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ABOUT KALPAVRIKSH

BEGINNINGS

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

PHILOSOPHY

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

GOVERNANCE

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

FUNCTIONING

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

Projects and activities are related to the following themes:

- Environment Education
- Environment and Development
- Conservation and Livelihoods
- Urban Environments
- Alternatives
**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

The Annual General Body Meeting was held in Pawalgarh Prakrati Prahari on 16th and 17th October, 2016. Selection of the governing body (core group), the office bearers and financial auditor was done at this meeting.

Secretary: Tanya Majmudar  
Treasurer: Meenal Tatpati  
Core Group Members: Tanya Majmudar, Meenal Tatpati, Neema Pathak, Milind Wani, Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Kanchi Kohli, Prabhakar Rao, Meenakshi Kapoor and Manju Menon.  
Auditors: Paresh Sarda, Chartered Accountant, Pune

**PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE**

Kalpavriksh has an Internal Complaints Committee for its Pune and Delhi Office. The committee in Pune was re-constituted in compliance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

The previous committee members were: Sujatha (PO), Shiba, Prajakta, Neeraj, Rama  
The committee members are: Meenal Tatpati (Presiding Officer), Prajakta Kulkarni, Shruti Ajit, Milind Wani, Advocate Rama Sarode as external expert.

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

On the 11th of July 2016, the annual meeting of the Internal Complaint Committee was held. An orientation session was also done with the staff, members and interns where Advocate Rama Sarode shared some of her experiences of the Act being used in different cases. Kalpavriksh's Anti Sexual Harassment Policy was discussed and introduced to new members and interns.
PART A: PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

1A. Environment Education Material for Tiger Reserves Of Central India

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Developments

Kalpavriksh printed 500 copies in English. The book, titled Jungle ke Rahasya in Hindi and Secrets of the Jungle in English, was developed by Tanya Majmudar and Sharmila Deo. Sushama Durve worked on the illustrations.

Last Wilderness Foundation (LWF) is a Mumbai based organisation that works on conservation related issues in and around tiger reserves of Central India. Kalpavriksh and LWF collaborated for developing two games and an activity book on the flora and fauna of Central India, for children. The book was co-published with LWF in Hindi and English in September 2016.

1B. Book on Alternatives In Food

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Developments

A children’s book on alternatives in food was written, titled Something to Chew On. It was written by Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sharmila Deo, Tanya Majmudar and Shiba Desor and illustrated by Rohan Chakravarty. This was in conjunction with the work being carried out by the Alternatives Team of Kalpavriksh. The book, in English, was finalised in September and 1000 copies were printed.
1 C. Development of Children’s Books for Parag Initiative

**Project Coordinator:** Tanya Majmudar and Sujatha Padmanabhan  
**Project Team:** Sharmila Deo, Sanjay Sondhi, Tejaswini Apte-Rahm, Neeraj Vagholi kar, Neema Pathak Broome  
**Year of Commencement:** March 2017  
**Year of Completion:** ongoing (till Aug 2018)  
**Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 15,56,500/-  
**Funding Agency:** Foundation of Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (Tata Trusts)

**Developments**

Kalpavriksh received a request from the Tata Trusts to collaborate with them on the Parag Initiative that supports the development and dissemination of children’s literature. Kalpavriksh took on a project to develop five books for children on subjects of environment and wildlife. Work on these started in March 2017.

**1D. Miscellaneous**

Kalpavriksh took part in story reading sessions at Kitab Khana in Mumbai, The Lit Bug Festival in Pune, Sinchan School in Kachchh and The Karvi Festival in Panchgani.

Kalpavriksh continued work on the series on Conservation and Nature in Hindu Young World. Pieces written by Prabhakar Rao, Shiba Desor, Meenal Tatpati, Sharmila Deo and Meenakshi Kapoor were published.
2. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

2A. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity

**Project Coordinator:** Kanchi Kohli  
**Project Team:** In collaboration with Shalini Bhutani (independent researcher)  
**Year or commencement and completion:** 2004 onwards  
**Funds sanctioned:** Continuation of funds received in February 2015 (INR 467500)  
**Funding Agency:** Association for India’s Development (AID)

**Developments:**

1. Ongoing work and coordination of BiodWatch list serve ([Biodwatch@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Biodwatch@yahoogroups.com))

2. Publication of the study ‘Litigating India’s Biological Diversity Act: A Study of Legal Cases’. The study is coauthored by Shalini Bhutani and Kanchi Kohli and carried in collaboration with Foundation for Ecological Security.

3. Regular responses to queries from civil society organizations and representatives of select state biodiversity boards on the framework and implementation of the legislation.

2B. Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India

**Project Coordinator:** Neeraj Vagholikar  
**Year of commencement and completion:** Ongoing since 2001  
**Funds sanctioned:** 1,00,000/-  
**Funding agencies:** Individual donation (Shantha Bhushan)

**Developments:**

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaging with social and environmental aspects of large dams in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India co-ordinated by Neeraj involves support to local groups on environmental and social aspects of the issue and advocacy at the regional/national levels on the same. In the current year the focus was primarily on: engagement with decision-making expert bodies on environment and forest clearances of certain hydropower and dam projects in the Northeast; continued focus on downstream impacts of hydropower projects on communities and sensitive ecosystems in the Brahmaputra floodplains; social and ecological impacts of certain projects on high-altitude ecosystems and species in the Eastern Himalayas; and provision of technical support to enviro-legal advocacy by local groups on the same.
3. CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS

3A. National Level Advocacy

Project: Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act and other conservation laws and policies

Project Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit
Year of commencement: 2007
Year of completion: Ongoing (different projects/activities for different periods)
Total funds sanctioned in this period Rs. 7,60,000 (April 2016-March 2017)
Funding agency: Vasundhara (as part of their agreement with Oxfam India as part of the ongoing efforts under Community Rights Learning and Advocacy of Community Forest Rights)

Developments:

The year 2016, saw a decade since the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of the Forest Rights) Act was passed. The main aim of activities this year was to focus on documenting, analyzing and highlighting status of implementation of FRA on a national scale. KV was part of the team which prepared the a National report on ‘Promise and Performance on FRA’ in last one decade. This report (See below) was released in a National Convention held, as part of Community Forest Resource (CFR) Rights Learning and Advocacy process (CFR-LA), at India Habitat Centre on 13th-14th December 2016. Along with the participants from various states, the Convention also saw attendance from representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), National Commission for Women (NCW) and people’s representatives from various political parties.

The report can be accessed at the following link:

As part of CFR-LA process KV also coordinated with people from the states of Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Goa and Rajasthan for compiling state level Promise and Performance reports. Kalpavriksh was part of the team writing the Maharashtra report and is also involved in organizing a state level meeting and release of the report. It is scheduled to take place in the following year (2017-2018).

There was continued advocacy under CFR-LA with the offices of MoTA and MoEFCC as well as with the Members of Parliament through meetings, letters and petitions at an organization level and through various processes.

This was also the year where, under the CFR-LA process, a gender committee was formed that is responsible for bringing in discussions on engendering the FRA process. The outcomes of these discussions were reflected in the report as well as a special panel held at the
convention, which had the Chairperson of the NCW to address the issues of gender inequality especially in processes of FRA.

Policy Comments

Comments on Draft Wildlife Action Plan

Comments of Draft Forest Policy

Comments on Compensatory Aforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Act

3B. State Level Advocacy of Community Forest Resources

Project: Documentation and Advocacy in Maharashtra on CFRs

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Shruti Ajit, Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas
(Bhimashankar team member)

**Year of commencement and completion:** 2010 and ongoing

**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary

Developments:

In April 2016, a State level Coordination Committee was formed which was responsible for various activities both research and advocacy related in Maharashtra. Kalpavriksh has been regularly connecting with the local sangathana and are sharing the outcome of discussions with the concerned authorities.

There is constant updating of the various developments in the field by all those who are part of the Maharashtra CFR network. The outcomes of the discussion and deliberation are shared with the Governors offices and Tribal Commissionerate office as well as media.

KV has been part of the team responsible for the compilation of the Promise and Performance report on the ten years of FRA in Maharashtra and will be released the following year and can be used as a tool for advocacy in the future.

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

Project: Conservation and Development towards co-existence of Humans and Wildlife in and around Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome and Yagyashree Kumar

**Others involved:** Shruti Mokashi (as an intern)

**Year of commencement:** 2013

**Total funds sanctioned:** Rs 295500 (to be utilized between April 2016 and March 2017)

**Funding Agency:** KNA Foundation
Developments:

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

Much of the focus this year was on process documentation, and initiating a new project on data collection on NTFPs and their marketing, traditional knowledge systems and community mobilization towards filing for CFR claims and exercising CFR rights.

3C. State and Local Level Advocacy on Protected Areas

Project: Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

**Coordination and Team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, Meenal Sonavane, Dinkar Wanghare, Sunil Bhokte

**Support Team:** Milind Wani,

**Year of commencement:** September 2006

**Year of completion:** Ongoing

**Total funds sanctioned and funding agency:**
- Miseroor for the Doc. Centre project: Rs. 1079009
- KNA foundation for the Honey bee conservation and Livelihoods: Rs.338000

Developments:

Capacity Building programme:

Facilitated process of filing claim for CFR of Bhivegaon village. Submitted the same to the SDO office.

Facilitated the process of women empowerment by organizing SHG workshop at Bhorgiri and Bhomale villages.

Facilitated the process of organizing Women Gram sabhas.

Kisan Sabha (a local group working in some other villages in Bhimashankar area of Ambegaon Taluka of Pune District) requested us to help them and Falode village to facilitate the process of claiming Community Forests (CF) and CFR rights in the village. We helped them to map their CFR and fill both CF (form B) and CFR (form C) rights claims in the Gram sabha.

We helped Subdivisional Officer (SDO) office, Rajgurunagar to form a new SDLC.
With the help of Sub divisional offices at Manchar and Rajgurunagar, organized two trainings for the government officials on Forest Rights Act.

With the help of Kalpavriksh, Sub Divisional Office (SDO) of Rajgurunagar organized a short training programme for the members of Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC) on 24th May and another workshop for local government staff from various departments like Forest, revenue, agriculture and Panchayat.

Organized a meeting of NGOs and individuals working in the landscape between Bhimashankar and Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuaries on the landscape level approach for conservation.

KV is helping Lokpanchayat organization, Sangamner (working in Akole Taluka of Ahmednagar district) in FRA implementation as and when required. One of our members participated in Local Karyakarta training held on 26th May 2016 at Rajur village to help them understand CFR claiming processes and to address the difficulties

KV facilitated the Uncultivated Vegetable Festival at Garbewadi, Bhomale (U) and Kharpud villages.

KV organized workshop for 7 villages in Ambegaon Taluka with the collaboration of Kisan Sabha on Forest Rights Act and NREGA on 1st Jan 2017.

Facilitated and completed the mapping process of Bhomale (Upper) village

Attended and gave talk on FRA in the Tribal Rights Conference organized by Lokpanchayat, Sangamner at Rajur village on 10th Dec 2017

With Adivasi Adhikar Rashtriya Manch, helped Ambegaon Tahsildar to understand the process and also to take a decision on CFR claims filed by several villages.

Facilitated the process of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the villages of BWLS. Met BDO, Tahsildar and Assistant Project officer NREGA to start the work in the villages.

Helping Bhorgiri and Yelavali people for democratic decision making process of Eco Village Development Committee (EVDC).

**Project: Honey Bee conservation and Livelihood programme**

**Developments:**

Organized Honey bee festival and training on Better Honey harvesting Practices on 26th October 2017

Facilitated the meetings and discussions with Honey harvesters on the conservation of bees and their habitats.

Facilitated the process of Habitat revival with some honey harvesters.
Facilitated the honey enterprise by Jai Sadguru Women Self Help Group.
Organised Honey bee awareness programmes in local schools During the Wild life week (1st to 7th Oct)
Facilitated and organized honey testing training at Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Pune for women of Jay Sadguru women self help group of Bhorgiri.
Organized follow up meeting of Honey bee network to discuss and address the various issues impacting on Honey bee conservation and livelihoods.
Organized Honey bee festival on 31st March 2017 at Bhorgiri.

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

Project: Community Conserved Areas in India

**Project Coordinator:** Neema Pathak Broome  
**Project Team:** Sneha Gutgutia  
**Year of commencement and completion:** ongoing  
**Total funds sanctioned:** Rs. 3,07,212  
**Funding Agency:** ICCA Consortium

**Developments:**

Two new cases of CCA documented from Vidarbha region of the state of Maharashtra.

Commented on and helped with the methodology of the Nagaland detailed documentation on CCAs conducted by TERI, New Delhi.

The shooting for a documentary film on Orans in Alwar, Rajasthan has been initiated, with the help of a film making team.

Talks have been initiated in Alwar, Rajasthan and North Eastern states towards Oran Federations.

Discussions on a photo/video story on Baiga Chak community conserved area, Proposal prepared by the film making team and sent out.

A chapter on CCAs in Maharashtra for a book on wildlife in Maharashtra being written.

Discussions on a National consultation on CCAs in India with Azim Premji University (APU) and TISS, Tuljapur.

Interns from APU carried out a month long study in Baripada and Pachgaon CCAs.

Towards legal support to CCAs, Implementation facilitation, documentation, research, advocacy and information dissemination about Forest Rights Act in India towards effective legal support of existing CCAs and creating conditions for emergence of newer CCAs.
First phase of documentation completed on CCAs in Jharkhand.

Documentation of CCAs in Jalpaiguri Dooars in North Bengal completed.

First draft of India CCA Country report for 2016 completed.

Initiated discussions with NESPON for a North Bengal consultation on CCAs.

**Project: Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia**

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**Developments:**

CCA South Asia Google group: Regular emails are being sent to the members of the CCA South Asia Google group; new people continue to join this discussion forum.

ICCAs and PAs: Finalized a Policy Brief and a detailed report for Overlapping ICCAs in protected areas (PAs).

**Others:**

Coordination with partners in Nepal and Bangladesh to finalise their work plan under ICCA Consortium.

Continued to provide technical assistance to Bangladesh and Nepal for their country reviews, consultations and other activities.

Provided technical assistance to ICCA Consortium for the New ICCA-Asia Website

**3E. Projects/Activities/Campaigns**

**Project: Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security**

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**Developments:**

Information and Outreach

Production and Dissemination of two versions of newsletter People In Conservation:

one bilingual issue (Volume 6, Issue 2) on the subject matter of Challenges for Struggle for Environmental Justice

One bilingual issue (Volume 7, Issue 1) on the subject matter of Good Food which was distributed at the Food Sangam in Odisha

Final draft of policy brief on the issue of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 (FRA) and Diversion of Forests under the Forest Conservation Act-1980 (FCA).

One briefing note on the subject matter of Good Food was produced and disseminated at the Food Sangam held in September 2016 in Muniguda, Odisha.

Capacity Building As mentioned above under Bhimashankar

**Project: Protected Area Update (PA Update)**

**Project Coordinator:** Pankaj Sekhsaria  
**Year of commencement:** 1994  
**Year of completion:** Ongoing  
**Funding:** Projected Budget for April 2016 to March 31, 2017 – Rs. 7,00,000  
**Funds Sanctioned:**  
Rs. 3,00,000 by the Duleep Mattdai Nature Conservation Trust  
Rs. 1,00,000 by WWF India  
Approx Rs. 300,000 were raised through donations and subscriptions and through a crowd funding campaign

**Developments:**

Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXII No. 3, June 2016 (No. 121)  
Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXII No. 4, August 2016 (No. 122)  
Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXII No. 5, October 2016 (No. 123)  
Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXII, No. 6, December 2016 (No. 124)  
Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXIII, No. 1, February 2017 (No. 125)  
Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXIII, No. 2, April 2017 (No. 126)  

**A&N Islands**

Ongoing co-ordination and moderating of the andamanicobar yahoogroup
4. URBAN ENVIRONMENT

4A. Urban Greens Delhi

Project Coordinator: Prabhakar Rao
Funding Agency: Voluntary

Developments:

The Native Tree Nursery that was started in Zakir Husain Delhi College with BNHS in the year 2015 is functioning properly. BNHS-CEC has taken saplings grown in the Nursery and planted them in Asola Bhati Forest Area.

Seed collection work is going on.

Chintan (an organisation that works with waste pickers and others to recycle waste) is collecting e-wastes from the college.

The college has fully functional rooftop solar panels.

College is popularizing millet based food in the canteen.
5. ALTERNATIVES

The Kalpavriksh programme on Alternatives consists of projects and activities oriented towards documentation, advocacy, networking and outreach related to initiatives that move away from dominant economic, political and social systems that are unsustainable and inequitable. Given below is a description of four projects, and non-project activities, that have taken place in 2016-17.

5A. Alternative Practices and Visions In India

Since there is an overlap of activities amongst the various related projects under this programme, reporting of all is being clubbed together, under activity heads. The three relevant projects are given below.

**Project: Vikalp Sangam: Documentation and Confluence of Alternatives in India**

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**Project: Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation, Networking, and Advocacy**

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**Project: Documentation Centre And Outreach Service In Community Based Diversity Conservation And Livelihood Security**

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Documentation and Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives India) Website

Website

The website www.vikalpsangam.org has become a major source of stories, case studies, and perspectives, on alternatives in India; additionally also a repository of resources (books, films, websites, etc) from around the world. Some highlights of this year:

Almost 100 stories were added in this period. The website now has over 600 stories and perspectives, in addition to a number of resources and events.

A Newsletter showing selected recent story titles and images hyperlinked to the stories is sent out each month to many members of the egroup as well those who subscribe solely to the newsletter.

Attempts are being made to popularise the website through FB (https://www.facebook.com/VikalpSangam/), and through Twitter.

At the Core Group meeting held in Pune in early Dec. 2016, a presentation was made on the VS website and its contents, and suggestions obtained.

An appeal was made to members of the Core Group to share links to stories on the website in their groups, and to inform us about (or contribute new stories on) Alternatives being practiced in their geographical areas and among their associates.

Stories are occasionally constructed from short, informative emails received on the VS egroup, and these are published on the website (e.g. The only way ahead, and India's First Land Art Festival) and on occasion, some are also translated (देशातीलपहिलाधराहित्रउत्सव).

Occasionally, a short piece is translated for the website to ensure a wider reach, e.g. The Miracle of 'Bluetooth' Radio from the original in Hindi.

Fellowship stories in Hindi (commissioned to Baba Mayaram)

लड़ाईपढ़ाईसाथसाथ on Jeevanshalas, schools run by villagers with the help of NAPM, which also expose children to agricultural techniques, adivasi sculpture, health-care utilising local floral resources, traditional knowledge and local history. bit.ly/1T3Xwxp

जलभूमिमिश्रितसागर on the East Kolkatta Wetlands, the crucial role played by the wetlands in treating waste water. The story can be read at http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/जलभमबचन-क-सघरष-in-hindi/#.V-4P1RQp3ww

माल्धारियोंसेसीखनािोगा on the Maldhari pastoralists in Kachchh. The story has been uploaded at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/मलधरय-स-सखन-हग-in-hindi/#.WGibaBQp

मजदूरोंकाअपनाअस्पताल on the health sector, about a hospital started and run by workers who have been part of the Chhattisgarh Mines Shramik Sangh (under Shankar Guya Niyogi’s leadership) and later the Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha. Labourers and health workers are one
here. He undertook the trip in the last week of September. The story can be read at:
http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/मजदर-क-अपन-असपतल-अ-in-hindi/#.WGib5RQp3ww

श्रमजीवियोंकावास्थके-के about a Health Centre at Chengail, Howrah, West Bengal. The health
programme is self dependent and quality treatment is available at reasonable rates. The story
can be read at : http://vikalpsangam.org/article/chengail-hospital-in-hindi/#.WNtGMRQp3ww

अखबारकीपगडंडी on a newspaper that publishes only positive stories called The Optimist
Citizen. It can be read at :

**Fellowship stories in English (commissioned to Rucha Chitnis)**


Community based organization initiated by village elders in spirit to protect riverine community: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/reviving-a-river-reviving-a-lost-culture/#.WFe_jvkdAb8


Interview with Benalakshmi Nepram on how women in Manipur are building Peace: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/pathways-to-peace/


Grounded in Communities: People-Powered Alternatives Spark Hope in Kachchh http://vikalpsangam.org/article/stewards-of-food-culture-and-biodiversity-voices-from-the-northeast/#.WRP7ydwlGCg

**Additional stories commissioned**

From the Himalayan mountains to Ocean Blues - Avani to Saagari: Reviving weaving skills and working with natural dyes, based on the work of Avani Foundation in Berinag, Uttarakhand, was covered by Malika Virdi. The story can be read at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/from-the-himalayan-mountains-to-ocean-blues-avani-to-saagari/#.WGib7RQp3ww

‘Badlao’- A step towards transformation: Empowerment of vulnerable tribes for social transformation in Jharkhand, looking at the work of Badlao Foundation. Radhika Mulay and Shrishtee Bajpai wrote this story which can be read at:
http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/badlao-a-step-towards-transformation/#.WGicWxQp3ww

Usha, dawn of hope and dignity: Usha co-operative of sex workers in Kolkatta. Radhika Mulay and Shrishtee undertook the trip in end June. The story can be read at http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/usha-dawn-of-hope-and-dignity/

Music Basti – a musical shelter: Radhika Mulay and Srishtee Bajpai undertook a trip to Delhi in August to look at the work of Music Basti, a group that is promoting the use of music for government school children in their curriculum. The story has been uploaded at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/music-basti-a-musical-shelter/#.WGicmRQp3ww

Selling on the Street: Jan Pehel, a Delhi-based NGO, is supporting the struggle of street vendors for dignified livelihoods, using advocacy and promoting solidarity. This was written by Shiba Desor and can be read at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/selling-on-the-street/#.WOR53WclGCg

6) Migrant Schools: Sagar Shalas, schools along the coast of Kachchh for children of migrant families supported by Yusuf Mehrally Centre. Some schools are for children of fishing families, some for children of salt pan workers and some for children of migrant labour. This story has been written by Tanya Majmudar and can be read at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/migrant-schools/#.WPDCyRQp3ww

Translations of stories

लोकांनीघेतलेले, लोकांचे, लोकांसाठीहनर्षय: An article by Ashish Kothari “Decisions of the people, by the people, for the people” published in The Hindu was translated into Marathi by Suhas Kolhekar. The translation could be viewed at http://vikalpsangam.org/article/लकनघतलललकसठचनरणय-in-marathi/#.V-4WHxQp3wy

We are not all superhumans (Tamil): An article by Parul Ghosh that appeared in The Hindu, stressing that people with disabilities are neither all underachievers nor all superhumans; they are just people with disabilities. This was translated into Tamil by Kannan T. The translation can be read at: http://vikalpsangam.org/article/நமஅனவரமஅதமனதரகளஅலலர-in-tamil/#.V-4W-BQp3ww

An article by T.M. Krishna that appeared in The Hindu has been commissioned for translation into Hindi to Shiba Desor. The piece is on efforts in Chennai to make Arts accessible to all classes. The translation is awaited.

Documentation of alternative initiatives by Video Volunteers

As continuation of the documentation process of alternative initiatives, we have also taken up video documentation of twenty initiatives, commissioned to Video Volunteers. All 20 have been finalised and published, as per the following (individual URLs are given below, but they are also all listed and linked at http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/videos-by-video-volunteers/#.WUoBV7Fh1E5:
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Case Study Documentation

Alternative worldviews of the Dongria Kondh tribe in Niyamgiri

The case study was finalised and published in mid-2016 (see [http://www.kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/NiyamgoricasestudyJuly2016.pdf](http://www.kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/NiyamgoricasestudyJuly2016.pdf)). It has been translated into Oriya by Umakanta Das, and after design, will be uploaded on the Kalpavriksh and Vikalp Sangam websites.

Book on Case Studies

In mid-2015 KV started putting together a book with selected case studies depicting alternatives in various sectors like education, livelihoods, governance, tourism, and conservation. In this year the case study editing and re-writing, where necessary, has taken place. A writers’ workshop for members from the case study sites, authors, editors and some subject commentators and members from Books for change, was organized on 24-25th August in Pune. The meeting discussed each case study in detail from the point of view of the book, as also contents of the overview and introduction to the book. Some deeper questions related to “alternatives” discourse were also touched upon to establish a relatively common understanding of the concept among the participants.

A third round of comments, which were collectively decided for each case study, was sent to each author, along with general reflections that emerged during the workshop. The three editors have had subsequent Skype meetings to discuss the points that emerged from the workshop for the overview chapter, which is at an advanced stage. After much follow up with Books for Change and a lack of response from them within the specified time period, a decision was taken that the book would be jointly published by Kalpavriksh and
SOPPECOM. The manuscript is currently undergoing copyediting, and is expected to go to press by mid-2017.

**Food Book for Youth**

1000 copies were printed of Something to chew on. A flyer was designed and has been disseminated widely through Facebook, elists, websites and our contacts. We are getting a number of orders for the book as well as positive feedback from a number of readers.

**Book on Alternative Futures in India**

Initiated in early 2015, this book will focus on visions and pathways towards an equitable, just, and sustainable future for India. Over 30 essays have been commissioned for this book. During this year, all essays were received, edited, sent back to authors, received back and edited further if necessary, copyedited, and made ready to send to the publisher by June 2017. The book is expected to be published by late 2017.

**Vikalp Sangams (Alternatives Confluences)**

**Kachchh Vikalp Sangam, Bhuj (Gujarat), 27-30th July**

A regional Vikalp Sangam was organised and hosted by Kachchh based voluntary organisations and Kalpavriksh in Bhuj, Gujarat from 27th to 30th July 2016. A large number of community members from the region, representatives from Kachchh-based civil society organisations and some from other parts of Gujarat, activists, scientists, journalists, artists, came together for the Sangam. There was a significant representation of community members. Apart from thought provoking discussions, participants had creative and fun-filled evening activities (including block printing, mud block making, and weaving), and delicious Kachchi and Gujarati food to cherish their stay at Shivanand Balkashram.


One video clip from the Sangam is at: [https://youtu.be/Cgs7CTvRnqA](https://youtu.be/Cgs7CTvRnqA). Others are to be added.

**Western Himalaya Mini-Vikalp Sangam, Sambhaavnaa (HP), 20-22nd August, 2016**

The invite for the preliminary meeting or the Mini Vikalp Sangam of the Western Himalayan region was extended to several organizations in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. 25 individuals from 10 organizations got together from August 20 to 22nd, 2016, at the campus of Sambhaavnaa, above Palampur in Himachal. The Sangam was organized by Sambhaavnaa, Jagori, Deer Park, and Kalpavriksh. Participants included groups and individuals working on; organic and biodiverse farming, women's empowerment and rights, caste and gender justice, sustainable livelihoods, alternative learning and education, local governance, community rights on natural resources, and community based forest conservation. Also attending were groups struggling against destructive development being imposed on the region, such as hydro-electricity projects and mining. The Sangam involved
sharing of initiatives and experiences, challenges of mainstream development and governance, focus areas for further collaboration, and possibilities of a Himalayan region vision for the future.

The Western Himalaya Mini-Vikalp Sangam was concluded with an understanding that it is not a project but a dynamic process of questioning, discussion, debate, self-analysis, positive criticism, documenting understanding structural issues and redefining the term ‘development’ and most importantly collaborating to engage in the process of visioning an alternative future for the Himalayan region and working towards it. This process was important in taking further the discussion about difference between ‘destructive development’ and ‘development for overall well-being’, radical alternatives, and the importance of changing our mindset and attitude towards the term ‘development’. Participants also decided to do further work together on issues of jal, jangal, jameen, aur janwar; and to consider the possibilities of a larger, full Western Himalaya Vikalp Sangam.

A report of the Sangam is available at: http://vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-reports#.WUY8K9w3WCg

**Food Vikalp Sangam, Muniguda (Odisha), September 2016**

A Vikalp Sangam on Good Food was held in September 2016. The idea behind the Food Sangam was to highlight initiatives for making safe and nutritious food accessible, supporting ecologically and socially conscious systems of food production, supply and consumption, and sustaining food culture diversity. Towards this, work on documentation outputs, participation in food-related events (see chronology) and conceptual discussions had been carried out.

**Various outputs from the Sangam are as follows:**


- **Summary:** [http://vikalpsangam.org/article/glimpses-of-the-food-sangam-at-muniguda-odisha/#.WCrVckYEQ5](http://vikalpsangam.org/article/glimpses-of-the-food-sangam-at-muniguda-odisha/#.WCrVckYEQ5)


- **Filmed proceedings:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWjAfCdlzrI&feature=em-share_video_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWjAfCdlzrI&feature=em-share_video_user)

**Youth Vikalp Sangam, Bhopal (MP), 3-5 February 2017**

The Youth Vikalp Sangam was held in Bhopal from Feb 3rd to 5th at Poornodaya Training Centre. The Sangam was co-hosted by Commutiny Youth Collective, Pravah, Samvedhana, Blue Ribbon Movement, Agrini, Synergy Sansthan and Kalpavriksh. The Sangam was a vibrant event, which saw 68 participants from 17 States across the country come together. Most were associated with youth collectives or worked with young people on issues like
education, social inclusion and change, livelihoods, alternative spaces for learning, developing leadership, journalism/media, and agriculture. The Youth Sangam was a fun-filled and joyous celebration of the enthusiasm and positivity of all who participated. Overall, it was a journey from looking inwards or the self, to Society. The Sangam had activities, discussions, Open House, and mehfils over the three days and various themes like Inclusion, Governance, Education, were discussed.

A report of the Sangam is at: http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-reports#.WRBtA9w1GCi.

Video clips of the sangam

http://vikalpsangam.org/article/youth-sangam-videos/#.WUFDhinhXlW

Welcome to Youth Vikalp Sangam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsMqOyJOn4&feature=youtu.be

At the Youth Vikalp sangam in Bhopal:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FchIDsjGQcJQ&feature=youtu.be

Mera Savera session at Youth Vikalp Sangam:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m89EVv6FeaI&feature=youtu.be

Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting, Pune (Maharashtra), 6th-7th December, 2016

The second Vikalp Sangam core group meeting was held at S.M. Joshi Hall, Pune on 6th and 7th December of 2016. The meeting saw participation of twenty-seven core group members representing various organisations across the country. The objective of this year’s meeting was to review the objectives of the Vikalp Sangam process, review the Alternatives framework note (4th draft), share reflections, and learning’s from the past sangams, the relevance of the process itself, and to collectively plan for next year’s sangams.

A brief video clip of the meeting is at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F13QO4sgGs

Other Processes in India

Outreach and Education

Kalpavriksh members frequently make presentations and generate discussions in schools, colleges, and other institutions, or with movements and organisations, on issues of alternatives. Several of these are noted in the Chronology of activities below.

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

Initiated in mid-2013 as a discussion and dialogue forum, Kalpavriksh stepped out of its role of coordinator which it undertook till early 2016. It has remained an active member, participating in the four sessions held this year.

Sangam of Sangams

Emerging from the Vikalp Sangam and other similar processes, a process was initiated to bring together various networks of people working on equity, justice, peace, sustainability. The aim was to enable greater sharing and cross-learning, build collaborations, and work towards peoples’ agendas on various issues to influence the political process. Kalpavriksh helped organise the first meeting of the SoS in Pune, on 8-9th December 2016, in which about 15 networks participated. A second (preparatory) meeting was organised at Dharwad on 12 March 2017, with about 10 networks present, in which KV participated. The aim is now to add several more networks, and organise a larger gathering sometime in mid-2017.

E-list for Sharing and Discussion

KV coordinates an e-list ‘Vikalp Sangam’ for sharing information and news, and holding discussions on various aspects relating to alternatives. As of March 2017, it has about 260 members.
5B. Global Collaboration on Alternatives

A number of activities are taking place as part of the global collaboration with various partners, including research, sharing, mapping, and dialogue, some through a formal project, some voluntarily through informal networks. These include the following.

Global Project on Environmental Justice

Project: ACKNOWL-EJ

**Project Coordinator:** Ashish Kothari  
**Project Team:** Neema Pathak, Radhika Mulay, Shrishtee Bajpai, Shruti Ajit, Meenal Tatpati, Arpita Lulla (paid intern)  
**Year of Commencement:** 2016  
**Year of Completion:** 2018  
**Funds sanctioned:** 98,625 Euro (for all 3 years)  
**Funding Agency:** International Social Science Council

EJAtlas

Out of the 50 cases contracted to KV, we are in the process of completing 23 cases out of which 7 have been approved, 12 have been submitted for moderation and 4 are yet to be completed. Following is the table of the names and status of cases submitted through KV and South Asia collaborators until April 2017. While selecting the collaborators for the cases, KV approached organisations or researchers who have been actively engaged in relevant conflicts and transformations, as researchers, activists or through their particular organisations. These cases were filled in by the collaborators through primary data collection, interviews, phone calls, field work where necessary, and secondary reviews depending on the availability and accessibility of the data.

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In 2017 we are planning to complete around 15 more cases, some alternatives and other specifically related to conflicts and resistance from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Along with the 50 cases for the project period, we are also planning to carry forward our collaboration with the Bangladesh collaborator for 30 other cases which will be funded by another project named ‘EnvJustice’. Kalpavriksh will play the role of co-ordinating and helping these 30 cases to be put up on EJAtlas.
**Alternatives Transformation Framework (ATF)**

ATF format arose out of a need to gain more in-depth understanding of alternative transformations in political, economic, social, cultural and ecological fronts, and of the worldviews that underlie or inform radical transformations. It could be used for the following purposes: (a) to distinguish amongst the transformative and reformist initiatives; (b) to gain in-depth understanding of the process of transformation; (c) to help understand if there are internally contradictory trends in transformation; and (d) through all this, to enable the actors in the initiative to take steps towards a more comprehensive transformation.

Several versions of the framework have been produced, based on repeat cycles of comments and revisions; a final version for public view and use was released in February 2017. This will also be considered as one of the methodology tools to be used for the case studies under the global project ACKNOWL-EJ, including a study of the Bunkar(weaver) practice and community in Kachchh, Gujarat, and of transformations in indigenous peoples in Lomerio, Bolivia.

**Case Studies**

Finalization of the cases study sites, focus areas, aims and objectives has taken place for two sites, and a third is in process. The methodology for each site is being worked out. Field trips began in early 2017. Unfortunately, one of the case study sites, Niyamgiri, is uncertain due to the political situation there.

i. **The Dongria Kondh view of Well Being**

**Location:** Niyamgiri hills, Rayagada an Kalahandi Districts, Odisha, India

**Description:** The decade long struggle of the Dongria Kondh, a small adivasi community of the Eastern Ghats of Odisha, India has been held as an organic, grassroots movement, of a people and their way of life pitted against a major multi-national extractive corporation. For the last decade or so, the community has been fending off the Vedanta Alumina Limited (VAL) against mining the bauxite reserves present in their territory. Their articulations about the sacredness of Niyamgiri, their culture and identity have been well documented and hailed by environmentalists as well as human rights defenders. However, no attempt has been made to understand how these articulations reflect on their notions of mainstream ‘development’ and what ‘well-being’ means to the community.

In the face of the growing pressure for reopening the mining proposal, the need to hold dialogues on various threats to their way of life and to articulate a common vision for the future has become very urgent. The aims to understand and document underlying cosmovisions or worldviews of the Dongria Kondh community, with their central involvement, and to see how these are counter-poised to the ‘developmentalist’ economy.
ii. Kachchh crafts assessment of transformation

Location: Kachchh, Gujarat

Description: Using Alternatives Transformation Framework as a tool, this 1.5 years’ case study will be an exercise for assessing the transformative nature of the crafts related initiatives in Kachchh along the 5 spheres: ecological, political, social, economic and culture or knowledge systems. It will also be a pilot case for the Alternative Transformation Framework which can be further evolved based on the results.

iii. Gond adivasi forest-based and self-rule transformation

Location: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

Description: Jhada-Papadailaka(region) is situated on eastern border of Maharashtra state bordering to Chattisgarh state. This area is covered with dense forest, and predominately inhabited by tribal communities. MadiaGond, a Primitive Tribal Group constitute a larger share of population. The communities are actively engaged in protection and management of forest areas, and in having their rights recognized under Forest Rights Act and PESA. Gramsabhas are working on strengthening themselves as village self-republics, using their social values and traditional practices. People are engaged in sustaining and re-creating their economical, political system which is based on egalitarian principles.

This area will provide good opportunity to study traditional practices, knowledge of local communities which are engaged in creating alternatives, and peoples’ view of their own development or well-being.

Global Worldviews Dialogue

Within the ACKnowl-EJ project, KV is responsible to initiate a ‘Global Worldviews Dialogue’ (GWD). A brief description of this (from a draft note of the GWD that has been circulated for comments within the project partners): Resistance and alternative transformation movements and groups around the world are based on worldviews that are often fundamentally different from the mainstream neoliberal or state-centred narratives that are currently dominant. These worldviews may be ancient, being revived in new contexts, or relatively new. There is inadequate effort at helping movements understand each others’ worldviews and find common threads on the basis of which to build solidarity and gain strength. The GWD hopes to plug these gaps between a few indigenous peoples, Acknowl-ej case study partners, local communities, and other networks such as CICADA, ICCA Consortium.

Activities in the GWD include documentation of worldviews of each community we are working with, in written, audio, audio-visual, or artistic forms; dissemination of these worldviews on the A-EJ website and other forums; a mapping exercise where it is possible to ‘geolocate’ the worldview; facilitating semi-active responses to each others’ articulation/expression, e.g. showing a video from one community to another, and then taking a
‘response’ video that can be shown back to the original community; and facilitating bilateral or multilateral active dialogues amongst the communities, virtually using relevant digital technologies (powerful in some contexts, limiting in others), and/or physically through face-to-face meetings (with clearly limited possibilities due to resource constraints). These could be regional and/or global, and could include exchange visits between two communities.

**Internships**

Interns Abha Joglekar and Aathira Chennat studied farmer producer companies in Maharashtra, and brought out a report with some recommendations, that has been sent to the state government.

**Collaboration with other institutions**

Discussions began on a formal collaboration between KV and Azim Premji University, for the production of case studies and teaching materials on alternative initiatives, and student-based translations of stories for the Vikalp Sangam website. This is based on an ongoing relationship where VS materials are being used by APU, and KV members are taking sessions with APU students. The collaboration is expected to start by mid-2017.

**5C. Other Global Collaborations and Processes**

**Project: Non-project based activities**

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**Working groups on alternatives**

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation has set up two working groups for work on critiquing mainstream development and exploring radical alternatives, on which Kalpavriksh is represented: one for Asia, on ‘Socio-ecological Transformation’ and one global called ‘Beyond Development’.

Both groups aim to produce research and outreach material on a range of issues under these broad areas. Kalpavriksh has given in essays for proposed books to be produced by each of the groups.

The Club of Madrid initiated a group in mid-2015 to produce a document on ‘Shared Societies’, aimed at guidance to governments, UN agencies, and civil society, on steps towards a more sustainable, equitable world. Kalpavriksh was represented on this. After meetings in early and mid-2016, its report has been under preparation, and due for release in mid-2017.
E-list and website on radical ecological democracy

A global information sharing and discussion list around the framework of Radical Ecological Democracy has steadily enrolled people from various countries. Pramod Sadalage of ThoughtWorks (in his individual capacity) has voluntarily been managing the list so far.

A blogpost on radical ecological democracy started around the Rio+20 conference in 2012, with the Peoples’ Sustainability Treaty on RED, is evolving into a full website (to be launched mid-2017) that will contain stories and perspectives on radical alternatives to development from around the world. The conversion is under process and KV members will be coordinating it with help from Pramod Sadalage of ThoughtWorks (in his individual capacity).

Book: Post-Development Dictionary

Kalpavriksh members are involved in collating and editing a Post-Development Dictionary, as part of a 5-member international team of editors. The Dictionary will contain about 100 essays including a few critiques of development and of false solutions to global crises, and several of radical alternative worldviews, concepts and practices. In this year most of the essays have been received and edited, and the book is expected to go to press in late 2017.
PART B: PUBLICATIONS

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Reports


Book Chapter


Articles


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Kothari, A. 2016. Across the world, communities have embraced the opportunities of being demonetized, Scroll.in, 12 December, http://scroll.in/article/print/823463; reprinted in Thejas (Malayalam), 16 December, and Vikalp Sangam (Marathi)


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Sekhsaria, P. 2016. The Green mile, The Indian Express, 06 June.

Sekhsaria, P. 2016 Death of a wild tigress, The Hindu, 23 August.

Sekhsaria, P. 2016. Flocking together, Photo feature in The Indian Express, 18 September.

Sekhsaria, P. 2016. Not simply a vision thing (With Naveen Thayyil and Vanya Bisht), The Hindu, 05 October.

Sekhsaria, P. 2016. Lifelines that can sound deathknells (With Shashank Srinivasan), The Hindu, 29 November.


**Reports Unpublished**


Promise and Performance of Forest Rights Act in Maharashtra. A citizens report on ten years of implementation of FRA as part of Maharashtra CFR Learning and Advocacy Process.

Letters/petitions (initiated/endorsed)

Petition for the release of wrongly arrested DongriaKondh youth-12th April 2016

Petition to the President of India against the MHAs report linking NiyamgiriSurakshaSamiti to maoists-19th April 2017

**Other Outputs**

Alternatives Transformation Format: A Process for Self-Assessment and Facilitation towards Radical Change, Kalpavriksh for ACKnowl-EJ, with International Social Science Council, 2017

**PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

**April 2016**

1: Presentation on Environment and Development at FLAME, Pune(Ashish)
1- 2: CFR-LA Core Committee meeting under CFR-LA (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

3: Women’s Self Help Group meeting, Bhomale, Bhimashankar (Pradeep and Neema)

7-10: Participation and presentation at Yugaantar, at Bhoomi College, Bengaluru, including public event with panel on Ecology and Well-being (Ashish, Shruti)

11: Visit of Ariel Salleh, discussion on ecofeminism, Pune: several Pune-based members

12: Alternatives Forum Pune session on Ecofeminism, by Ariel Salleh (organised with StreeMuktiAndolanSamiti): several members

16-22: Tour of Thessoliniki and Athens (Greece) organised by Fair Trade Hellas, on Social and Solidarity Economy; visit to several alternative initiatives; presentations on Food Sovereignty and on Alternatives in India (Ashish)

23-30: Tour of Brno and Prague (Czech Republic), organised by Social and Solidarity Economy partners; visit to several alternative initiatives; presentations on Alternatives in India (Ashish)

29- 30: Maharashtra State Level Coordination Committee meeting in Jain Hills, Jalgaon (Neema, Shruti and Pradeep)

30: Story reading at the Lit Bug Fest at Pune (Sujatha)

May 2016

2-6: 1st planning meeting of ACKnowl-EJ project partners, Barcelona (Ashish, Neema, Radhika)

7: Participation in ‘persecution’ panel of Capitalism Tribunal, Vienna (Ashish)

11 -12: Methodology meeting for the compilation of the National Report on Promise and Performance. (Neema, Meenal Shruti)

15– 27 : Munsiari Bird Festival (Ashish, Sujatha, Tanya)

16-21: HimalKalasutra festival, Sarmoli (Munsiari); coordination of birding camp, participation in forest festival MesarKund Van Kautik (Ashish, Sujatha)

June 2016

3: Book reading (Shero) for children at KitabKhana, Mumbai (Ashish)
14: Presentation on Social Movements in Alternatives, at Conference on Sociology of Social Movements, Pune University (Ashish)

18: Presentation on the A&N Islands and The Last Wave, KICS (Knowledge in Civil Society) Forum, Hyderabad (Pankaj)

20: Book reading (Wildlife in City Pond) at Symbiosis School, organised by Pratham (Ashish)

21: ICCA Consortium virtual meeting on Solidarity Fund for Defenders of the Commons (Ashish)

23: Presentation on the A&N islands, Vidyaranya School Class VIII, Hyderabad (Pankaj)

28-29: 2nd Writing workshop and Methodology meeting for Promise and Potential Study. ISI, New Delhi (Neema)

30: Presentation on the A&N islands, Vidyaranya School Class IX, Hyderabad (Pankaj)

30: Maharashtra State Level Coordination Committee Meeting at TISS, Mumbai (Neema, Shruti)

July 2016

1: CFR-LA Core Committee Meeting at TISS, Mumbai (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

5: Interview on RED and Degrowth, for Degrowth in Movements project (Germany)(Ashish)

5: Public webinar on Transformative Knowledge Network, presentation on ACKnowl-EJ project (Ashish)

9: Presentation on VikalpSangam process at NAPM meeting, Pune(Ashish)

9: Presentation on the A&N Islands at St. Joseph’s College, Bangalore (Pankaj)

9: Presentation on the A&N Islands and reading from The Last Wave at Goobes, Bangalore (Pankaj)

11: Presentation on the A&N Islands, Valley School, Bangalore (Pankaj)

11: Presentaion on the A&N Islands and discussion on The Last Wave, Jain University, Bangalore (Pankaj)

15: Alternatives Forum Pune session on Pune Cycle Plan: several KV members

19-20: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Green Growth book launches, NISTADS and Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi (Ashish)

22-26: Visit to Kachchh, including: presentation on environment and decentralization at Panchayats meeting, Bhimasar; visit to Hodko and Rann; visit to Khamir for collaborative
research discussions; visit to Ajrakhpur printing village; visit to Homes in the City programme site, Bhuj (Sujatha, Radhika, Shiba, Shrishti, Ashish)

25: Story reading sessions at Sinchan School at Bhuj (Ashish, Sujatha)

27-29: KachchhVikalpSangam, Bhuj(Sujatha, Radhika, Shiba, Shrishti, Ashish)

29: Participation in Twitter panel on climate crises, with Amitav Ghosh, Kartik Shanker (Ashish)

**August 2016**

1: Meeting with Azim Premji University faculty re. formal collaboration between APU and KV, Bengaluru (Ashish)

10-12: Sessions on FRA, TISS Tuljapur Campus (Neema and Meenal)

12: Presentation on Environment and Development/RED, TISS Tuljapur (Ashish, Neema, Meenal)

13: Meeting of Vikalp Sangam Maharashtra-level Core Group members, Pune (Ashish, Sujatha)

20-22: Western Himalaya mini-Vikalp Sangam, Sambhaavanaa (Palampur, HP) (Milind, Radhika, Shrishtee, Ashish)

24-25: Practitioners-Authors-Editors meeting for the book on alternative case study book at Pune (Ashish, Shiba, Neema, Sujatha, Meenal, Shruthi, Seema)

29: Participation in EDGE Funders meeting, Budapest (Ashish)

31: Presentation on the A&N Islands and reading from The Last Wave, Urban Design Collective, Chennai (Pankaj)


**September 2016**

1-2: As above - Presentation in panels ‘Alliances between Radical Movements’, ‘Alliances between Global North and South’, ‘Degrowth in Movements’, at International Degrowth Conference, Budapest (Ashish)

2: Keynote presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, International Degrowth Conference (Ashish)

5: Presentation on the A&N Islands and reading from The Last Wave, The School, Chennai (Pankaj)
6: Presentation on the A&N Islands and The Last Wave, IFMR, Chennai (Pankaj)

14-15: CFR-LA core committee meeting at CYSD, Bhubaneshwar (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

15: Presentation on the A&N Islands and The Last Wave, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad (Pankaj)

16 – 18: Karvi Fest Children's Programme, Panchgani, Maharashtra (Tanya, Sharmila)

17-20: Food Vikalp Sangam at Muniguda, Odisha (Shiba, Meenal, Shruthi, Shrishtee, Sujatha)

20-21: Participation in Expert Consultation on Biodiversity and Human Rights, organised by UN Special Rapporteur on Environment and Human Rights, Geneva (Ashish)

21: Visit to Christian Hospital at Bissamcuttack and to Mitra Residential School, Kachapaju (Shiba, Meenal, Shruthi, Shrishtee, Sujatha)

23-27: ACKnowl-EJ project workshop on frameworks, methodologies, Barcelona (Ashish, Radhika)


October 2016

2: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Economics of Happiness conference, Florence (Ashish)

4: Presentation on Environment & Development in India/RED at FAO, Rome (Ashish)

6-7: Enculturing innovation – Indian engagements with nanotechnology’ Paper at the The National Workshop on Opportunities and Challenges for Regional Innovation System, NISTADS, New Delhi (Pankaj)

7: Session on ICCAs with PhD students, ICTA, Autonomous University of Barcelona: (Ashish)

11: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at ICTA (AUB), Barcelona (Ashish)


12: Story reading session at Panchgani with students from Peepal Grove School, Andhra Pradesh (Sharmila)
14-15: Meetings with/visits to Cooperativa Integral, NOVA, Barcelona social currency promoters, and Odyssey of the Alternatives, Barcelona (Ashish)

17: Visit to Beckerich alternative initiatives, Luxemburg (Ashish)

18-19: Presentations on globalization and Radical Ecological Democracy, at Lycee school, Luxemburg University, and NGOs, organised by Aide à l'Enfance de l'Inde, Mouvement Ecologique and Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, Luxemburg (Ashish)

25: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Casa Asia, Barcelona (Ashish)

26-onwards: Presentation and participation in online World in 2050 Conference (Ashish)

**November 2016**

4-6: Visit/stay at Can Masdeu, squatted community, and presentation on RED, Barcelona (Ashish)

7: Presentation on Vikalp Sangam and Alternatives Transformation Framework, at Observatori del Deute en la Globalitzacio and Research & Degrowth, Barcelona (Ashish)

10: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Aurea Social, Cooperativa Integral Catalan, Barcelona (Ashish)

16: Attended a workshop organized by Rights and Resources Initiative on Analysing Land Conflicts and Investment Risks in India. (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

17-19: Writing workshop on the Promise and Performance national report (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

18: Session on visions of the future, Azim Premji University (UG) (Ashish)

24: Participation in and presentation on RED at seminar Interrogating Democracy, Pune University (Ashish)


**December 2016**

4: Birding trip, Pune tekdi (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Sneha, Ashish)

5: Visit of Tsewang Namgail, on Snow Leopard Conservancy work, at Pune office: several members

6-7: Vikalp Sangam Core Group Meeting (Ashish, Sujatha, Shrishtee, Radhika)

8-9: Sangam of Sangams meet in Pune (Ashish, Sujatha, Shrishtee, Radhika, Milind)
10-12: ‘2035 - visions, technologies, democracy and the citizen: Understanding India’s Technology Vision 2035’, Co-author and presentation at the 4th International Conference of the Law and Social Sciences Network (LASSnet), New Delhi (Pankaj)

10: Presentation on VikalpSangam, panel on Envisioning Futures, LASSNET conference, Delhi (Ashish)

12: Session on VikalpSangam, alternatives, RED, Dept of Politics, Delhi University (Ashish)

13-14: National Convention on Ten years of Forest Rights Act in Indian Habitat Center, New Delhi (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)

15-16: Attended Indian People’s Tribunal on the Violation of FRA across India conducted by Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) in New Delhi (Meenal and Shruti)

28-30: ‘A history of the Andaman Islands – Bottom up and through the lens of fiction’, Plenary presentation at the UGC International Conference on ‘Rethinking Environment: Literature Ethics and Praxis’, Berhampur University, Odisha (Pankaj)

31: Birding trip, Sinhgad valley (Sharmila, Ashish)

January 2017

13: Presentation on sacred groves by Shruti Mokashi at KV Pune: several members

14: Participation in demonstration against tree-felling on University Road, Pune: several members

16: Story reading session at Orchid School (Sujatha)

16-20: Presentations on alternatives to UG and PG students, and 2nd discussion on formal collaboration, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru (Ashish, Shrishtee, Shruti)

21: Presentation in Girish Sant Memorial panel ‘How Much Energy do we Need’ organised by Prayas, Pune (Ashish)

28: Protest action outside Citibank in solidarity with Standing Rock (native American) resistance, Pune: several members

29: Birding trip to CME, Pune (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)

February 2017

3– 5: Youth Vikalp Sangam (Ashish, Sujatha, Shruti, Shrishtee, Radhika)

4-6: Enculturing Innovation – Indian engagements with nanotechnology, Paper at the International Seminar on Globalisation of India’s Innovation Systems: A Creative Destruction?, Business Innovation and Incubation Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala (Pankaj)
7: Birding in Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal (Ashish, Sujatha, Shruti, Shrishtee, Radhika)
7: Presentation on the A&N Islands and The Last Wave, CMS College, Kottayam (Pankaj)
10: Presentation (skype) on globalization and alternatives to AB Fellowship candidates (Ashish)
12: Birding trip to Sinhagad valley, Pune (Ashish)
13: Visit of Khushboo Jain, on work with railway track children, at KV Pune: several members
14-16: CFR-LA Core Committee Meeting at TISS Mumbai (Neema, Meenal and Shruti)
18: Story reading session at The Story Station (Sujatha)
19: Birding trip to Pashan lake, for Great Backyard Birding event: several members
20: Presentation on Environment and Development/RED, at IIM Ahmedabad; and discussion with faculty on VikalpSangam (Ashish)
21–24: Visit to costal schools in Kachchh run by Yusuf Mehrally Centre (Tanya, Sujatha)
23: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Karve Institute, Pune (Ashish)
27-3 March: Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ project case study; visits to Sayara Biodiversity Management Committee and Saiyaren Community Radio; birding at ChhariDhand Conservation Reserve (Radhika, Ashish)

March 2017

1-3: As above. Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ project case study; visits to Sayara Biodiversity Management Committee and Saiyaren Community Radio; birding at ChhariDhand Conservation Reserve (Radhika, Ashish)

6: Presentation on the A&N islands and ‘Islands in Flux – the Andaman and Nicobar Story, NALSAR, Hyderabad (Pankaj)
10-12: The ecology and history of the Andaman Islands: Bottom up and through the lens of fiction, Paper at the Indian Biodiversity Congress, Pondicherry University (Pankaj)
10-12: Conspicuous by its absence ‘Diversity’ in India Technology Vision 2035 ,Paper (Jointly with Naveen Thayyil and Vanya Bisht) at the Indian Biodiversity Congress, Pondicherry University (Pankaj)
10-12: Media reporting on the protected areas in Maharashtra - A thematic analysis, Paper (jointly with Trupthi Narayan) at the Indian Biodiversity Congress, Pondicherry University (Pankaj)

11: Presentation on the A&N islands and ‘Islands in Flux – the Andaman and Nicobar Story, Bharat Nivas, Centre for Indian Studies, Auroville (Pankaj)

12: Sangam of Sangams 2nd meeting, Dharwad: Sneha, Shrishtee, Ashish

14: Review of eco schools programme conducted by CEE at Vidya Niketan School, Pimpri (Sharmila)

15-16: Preparatory meeting on Local/non-violent economies, organised with EktaParishad and Makaam, Pune: several members

17: Presentation on Environment and Development/RED to Pradaan staff, AzimPremji University, Bengaluru (Ashish)


25-26: The great cataclysm - Great Andamanese stories of creation and The giant tsunami of December 2004, Paper at the Seminar on Folk Philosophy is South Asia: Exploring Cosmic and Mundane in the folklore, Bansthali University, Rajasthan (Pankaj)

27: Podcast interview on globalization, climate, alternatives, to HBF, Germany (Ashish)

31: Presentation on KV to Karve Institute students, Pune (Neema, Ashish)

PART D: POLICY SUBMISSIONS AND LETTERS

29th June 2016 – Letter to the Governor of Maharashtra on issues and action points regarding implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in the State of Maharashtra

6th October 2016- Letter to MoS of MoEFCC to ensure that the FRA is implemented and its integrity upheld as a vital measure for conservation

6th October 2016- Letter to MoS of MoEFCC with the endorsement of Request by Indian Conservationists to uphold and implement India’s Forest Rights Act, 2006

9th November 2016- Letter to MoTA and other ministries against the violent eviction of the Van Gujjar community of Tumdiya village in Nainital district of Uttarakhand, in violation of the FRA
PART E: LIST OF KALPAVRIKSH MEMBERS

Ajay Mahajan
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Ashish Kothari
Kanchi Kohli
Manju Menon
Meenakshi Kapoor
Meenal Tatpati
Milind Wani
Neema Pathak
Neeraj Vagholicit
Nidhi Agarwal
Pallav Das
Pankaj Sekhsaria
Pradeep Chavan
Pradeep Malhotra
Radhika Mulay
Rashi Mishra
Roshni Kutty
R. Prabhakar Rao
Saili Palande
Sanjay Sondhi
Seema Bhatt
Shantha Bhushan
Sharmila Deo
Shiba Desor
Shrishtee Bajpai
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Vandana Singh
Vikal Samdariya
Yashodhara Kundaji
PART F: LIST OF DONORS AND FUNDERS

List of donors – 2016-17

A. Education
1. V.Kalyani
2. Sanjay S. Desai

B. PA update Newsletter
1. Bharat Zhunzhunwala
2. Munal Club, Sikkim
3. Jai Mazoomdar
4. Vasumathi Sankaran
5. Aditya Vikram Rametra
6. Meenal Tatpati
7. Abhijit Gandhi
8. Akila Balu
9. Satyendra Tiwari
10. Digambar Gadgil
11. Vishweshwar Raste
12. A.J.T. Johnsingh
13. Huddletech Services Pvt. Ltd.
14. Purnima Upadhyay
15. Aniruddha Mookarjee

C. Vikalp Sangam Website
1. KNA Foundation

D. Alternative Work
1. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
2. Manavsthali Education Society
3. Rohit Bansal
E. KV General
1. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
2. Meenal Tatpati
3. Vasumati Sankaran
4. Shiba Desor
5. Charles Lan Mac Neill

F. North East Dams
1. Shantha Bhushan

List of funders – 2016-17
1. Heinrich Boll Foundation
2. MISEREOR
3. ICCA Consortium
4. OXFAM India
5. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT)
6. Vasundhara
7. Institut de Clencia i Tecnologia Ambientals (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
8. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
9. KNA Foundation
10. Foundation for Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship (TATA Trust)
## PART G: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### C. Surplus / Deficit (A - B)

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For Pnadpare & Co., Chartered Accountants
FRN: 140714W

For & on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH

Pune: 11/03/2017
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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As per our attached report of even date

Paresh Sarda and Company
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FRN: 140714W
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For and on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH

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Partner
M.N.: 143211
Pune: 11/09/2017