staff, UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 22:** Presentation on 'Conservation Politics in India', Dept. of Geography, Cambridge University, UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 23:** Meetings with staff of Royal Society for Protection of Birds, UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 23:** Presentation on 'Crisis of Environmental Governance in India', Sussex University, UK, **Ashish Kothari**
- 26:** Presentation on 'Biodiversity and NBSAP' to Pune Expo Environment Festival, **Ashish Kothari**

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- 6:** Presentation on the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 'The School', Chennai, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 6-8:** a) Participation in the 1st Conference of the Asia Chapter of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) in Mahabalipuram.
b) Poster Presentation – 'Andaman's Tribal Reserves – Protecting forests, biodiversity and indigenous peoples.'
c) Presentation on 'Tribal Policy and Conservation in India' as part of the Policy Forum organized at the Conference, **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 8:** Presentation on EIA issues (EIA notification 2006 etc.), Workshop on RTI and peoples participation in environmental decision-making organized by Nisarga (Goa) and Lawyers Initiative for Forest & Environment (LIFE), Panjim, Goa. **Neeraj Vagholikar.**
- 10:** Co-organising of Future of Conservation follow up meeting, Bangalore, **Ashish Kothari**
- 10:** Presentation on EIA issues (EIA notification 2006 etc.) Workshop on RTI and peoples participation in environmental decision-making organized by Dept. of Environment Sciences, Kolhapur University, Nisarga and LIFE, Kohlapur, Maharashtra. **Neeraj Vagholikar.**
- 11:** Natural Farming Workshop, at Dhuri, Patiala, March 11th 2007, co-organised by Kheti Virasat Mission and Gaushala Trust, **Kanchi Kohli**
- 11:** Presentation on EIA issues (EIA notification 2006 etc.) Workshop on RTI and peoples participation in environmental decision-making organized by Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra, Nisarga (Goa) and LIFE, Chiplun, Maharashtra. **Neeraj Vagholikar**
- 17:** Future of Conservation follow up meeting, Delhi, at WWF, New Delhi, **Ashish Kothari** (as co-organizer), **Neeraj Vagholikar, Manju Menon, Mashqura Fareedi**
- 17:** Meeting of the Core Group on the 'Research Study on Building a Base for Advocating Sustainable Tourism in Andaman Islands', **Pankaj Sekhsaria**
- 19:** Presentation on "Environment Impact Assessment" at the Centre for Environment Law Diploma Course, WWF-India, **Kanchi Kohli**
- 20:** Presentation on 'Biodiversity and NBSAP' to Botany Dept, Pune University, **Ashish Kothari**
- 20:** Action 2007: Jan Sansad on Natural Resources Development, Displacement & Right to Natural Resources on March 20, **Manju Menon**
- 21:** Meeting with Heather Plumridge of GGF at the Kalpavriksh office on the activities undertaken by us with the GGF funds for EIA advocacy, the organizational issues with regard to CEJ-I that had actively worked on the advocacy and plans for continuing the advocacy efforts, **Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli**
- 22-23:** South Asia Stakeholder Consultation organized by UNDP in Bangkok towards the preparation of their Asia Pacific Human Development Report 2007. The meeting was on the theme of Corruption. Kalpavriksh was requested to be on a panel discussion on Natural Resources and Corruption, **Manju Menon**
- 23:** Threats to Conservation in the Southern Western Ghats: The Proposed Athirappilly Hydro Electric Project in the Chalakudy River Basin; co-organised by World Wide Fund for Nature-India and River Research Centre, Kerala, in New Delhi, **Kanchi Kohli, Divya Badami**
- 23:** RRC (group working in the Chalakudy River Basin and opposing the Athirapilly dam project on ecological and social grounds) mtg in Kalpavriksh office on March 22 on the WWF- RRC meeting that was planned for March 23, on the activities that need to be brought up to the larger group to be undertaken by them and on ideas for the local meeting in May that is being planned to develop a long term holistic conservation of the area, **Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli, Divya Badami**
- 23-24:** Presentation on the Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme at a workshop on "Environmental Education: Sharing Experience" organized by India-Canada Education Facility and Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research (BVIEER), Pune, **Sujatha Padmanbhan**

25-26: *Meeting on Minds on the New EIA notification; organized by Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment (LIFE), at Achanakmar Sanctuary, Bilaspur, Chhatisgarh, Manju Menon, Neeraj Vagholikar, Kanchi Kohli*

27-28: CPR Writers Workshop that was held to bring together all the authors of papers to be brought out in an edited volume by Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi on laws relating to water. Most of the papers were presented by authors and discussed by the entire group by way of peer review, **Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli**



IV. Alerts & letters

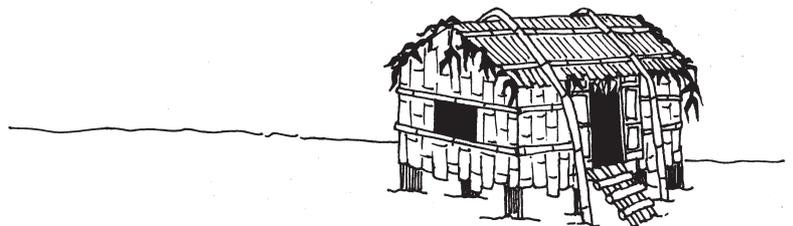
- Letter to MoEF regarding Wildlife Research guidelines, 6 June 2006, **Ashish Kothari**
- Protest letter regarding the public hearing for Athirapally Hydro-electricity Project, to Kerala State Pollution Control Board, 13 June, 2006. **Ashish Kothari**
- Protest letter against Japanese whaling, to Japan's Ambassador to India, 15 June, 2006. **Ashish Kothari**
- Letter to Ministry of Environment and Forests, supporting demand of several wildlife researchers to open up process of drafting guidelines on wildlife research, 16 June, 2006. **Ashish Kothari**
- Letters to Chief Wildlife Warden and other officials, Madhya Pradesh Government, regarding findings of visits to study displacement from Satpura Tiger Reserve, as part of research project on Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights, 16 March 2006, and 16 August 2006. **Milind Vagholikar, Ashish Kothari, Tasneem Balasinorwala**
- Letter to President of India, requesting intervention against proposed increase in height of dam in Periyar Tiger Reserve (jointly with other environmentalists), 15 September 2006 **Ashish Kothari**
- Letter to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Maharashtra; Central Empowered Committee appointed by the Supreme Court; Collector, Pune; Pune Municipal Commissioner, The letter was a part of the campaign on Paud Phata – Balbharti road, Pune & 'Identified' Forests issue (see above). **Neeraj Vagholikar**

V. Books/Edited Journals:

1. Kohli, K. *Understanding the Biodiversity Act*, Kalpavriksh
2. Apte, T. *A Simple Guide to IPRs, Biodiversity & Traditional Knowledge*, Kalpavriksh
3. Bhatt, S. and Kohli, K., with Kothari, A. *Process Document of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Process*. Kalpavriksh, Pune/Delhi.
4. Kothari, A. and Patel, A. 2006. *Human Rights and Environment*. National Human Rights Commission, Delhi.
5. Lockwood, M., Worboys, G., and Kothari, A. (Eds). 2006. *Managing Protected Areas: A Global Guide*. IUCN and Earthscan, London.
6. Kothari, A. 2007. *Birds in Our Lives*. Universities Press, Hyderabad.
7. *PARKS Vol. 16(1), Special issue on Community Conserved Areas*, coordinated by Ashish Kothari. World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN

VI. Papers

- Draft paper presented at the UNDP Stakeholder Consultation for the session on Natural Resources and Corruption. Work on finalizing in progress (Manju Menon)
- Paper on Dams and EIAs presented at the CPR meeting. Work on finalizing in progress (Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon)

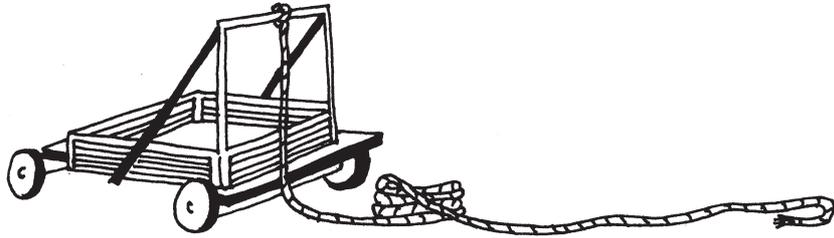


VII. Book Releases

- *Birds in Our Lives*, BNHS/IBCN, in Delhi, 8th March, **Ashish Kothari**
- *Birds in Our Lives* ATREE/IBCN, in Bangalore, 9th March, **Ashish Kothari**
- *Birds in Our Lives*, Aranyavaak/BNHS/IBCN, in Pune, 31st March, **Ashish Kothari**

VIII. Reports

- Kalpavriksh. 2006. *Comments on the Himachal Pradesh Wildlife Action Plan draft*, sent to Himachal Pradesh Forest Department. October, 2006
- Wani, M. and Kothari, A. 2007. *Conservation and People's Livelihood Rights in India*. Final Report of a Research Project Conducted Under the UNESCO Small Grants Programme. Kalpavriksh, Pune/Delhi.



Part D

List of members

	Pune		Delhi
1.	Anchal Sondhi	1.	Ajay Mahajan
2.	Ashish Kothari	2.	Bansuri taneja
3.	Beena Thomas	3.	Ghazala Shahabuddin
4.	Erica Taraporevala	4.	Kanchi Kohli
5.	Kaustubh Moghe	5.	Krishnendu Bose
6.	Manisha Gutman	6.	Kulan Amin
7.	Manju Menon	7.	Madhurima Bose
8.	Milind Wani	8.	Mayank Trivedi
9.	Neema Pathak	9.	Meenakshi Kapoor
10.	Neeraj Vagholikar	10.	Prabhakar Rao
11.	Pankaj Sekhsaria	11.	Pradeep Malhotra
12.	Sujatha Padmanabhan	12.	Pratibha Pande
13.	Sunita Rao	13.	Radha Kamat
14.	Anuradha Arjunwadkar	14.	Ravi Aggarwal
15.	Tasneem Balasinorwala	15.	Seema Bhatt
16.	Tejaswini Apte-Rahm	16.	Sudhir Agarwal
17.	Vivek Gour Broome	17.	Swati Shresth
18.	Shantha Bhushan		
19.	Sanskriti Menon		
20.	Sharmila Deo		
21.	Anisha Shankar		
22.	Pallav Das		
23.	Sultana Bashir		

New members who joined in 2006-07:

Pune:

1. Saili Palande: for Conservation & Livelihoods activities

Delhi:

2. Divya Badami: as EIA campaigner
3. Vikal Samadriya: as urban campaigner in Delhi
4. Mashqura Fareedi: as Biodiversity Campaigner



Part E

List of donors and funding agencies

(includes projects initiated in and before 2006-07)

- Asha for education
- Association for India's Development - Bay Area
- Association for India's Development - Boston
- Association for India's Development - Columbus
- Association for India's Development - San Diego
- Bombay Natural History Society
- Foundation for Ecological Security
- Global Green Grants Fund
- International Institute of Environmental Development
- International Honours Program
- International Rivers Network
- IUCN CEESP
- IUCN WCPA
- Marisla Foundation
- Misereor
- Partnership for Community Development
- Snow Leopard Conservancy USA
- World Wildlife Fund
- UNESCO



PART F**KALPAVRIKSH****BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2007**

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
Trust Fund		Fixes Assets	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	114,314.00	Camera	12,490.00
		Computers	138,850.00
		Cyclostyling Machine	10,000.00
		Furniture & Fixture	65,853.00
		Printer	6,700.00
		Telephone Equipment	9,140.00
		Water Filter	7,850.00
		UPS	46,760.00
			297,643.00
		Investement	
		Fixed Deposit-Cosmos Bank (including interest accrued)	167,198.00
Unspent money on projects-OTHERS	444,691.79	Current Assets	
Unspent money on projects-FCRA	2,333,464.95	Advances Against Expenses	23,327.80
TDS Payable	788.50	Sundry Debtors	23,454.00
TDS Payable-FCRA	11,730.00	Deposit-Telephone	5,000.00
PA UPDATE - Subscription	25,165.00		
Conditional Donations	483,810.00	Grant Receivable	8,900.00
		Grant Receivable-FCRA	493,603.60
Provision for expenses-Non FCRA	123,079.00	Other Amount Receivable	3,487.00
Provision for expenses- FCRA	166,228.00	TDS AY 06-07 - Non FCRA	3,672.00
		TDS AY 06-07 (FCRA)	3,661.00
		Cash & Bank Balances	
		Cash in Hand	193.75
Administration Fund		Cash in Hand-FCRA	807.00
Opening Balance 69,933.90		Indian Bank-Delhi	73,890.41
Add : Surplus 4,48,648.32	518,582.22	Punjab National Bank -FCRA A/c	2,450,160.67
		Punjab National Bank-Publication A/c	72,094.68
Income & Expenditure A/c		PNB-Savings	616,884.79
Opening Balance 3,14,942.24		Punjab National Bank -A/c 7803	6,179.75
Add : Surplus 3,16,174.17		Uco Bank	154,164.10
Less: Admin Fund 4,48,648.32	182,468.09		
Total	4,404,321.55	Total	4,404,321.55
For S.H.Sane & Co.		For Kalpavriksh	
Chartered Accountants			
Shekhar Sane			
(Proprietor)			
Membership No. 47938			
Pune			
May 29,2007			

Accounts Statement

KALPAVRIKSH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2007				
EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME	Amount (Rs.)	
Advertisement	600.00	Interest on - Savings Bank	23,236.00	
Audit Fees	17,958.00	Fixed Deposit	3,029.00	
Bank Charges	10,638.00	Publication Contribution	217,236.50	
Books & Resource Material	25,300.00	Compilation Recoveries	4,130.00	
Boarding & Lodging Expenses	238,012.00	Membership Fees	5,000.00	
Communication	78,961.10			
Conveyance	7,473.00			
Documentation	16,360.00	Grants Utilised	5,044,216.15	
Donations Paid	2,000.00	Donations Received-Foreign Exchange	4,458.00	
Printing & Stationery-DTP	20,550.00	(Net of bank charges)		4450
Electricity	12,670.00	Donations Received	55,431.00	
Insurance	3,723.00			
Internet Charges	28,138.00			
Local Travel Expenses	10,414.00			
Material Development-For Grants	60,436.00			
Miscellaneous Expenses	7,627.00			
News Paper & Periodicals	7,269.00			
Office Expenses	58,705.00			
Photography Expenses	5,343.00			
Municipal Taxes-Rented Property	17,457.00			
Postage & Courier	88,109.90			
Printing & Stationery	448,134.00			
Professional Fees	2,687,431.00			
Project Expenses	21,485.00			
Rent - Property	227,100.00			
Repairs & Maintenance	8,924.75			
Repairs & Maintenance -Computer	43,821.00			
Report Production	7,392.00			
Salaries	138,000.00			
Anti-Virus Software Renewal	9,197.88			
Staff Welfare	6,062.00			
Telephone	34,616.00			
Travel & Field Expenses	616,406.65			
Workshop Expenses	27,346.20			
Xerox Expenses	28,068.00			
Annual General Meeting Expenses	18,834.00			
Excess of Income over Expenses	316,174.17			
Total Rs.	5,356,736.65	Total Rs.	5,356,736.65	

**For S.H.Sane & Co.
Chartered Accountants**

For Kalpavriksh

**Shekhar Sane
(Proprietor)
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May 29,2007**

Secretary

Treasurer

**Pune
May 29,2007**