



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 19

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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 function: 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 at Sehatvan, Bhopal from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Election of the governing body (core group), the office bearers and financial auditor was done at this meeting.

Secretary: Tanya Majmudar

Treasurer: Meenal Tatpati

Governing Body (Core Group) Members: Tanya Majmudar, Meenal Tatpati, Neema Pathak, Shruti Ajit, Milind Wani, Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Shrishtee Bajpai, Sharmila Deo, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Kanchi Kohli, Shantha Bhushan and Prabhakar Rao.

Auditors: Paresh Sarda, Chartered Accountant, Pune

## **PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE**

Kalpavriksh has Internal Complaints Committees for its Pune and Delhi Offices in compliance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

The committee members for the Pune office are: Meenal Tatpati (Presiding Officer), Prajakta Kulkarni, Shruti Ajit, Milind Wani, Advocate Rama Sarode as external member.

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

The Pune committee held an orientation session with the staff, members and interns on August 23, 2018. Advocate Rama Sarode shared some of her experiences of the Act being used in different cases. The Anti Sexual Harassment Policy of Kalpavriksh was introduced and discussed with new members and interns.

## PART A: PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

#### Projects:

A. *Children's Books on Environment*

B. *Book on Food for Ladakh*

C. *Miscellaneous*

#### 1A. Children's Books on Environment

**Coordinators:** Tanya Majmudar, Sujatha Padmanabhan

**Project Team:** Sharmila Deo, Tejaswini Apte-Rahm, Neeraj Vagholikar, Sanjay Sondhi, Neema Pathak Broome

**Year of Commencement:** 2017

**Year of Completion:** 2018

**Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 15,56,500 (over 18 months)

**Funding Agency:** Foundation for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (Tata Trusts)

#### Developments:

Five children's books were published through this project. The details of these are as below:

##### 1. The Poop Book! (May '18)

About the book: This is a book on fun-facts about animal poop, aimed at children of all ages.

Authors: Tejaswini Apte-Rahm and Sujatha Padmanabhan

Illustrator: Priya Kuriyan

ISBN: 9788187945789

No. of copies printed: 2000

##### 2. Po Tricks His Foe (July '18)

About the book: This is a story about a little pangolin, who sets out late one evening to look for food, only to run into some trouble. The book is aimed at children aged 6-10 yrs and contains natural history information about pangolins.

Author: Sharmila Deo

Illustrator: Niloufer Wadia

ISBN: 9789385236525

No. of copies printed: This book was co-published by Kalpavriksh and Eklavya, Bhopal. 2000 English and 3000 Hindi copies were printed.

### **3. People and Wildlife (Sep '18)**

About the book: This is an anthology of 10 stories of communities around India and their relationships with nature and wildlife. The book is aimed at children aged 10-14 years.

Compiled and Edited by: Tanya Majmudar and Sujatha Padmanabhan

Authors: Ashish Kothari, Janaki Lenin, Gangadharan Menon, V. Arun, Akila Balu, Nikit Surve, Tanya Majmudar and Sujatha Padmanabhan

Illustrator: Nayantara Surendranath

ISBN: 978-8187945796

No. of copies printed: 2000

### **4. Critters Around Our Homes (Sep '18)**

About the book: This is a non-fiction book with information about some of the creatures found around our homes. The book is aimed at 8-12 year olds and contains personal accounts of a naturalist.

Author: Sanjay Sondhi

Illustrator: Sushama Durve

ISBN: 978-8187945802

No. of copies printed: 2000

### **5. Saving the Dalai Lama's Cranes (Dec '18)**

About the book: This is a story about a how a monk and his friends in Arunachal save the habitat of the Black-necked Crane. It is for 10-14 year olds and is rich with cultural aspects of the region and its people.

Author: Neeraj Vagholikar

Illustrator: Niloufer Wadia

ISBN: 978-8187945819

No. of copies printed: 2000

## 1B. Book on Food of Ladakh

**Coordinator:** Sujatha Padmanabhan

**Project Team:** Shiba Desor (from Kalpavriksh), Tsewang Namgail, Tsering Angmo, Rinchen Dolma, Tsetan Dorjay from Leh; Alex Jensen from Local Futures, USA

**Year of Commencement:** 2017

**Year of Completion:** 2019

**Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 1, 66,926 (Ri Gyantha Dissemination balance funds); 1,20,000 (Misereor)

**Funding Agency:** SLC US and Misereor respectively

### Developments:

Shiba and Sujatha travelled to Leh for three weeks from August 19th to September 8th to continue work on the book. They did interviews of elderly persons in Nubra and Changthang villages on their memories of food when they were young and their perceptions of changes in food habits. They also did a few more interviews of people who had undertaken various kinds of initiatives to promote local food in Leh and surrounding villages.

The chapters provided by different authors are in draft stage, with all co-authors providing comments and suggestions.

## 1C. Miscellaneous

### 1. Children's Book Distribution

Kalpavriksh children books are currently directly supplied by Kalpavriksh to around 20 bookshops and distributors in different cities. They are also available to read on three reading apps – Kitaleet, GetLitt and Freadom.

### 2. Regional Language Translations

Po Tricks His Foe has been translated to Hindi by Eklavya. MoUs were signed between Jyotsna Prakashan and Kalpavriksh for Marathi translations and publication of 5 titles - *Po Tricks His Foe*, *Critters around our Homes*, *People & Wildlife*, *Something to Chew On* and *Circle of Life*.

### 3. Children's Book Promotions

For promoting children's books, Kalpavriksh organised book events: an event around *People and Wildlife* at Pagdandi Books Chai Café, one on *Saving the Dalai Lama's cranes* at the Kirloskar Vasundhara Ecobazaar, events for *Po Tricks his Foe* at School of Life in Phoenix World School, Kharadi and Jeevagram, Reimagine Learning Centre, Bhor, event for *The Poop Book* at The Story Station, Meet-the-Author event at Annadata and book readings at St Mary's School. Bookstalls were also put up at many public events, including Lit Bug Fest and Kirloskar Vasundhara Ecobazaar in Pune, and Arunachal Literature and Arts Festival and the Roing Joy of Reading Festival in Arunachal Pradesh.

#### 4. Reprints and Revised Editions of Children's Books

The following Kalpavriksh titles were reprinted (or revised):

*Ghost of the Mountains*

*Khari Journeys through Kachchh*

*Secrets of the Jungle*

*Something to Chew On*

#### 5. Call for Manuscripts

Kalpavriksh sent out a call for manuscripts of children's books for publication in the next financial year. Several manuscripts were received and are being reviewed by the team.

#### 6. Series in Hindu Young World

Kalpavriksh continued work on the series on Conservation and Nature in *Hindu Young World*. This series is being coordinated by Sanjay Sondhi.

## 2. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

### Project:

#### 2 A. Rivers, dams and environmental governance in Northeast India

**Project Coordinator:** Neeraj Vagholikar

**Year of commencement and completion:** Ongoing since 2001

**Funds sanctioned:** N.A.

**Funding agencies:** N.A.

### Developments:

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaging with social and environmental aspects of large dams coming up on the rivers in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India coordinated 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.



## 2 B. Andaman & Nicobar Islands e-group

<p><b>Project Coordinator:</b> Pankaj Sekhsaria <b>Year of commencement and completion:</b> Ongoing <b>Funds sanctioned:</b> N.A. <b>Funding agencies:</b> N.A.</p>
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### Developments:

Pankaj Sekhsaria continued moderating the e-group on Andaman & Nicobar Islands which discusses cross-sectoral issues related to the islands, mainly under the broad umbrella of environment and development in the region.

## 3. CONSERVATION & LIVELIHOODS

<p><b>Coordinators:</b> Neema Pathak Broome <b>Team members:</b> Milind Wani, Pradeep Chavan, Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit, Sneha Gutgutia, Tanya Majmudar <b>Year of Commencement:</b> Ongoing <b>Year of Completion:</b> Ongoing <b>Total Funds Sanctioned:</b> Mentioned under various project heads <b>Funding Agency:</b> Mentioned under various project heads</p>
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### Developments

In addition to the specific project-wise activities mentioned below, Kalpavriksh is a part of the coordination team of Community Forest Resource Rights Advocacy and Learning Process (CFRLA). We have been helping with the co-ordination of the CFRLA process. This has also involved organising various meetings and advocacy on inclusive conservation laws, policies and practice with citizens groups, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and others.

As part of our national level policy work we have continued to network and build dialogue around inclusive governance in conservation. Amongst other things we also submitted our comments on the National Forest Policy 2018.

### 3A. Community Conserved Areas in India

**Coordinators:** Neema Pathak Broome

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome and Sneha Gutgutia

**Year of Commencement and completion:** Ongoing

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** US\$ 4800

**Funding Agency:** ICCA Consortium

#### Developments:

##### 1. Understanding ICCAs in the region:

- a. The team did a preliminary visit to Tekpowale fish sanctuary, a community conserved area in Maharashtra.
- b. A report was prepared and published by Kalpavriksh: *Community based conservation amidst conflict in the Dooars region of North Bengal* authored by Nishok G U, Tom Guha and Meenal Tatpati.

##### 2. Outreach and Information exchange on ICCAs:

- a. An interactive map of CCAs in India was created and 160 case studies were linked to it.
- b. Kalpavriksh continues to co-ordinate the CCA South Asia Google group. Regular emails are being sent to the members and new people continue to join this discussion forum.
- c. The ICCA Consortium webpage on Mendha Lekha as emblematic ICCA was published.
- d. Neema Pathak Broome provided inputs for a paper on ICCAs and SDGs, which is under preparation with Holly Jonas.
- e. A children's book on community conservation, titled *People and Wildlife* was published by Kalpavriksh. This was done by the KV education team in collaboration with the Conservation and Livelihoods team.
- f. A photo story of Pangkhya community of Rangamati Hill Districts of Bangladesh by Muang Hla was published.
- g. 'People in Conservation' newsletter's special edition on CCAs was published in Hindi.

### 3. Strengthening the CCA network in the region:

- a. Conversations with NTFP-EP South Asia are on-going for collaborative work with Kalpavriksh on CCAs in India.
- b. Members and honorary members are being added to the ICCA Consortium to strengthen the network in the region. Kalpavriksh is also making a list of other possible members and honorary members.
- c. Planning has started for an ICCA South Asia regionalisation meeting to discuss strategies for supporting CCAs in the region and collective action towards those. Kalpavriksh plans to organise this in collaboration with other organisations.
- d. Planning towards a consultation and training programme with CCAs in the NE of India is being planned in collaboration with other organisations.

### 4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Kalpavriksh continues to extend support to develop curriculum on CCAs for Azim Premji University in Bangalore.
- b. Participated in the extraordinary GBM of ICCA Consortium in Montreal.
- c. Participated in the ICCA Consortium Annual General Body meeting at Bishoftu in Ethiopia.

## 3B. Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

**Coordinators:** Neema Pathak Broome

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Meenal Tatapati and Shruti Ajit

**Year of Commencement:** Ongoing

**Year of Completion:** Ongoing

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 12, 67, 973

**Funding agency:** Vasundhara-Oxfam and Rights And Resources Institute

### Developments:

Ongoing research and advocacy on emerging issues with regards to the implementation of the Forest Rights Act continued..

The Community Forest Rights Learning and Advocacy (CFR-LA) process witnessed a change in the structure to ensure that the onus of carrying out activity under the banner does not lie with one or two organizations and is democratically run. For this purpose, there were two teams that were formed, executive team and the advisory team. The advisory team comprises of 25-30 organisations working on CFRs in their regions and has been actively contributing to the process in the past. The executive team is a smaller group of individuals and organizations who will execute activities that has been discussed and approved by the advisory committee. Kalpavriksh was part of the executive team and was responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the CFR-LA process. Under this, some of the activities include need based advocacy, drafting statements and petitions on issues

that undermine the spirit of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and organising training and awareness workshops when needed.

We received funds from Vasundhara-Oxfam and Rights and Resources Institute for the same. The team carried on greater engagement and work on protected areas since this need emerged from the ground due to a spate of illegal and arbitrary relocations and evictions from several Protected Areas across the country. This included a report and case studies on implementation of FRA in PAs; documentation of co-existence in and around PAs; field investigation in Corbett- Rajaji landscape about implementation of FRA. The team was also involved in exploring co-existence in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in collaboration with Keystone Foundation. Another focus area that Kalpavriksh has taken on was to look at engendering the FRA process under which there were case studies that were documented both from Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu on challenges and struggles of women. The team is also working on bringing out policy briefs regarding the laws and processes within protected areas that communities could use to counter forceful evictions. We are also translating these materials in the local languages so that it could be accessible to others.

Kalpavriksh has also been helping with advocacy, fact-finding and collation of case studies as part of CFR-LA to stop eviction of legitimate forest dwellers which was likely to take place due to on-going litigation in the courts.

### **3C. Documentation and Outreach Service for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security**

**Coordinators:** Milind Wani

**Support Team:** Pradeep Chavan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Mithila Kakade, Neema Pathak Broome

**Others Involved:** Nidhi Agarwal (External consultant for translations), Surhud Gokhale (Research Intern)

**Year of Commencement:** 2006

**Year of Completion:** Ongoing

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** 1,35,000 Euro (For the three year period December 2017 – November 2019)

**Funding Agency:** Misereor

#### **Developments:**

One yearly mega-issue (for the period May 2018 – June 2019) on the thematic of Radical Ecological Democracy.

Subsequent sections (e.g. work in and around Bhimashankar Sanctuary) are also under the larger documentation centre project).

### 3D. Intervention towards Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security in and around Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

**Coordinators:** Pradeep Chavan

**Team:** Subhash Dolas, Manda Kathe, Parvata Wanghare

**Advisory & Support Team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Milind Wani

**Year of Commencement:** 2008

**Year of Completion:** Ongoing

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** Part of the Misereor funding mentioned in section above

**Funding Agency:** Misereor

#### Developments

##### I. Capacity Building component

- a. Provided support to villagers for filing claims for Community Forest Rights under the Forest Rights Act for Bhomale (U), Bhomale (L) Kharpud and Pabhe villages.
- b. Facilitated the process of women's empowerment by organizing SHG workshops at Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon and Bhomale villages on different subjects like local seed conservation, Subhash Palekar's Natural farming, Consumer Rights, Women Gram Sabha, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Forest Rights Act (FRA) etc.
- c. Helping SDO office, Rajgurunagar in FRA implementation
- d. Helping Kisan Sabha in FRA implementation in Ambegaon Taluka of Pune district as and when required
- e. Facilitated the process of organizing women Gram Sabhas.
- f. Jointly with Kalpavriksh and Sahyadri school, local SHGs of Bhorgiri and Bhivegaon organized a **"Seed festival"** at Bhorgiri on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to celebrate the diversity and richness of local seed varieties
- g. Sahyadri school of Krishnamurti Foundation at Darakwadi is doing some interesting work on conserving local seed diversity in the Bhimashankar area with local farmers. We are engaging with them on this and have initiated work of conserving local seed diversities in 6 villages where we are working.
- h. We have held several discussions with local farmers on importance of local seeds and their nutritional and health benefits. Most of the farmers showed great interest in cultivating local rice varieties in this season. 12 farmers did demo plots of traditional rice varieties like *Tambada Raibhog*, *57 Gara*, *Khadkya* and *Jir* in Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon, Bhomale (U), Kharpud and Mhasewadi villages.
- i. Pradeep attended a workshop on "Zero Budget Natuaral Farming (ZBNF)" at Sahyadry School on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We are promoting this

farming system as it is both eco-friendly, cost effective and focusing mostly on local seed varieties.

- j. Facilitated the Uncultivated Vegetable Festival at Bhomale (U) and Kharpud villages.
- k. We are providing support to the Bhorgiri, Yelavali and Bhomale (U) Eco-village Development committees (EVDCs) and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC) to facilitate democratic decision-making, implementation of activities mentioned in their micro plans for forest and village development, as also maintaining transparency in utilizing the funds they have received.
- l. Facilitated the process of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the villages we are associated with. Met BDO, Tahsildar and Assistant Project officer NREGA to start the work in the villages. Conducted surveys to find out persons needing employment and also to find out the persons who don't have bank account.
- m. Yelavali village made their own micro plan for eco-village development scheme by democratic decision-making system. Subhash Dolas, one of our team members, is key person behind this.
- n. Organized two-day residential youth capacity building workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Yelavali camping site (Yelavali eco-tour centre)

## **II. Honey Bee conservation and Livelihood component:**

1. Facilitated meetings and discussions with honey harvesters on the conservation of bees and their habitats.
2. Facilitated the Honey enterprise by Jai Sadguru Women Self Help Group.

### **3E. Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation Priority Plan for Sahyadri School Campus**

**Coordinators:** Neema Pathak Broome and Tanya Majumdar

**Support Team:** Kaustubh Moghe (External Consultant), Vivek Gour Broome (External Consultant), Subhash Dolas (External team member)

**Year of Commencement:** 2018

**Year of Completion:** Ongoing

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 3,30,000

**Funding Agency:** Sahyadri School (Krishnamurti Foundation India)

## **Developments**

The Sahyadri School campus at Tiwai Hills near village Gundalwadi was established in the year 1994 by Krishnamurti Foundation India. Currently, the school is involved in planning the future construction of their 70 acre campus and has commissioned

Kalpavriksh to study biodiversity of the school campus and its immediate surroundings. The inputs from this study will be used to provide ecological guidance and strengthen the current and future construction and functional planning of the school. In this context, Kalpavriksh team members first visited the school in the month of August 2018 to meet with the school teachers and administrators and also for reconnaissance. Subsequently, the project work commenced with the second visit being made by Vivek Gour-Broome and Kaustubh Moghe in November 2018. This was to understand various natural and artificial features of the campus and its immediate surroundings, topography, geology, soil and vegetation and associated ecological features. Different types of habitats and micro-habitats were documented. The second visit, in February 2019, aimed at documenting various woody plants in different habitats and bird and mammalian diversity. Subsequently, an exercise was done to assess the ecological impact of various proposed structures and suggestions were made to mitigate this impact. A plant checklist was generated and suggestions are currently being made regarding future plantation and removal of trees on the campus. A survey for herpetofauna is planned for the coming monsoon.

### **3 F. Protected Area Update – Newsletter on sanctuaries and national parks in India**

**Coordinators:** Pankaj Sekhsaria

**Year of Commencement:** 1994

**Year of Completion:** Projected Budget for April 2018 to March 31, 2019 – Rs. 4,00,000/-

**Total Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 3,00,000 by the Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust

Approx Rs. 100,000 were raised through donations and subscriptions

#### **Developments:**

Production and Printing of PA Update:

- *PA Update* Vol XXIV No. 2, April 2018 (No. 132)
- *PA Update* Vol XXIV No. 3, June 2018 (No. 133)
- *PA Update* Vol XXIV No. 4, August 2018 (No. 134)
- *PA Update* Vol XXIV No. 5, October 2018 (No. 135)
- *PA Update* Vol XXIV No. 6, December 2018 (No. 136)
- *PA Update* Vol XXV No. 1, February 2019 (No. 137)

#### 4. ALTERNATIVES PRACTICES AND VISIONS IN INDIA AND GLOBALLY

The Alternatives programme continued its work on documenting, making known and networking alternative initiatives and visions across India, and linking these to global initiatives. This update is in two sections: activities and networks within India, and those in a global setting.

##### **Projects:**

*A. Documentation, networking, outreach in India*

*B. Research, outreach, networking globally*

##### **4A. Documentation, networking, outreach in India**

Several kinds of activities are being carried out to document, help network, and make known alternative initiatives in India. These are both through funded projects, and on a voluntary basis. Key highlights are given below.

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

**Project Coordinator:** Ashish Kothari

**Project Team:** Shrishtee Bajpai, Anuradha Arjunwadkar

**Year of commencement:** January 2018 (phase 1); January 2019 (phase 2)

**Year of completion:** December 2018; December 2019 (here reported only for Jan-Mar 2019)

**Funds sanctioned:** Rs. 22,70,170.00+ 515212.5 (for the year 2019)

**Funding agency:** Heinrich Boll Foundation

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of funding from HBF for KV's work on documenting, networking, and building on alternative initiatives around India.

##### ***Stories by Media Fellow***

The media fellowship was commissioned to journalist Baba Mayaram who did six stories for the Vikalp Sangam website. The stories were documented both visually and textually in Hindi. Below is the list of stories by Baba Mayaram:

1. आदिवासियोंकीहरियालीयात्रा- <https://bit.ly/2CZMsl5>. A unique forest festival and pilgrimage organized by the adivasis living in central India.
2. पक्षियोंकागांवहैमेनार -<https://bit.ly/2OMgGMV>. A unique village Menar located in western India is working towards conservation of lake and bird diversity
3. आदिवासियोंकीउम्मीदहैआधारशिला <https://bit.ly/2UnKkrZ> An adivasi school in central India that is trying to move away from mainstream education and working towards localised curriculum.



4. फुटपाथपरपौष्टिकभोजन, <https://bit.ly/2HIBvUY>. A story on an initiative working towards the rights of street vendors in Delhi, towards a peaceful and a dignified livelihood
5. चिरालाकेहथकरघे , <https://bit.ly/2WtUivK>. A story on a gathering of weaving communities from across the country. The story is under review
6. महिलाकिसानोंकाअन्नस्वराज, <https://bit.ly/2W8FUJX>. A story on Dalit women farmers who have been practicing traditional farming methods and regenerating local livelihoods. The story is under review.
7. Baba Mayaram also did a story on an adivasi community and their unique process of saving the seeds living in equally landscape of Pataalkot, Madhya Pradesh. The story is documented both visually and textually.  
<http://vikalpsangam.org/article/babamayaram-pataalkot-beej/>

### ***Story by Story Fellows***

Four different stories have been commissioned and documented.

1. Van Kautik, a unique forest festival organized by a women's collective MAATI to signify nature-culture links by Shiba Desor <https://bit.ly/2VUYEHT>
  2. A river and its relationships, a story on Vyali's work, which aims to revive traditional crafts and relationships amongst local communities around Bharathapuzha River by Sujatha Padmanabhan. <https://bit.ly/2PmROaC>
  3. Jagori, Himachal Pradesh, a group that is working towards empowering women and reaching out to them in innovative ways by Kankana Trivedi <https://bit.ly/30RQcN9>
  4. Unique efforts by a nomadic community on conserving an endangered bird and livelihoods generation by Neema Pathak and Shrishtee Bajpai in Maharashtra <https://bit.ly/30RQgwn>
- The stories are documented both visually and textually.

### ***Case Studies***

A number of case studies on democracy are planned for 2019. In the Jan-March 2019 period, one was carried out, on Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LADHC), to understand the process from the perspective of ATF and to bring out how alternative forms are/could be built on the inter-relationship of spheres. The trip was made in March and the first draft is due by May-end. (Shrishtee Bajpai, Ashish Kothari and Sujatha Padmanabhan)

### ***Alternative Initiatives for Video Documentation***

Below is the list of 20 stories that were documented by Video Volunteers and Srishti School of Art and Design Technology. Pls find the links and the list of videos below

1. Srishti School of Art and Design Technology <https://bit.ly/2WntnBN>
2. Video Volunteers <https://bit.ly/2Qv7Cuh>

Sr. No.	Topics	Location
1.	Pakke Tiger Reserve	Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Affected Citizens of Teesta (ACT)	Sikkim
3.	Mangalajodi	Orrisa
4.	Nakhatrana Archiving Story	Gujarat
5.	Handloom Story (Tula and Charkha)	Karnataka
6.	Gaddi Nomadic Community	Himachal Pradesh
7.	Wai Guru ShishyaParampara	Kutch, Gujarat
8.	Community Radio in Keystone	
9.	NTPF with the communities	
10.	Kalakatha Community	Kerala
11.	Medicine Free Life	Maharashtra
12.	PaniHaqSamiti	Maharashtra
13.	Forest based livelihoods	Maharashtra
14.	Green Goa	Maharashtra
15.	Meri Shakti Meri Panchayat	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Re store	Tamil Nadu
17.	Navdarshanam	Karnataka
18.	Timbaktu Collective	Andhra Pradesh
19.	Millet Mamma Shop	Karnataka
20.	SELCO	Karnataka

### ***Booklet on 'Vikalp Sangam'***

A new booklet with a background note on the Vikalp Sangam process ('Alternatives Confluences') and the Alternatives Framework note is compiled together and published. The two documents have emerged out of the ongoing process called Vikalp Sangam, a space for networking of groups and individuals working on alternatives to the currently dominant model of development and governance, in various spheres of life ([www.vikalpsangam.org](http://www.vikalpsangam.org)).

### ***Posters***

A new set of 17 Hindi posters on alternatives have been published. This is an addition to the ongoing poster exhibition which is displayed in each Sangam.

### ***Vikalp Sangam (Alternative confluences)***

The **Western Himalaya Vikalp Sangam (WHVS)**, a gathering of activists, researchers, practitioners from Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir, was held on Nov 11-14, at the Tara Retreat of Jagori Rural, near Dharamshala (HP). The WHVS was co-hosted by Jagori Rural, People's Science Institute, Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust, Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation, Sambhaavnaa, MOOL Sustainability &

Research Centre, Titli Trust, Maati Collective, SADED, School for Rural Development and Environment, and Kalpavriksh.

About 50 participants, many of them from local communities, shared experiences of reviving traditional or creating new sources of work in the midst of a severe crisis of livelihoods in the Himalaya (e.g. organic, biodiverse agriculture, or community-led ecotourism), exploring technological alternatives (e.g. localised power generation using Chir pine needles), strengthening local governance to resist destructive projects (e.g. an army firing range in Kashmir) or empower women in decision-making, struggle for greater equality amongst genders (the work of our host Jagori Rural being exemplary), challenge casteism and ethnic discrimination that is more prevalent in the Himalaya than appears at first sight, establish or re-establish more harmonious relationship between wildlife and people (e.g. with snow leopards in Spiti); and many other kinds of work. The link to the report will be uploaded by end of this month.

Pls see the report at: <https://bit.ly/30UM1Qy>

### ***Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting***

The fourth Vikalp Sangam core group meeting (VSCG), an annual meet of core group members was held at Deccan Development Society (DDS), Zaheerabad, Telengana from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Around 30 core group members from across the country participated in the meeting.

The objective of 2018 meeting was to review and get an update of activities undertaken in the year 2017, review the task taken up by the CG members, planning for 2019, understanding the VS process, and handing over the coordination after 2019 to other CG organisation or individuals.

### ***Planning for Democracy Vikalp Sangam***

The Democracy Vikalp sangam is scheduled from 6-10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at School for Democracy campus in Rajasthan at Jagori Campus in Himachal Pradesh. The sangam is being co-organised by Mazdoor Kissan Shakti Sangathan and Kalpavriksh. The planning meeting will take place among the partners on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019.

### ***Vikalp Sangam Website ([www.vikalpsangam.org](http://www.vikalpsangam.org))***

The Vikalp Sangam website was initiated in 2014, to have one place where stories, perspectives, events, and resources (including case studies, books, websites, and films) relating to alternatives in India could be made available. As of early 2019, the number of stories and perspective pieces on the website is over 1200.

Members involved: Anuradha, Shrishtee, Shruti, Ashish and Ashwin Parthasarathy (volunteer).

A coordinated effort is being made to bring about the following.

- [vikalp-sangam-list@googlegroups.com](mailto:vikalp-sangam-list@googlegroups.com) e-group consisting of 550+ members discusses various aspects of alternative endeavour.
- A newsletter showing selected recent perspectives, story titles and images hyperlinked to the articles is sent out each month to many members of the e-group as well as to those who subscribe solely to the newsletter.

- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/VikalpSangam/>) has links to stories and perspectives newly uploaded on the Vikalp Sangam website. The newsletter also appears on this.
- Stories are occasionally generated by encouraging authors of informative emails received. For instance, one on why the number of private vehicles needs to be reduced and how a multilevel overbridge fails to solve the challenge of regular traffic snarls, by Parisar: <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/%E0%A4%B5%E0%A4%B9%E0%A4%E0%A4%95-%E0%A4%95%E0%A4%A1%E0%A4%B5%E0%A4%B0%E0%A4%B2-%E0%A4%89%E0%A4%AA%E0%A4%AF-solution-for-traffic-snarls/#.XNlelPkzZNA>
- Easier access provided to case studies (top of the list of Categories) and Videos (bottom of the list) through the categories panel on website pages.

**Project:** Alternatives Confluences of Youth for Ecological Sustainability  
**Coordinator:** Sujatha Padmanabhan  
**Support Team:** Ashish Kothari, Shrishtee Bajpai, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Milind Wani  
**Year of Commencement:** Dec 2018  
**Year of Completion:** Ongoing  
**Funds Sanctioned:** Rs. 14,50,900 (for 2 years)  
**Funding Agency:** Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust

This programme focuses on taking the Vikalp Sangam processes to youth and to also highlight youth-led initiatives as well as youth priorities. The project, which includes a Sangam (confluence) as also documentation and outreach, will have a focus on youth involved in ecological work, but seen as also in its inter-relation with the other spheres of transformation (economic democracy, social equity, justice and inclusion, cultural diversity, direct democracy)

Developments:

### ***Rural Youth Vikalp Sangam***

The planning for the Adivasi / Rural Youth Vikalp Sangam began with discussions with Samvedana, Blue Ribbon Movement and Bhoomi. A meeting of some youth was scheduled for early April 2019 in Wardha to orient them on the Vikalp Sangam process and to facilitate their involvement in planning the event.

### ***Arts workshop on Alternatives***

It was decided to organise a special arts workshop to try to create visual forms to depict the Alternative Framework note (or parts of it). We contacted Deepta Sateesh, Senior Adviser, Forum for Law, Environment, Development & Governance (FLEDGE), who agreed to facilitate the workshop with some possible support from Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru.

### ***Stories***

A story on the work of Harela Society in Uttarakhand was commissioned to Aadya Singh, films on grasslands regeneration work by Samvedana with the *phasepard* community was commissioned to Rahul Karanpuriya and on the Save Aarey Forests Movement to Adam Barr.

**Project:** Agroecology case studies  
**Coordinator:** Milind Wani  
**Project members:** Arpita Lulla, Kankana Trivedi  
**Year of commencement:** 2019  
**Year of completion:** 2019  
**Funds sanctioned:** Rs. 2,70,000  
**Funding agency:** Oakland Institute

Oakland Institute has been working on cases where agroecology proves to be a way to move ahead with the agrarian crisis. Kalpavriksh collaborated with Oakland to report a case. Northeast Network (NEN), a women's rights organisation based in Nagaland and Shillong has been working on the revival of millets and its traditional farming system. There has been an increase in the value for millet, its production and consumption in the region because of NEN's work.

A five day visit was made by two project members, Milind Wani and Arpita Lulla, to their main office in Chizami to study this revival. Chizami and Sumi, part of the Phek district, were the two villages studied for this case. The NEN team, village councils, farmers, women society members (also seed conservators), elders and youth of both villages were interacted with. By the end of the project, a report will be submitted to Oakland Institute.

**Project/activity:** Rights of Nature  
**Members involved:** Shrishtee Bajpai, Ashish Kothari  
**Year of commencement:** 2018  
**Year of completion:** ongoing  
**Funds sanctioned:** Voluntary

Some voluntary work was done on issues around the growing movement towards recognising legal rights of nature. This includes:

- A draft petition on Rights of Rivers, for Supreme Court, in response to its stay on the Uttarakhand High Court judgement granting rights to Ganga and Yamuna: Shrishtee, Ashish
- Inputs to Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations for concept note on dialogue on animal and human rights; and to their 'Rights of Elephants' declaration, to which KV became co-signatory
- Inputs to a draft Universal Declaration on Rights of Rivers, proposed by Earth Law Centre (USA) and others
- Planning of a national level consultation on rights of rivers, with International Rivers and others
- Articles analysing various developments on rights of rivers, in various journals/newspapers
- Inputs to chapter on Rights of Rivers in India, for a law school textbook, project by Earth Law Centre

**Project:** Documentation and Outreach Service in Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security  
**Coordination and Team:** Milind Wani, Neema Pathak Broome,  
**Support Team:** Nidhi Agarwal (External consultant for translations) Surhud Gokhale (Intern)  
**Year of commencement:** September 2006  
**Year of completion:** Ongoing  
**Total funds sanctioned:** 1,35,000 Euro (For the three year period December 2017 – November 2019)  
**Funding agency:** Misereor

### **Developments:**

#### **Following outreach related activities were carried out during the period**

1. One yearly mega-issue (for the period May 2018 – June 2019) on the thematic of Radical Ecological Democracy.
2. Two case studies were commissioned and uploaded on Vikalp Sangam website:
  - a. Pawalgarh – Community based ecotourism initiative in Himachal Pradesh, by Seema Bhat.( <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/community-based-tourism-in-pawalgarh/>)
  - b. Tharangini – the oldest surviving hand-block print studio in Bangalore, by Sneha Gutgutia.( <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/tharangini-studio-sneha-case-study/>)
3. Six stories on Alternatives on the following topics were commissioned Vikalp Sangam website. These are:
  - Chingari Trust – Hope for child victims of Bhopal Gas leak, by Baba Mayaram (<http://vikalpsangam.org/article/chingari-trust-bhopal-in-hindi-baba-mayaram/>)
  - City based initiative to live near nature, by Baba Mayaram.( [http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-shahar-mein-prakruti-ke-kareeb-jeevan/#.W9GmZ\\_kzZNA](http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-shahar-mein-prakruti-ke-kareeb-jeevan/#.W9GmZ_kzZNA))
  - Phulwari – Children of hope, by Baba Mayaram.

(<http://vikalpsangam.org/article/%E0%A4%AC%E0%A4%9A%E0%A4%9A-%E0%A4%95-%E0%A4%AB%E0%A4%B2%E0%A4%B5%E0%A4%B0-in-hindi/#.XBO3-vkzZNB>)

  - Jan Sahas – Women's initiative against hereditary scavenging, by Sneha Gutgutia.( <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/dignity-by-design-a-life-free-of-mal-feces/>)

- Alaap – Greening the hillsides of the Himalayas by Aadya Singh (<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/Aadya-Alaap/#.XQiOchYzbIU>)
  - Chirag and MKPC – Handing over the reins: how the community took ownership of the Mukteshwar Farmers’ Producer Company (MKPC) by Aadya Singh (<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/aadyas-mkpc-story/>)
4. One Vikalpa Sangam on Wellbeing and Justice (Feb 8 -10) jointly co-organized by Kalpavriksh, Pipal Tree (Fireflies Dialogues) and Deer Park Center – The Sangam focussed on various aspects – political, spiritual, sociological etc that are relevant and necessary for a society that guarantees the twin goals of social wellbeing and justice.

**Project/Activity:** Other Vikalp Sangam related activities

**Members involved:** Ashish Kothari, Shrishtee Bajpai, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Milind Wani, Neema Pathak Broome

**Year of commencement and completion:** ongoing

**Funds sanctioned:** Voluntary

### ***People’s Manifesto***

As part of the advocacy objective of the Vikalp Sangam process, KV coordinated the drafting of a ‘People’s Manifesto for a Just, Equitable and Sustainable India’, in January-February 2019 (see <https://ashishkothari51.blogspot.com/2019/02/peoples-manifesto-for-just-equitable.html>). While this was timed to be released for the national elections, its use is intended to be wider, for political processes at various levels, and as a guide for the actions of the Sangam constituents. The drafting and outreach relating to the Manifesto involved the organisations and movements that are part of the VS Core Group.

### ***Health Vikalp Sangam***

A Vikalp Sangam was organised on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June at the Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi. The Sangam was focussed on practice of pluralism in health knowledge. The participants included those who are trained in and work with various systems of health knowledge— allopathy, ayurveda, naturopathy, homeopathy, and from the tradition of folk healing from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Besides, there were social scientists and activists working on sociology and philosophy of health knowledge. Each ‘vikalp’ presented their work as a historical narrative, with development of ideas and challenges that were attempted to be overcome using available opportunities.

### ***Vikalp Sangam on Peace Building in Central India***

A Vikalp Sangam was held in Tilda (Madhya Pradesh) from 8 -10 June 2018. Many organisations, individuals, community elders & leaders, former bureaucrats, a former central minister, communities, scholars, academicians, human rights activists and professions assembled in Tilda, Chhattisgarh from 8-10 June 2018, to discuss the prospects, possibilities and alternative ways of building peace in Central India. The purpose was to initiate a process of dialogue and reconciliation in order to ensure lasting peace through community based resolutions. These central Indian states are marred with problems of resource conflict, social disparities, severe questions on developmental



debate and the conflict between Maoists and state forces. It also discussed the community's effort to build a cultural resistance through different mediums.

### ***Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam***

Inputs have been given to the process of organising an Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam, including participation in a preparatory meeting (Auroville, December 2018), in teleconferences on various related subjects, and other aspects of planning.

***Well-being and Justice Vikalp Sangam*** (pl. see section on Documentation, Misereor-funded project)

## **4B. Documentation, networking, outreach globally**

Several kinds of activities are being carried out to document, help network, and make known alternative initiatives globally. These are both through funded projects, and on a voluntary basis. Key highlights are given below.

**Project:** Academic-Activist Co-generation of Knowledge on Environmental Justice (ACKnowl-EJ)

**Project Coordinator:** Ashish Kothari

**Project Team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Radhika Mulay, Shristee Bajpai, Shruti Ajit, Meenal Tatpati, Milind Wani, Kankana Trivedi, and Arpita Lulla

**Year of Commencement:** 2016

**Year of Completion:** 2019

**Funds sanctioned:** 98,625 Euro (for all 3 years)

**Funding agency:** International Science Council

This global project, which Kalpavriksh has co-coordinated with ICTA, Autonomous University of Barcelona, has involved case studies, work on the EJ Atlas, and theorizing based on these, broadly around environmental justice. The project has involved partners from several countries. In 2018-19, the project headed towards closure (due in April 2019).

Developments:

### ***Alternatives Transformation Format (ATF)***

Having been finalized in February 2017 (<http://acknowledgej.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Alternatives-transformation-framework-Final-Ver-for-public-revised-20.2.2017.pdf>), the Format was used as the basic methodology framework in the ACKNowl-EJ case study on Kachchh weaving, and as a tool for post-research analysis in the case study on Korchi (see below). It was sent to other teams in ACKNowl-EJ, and elements of it were used by other partners. It was also used by several other institutions and groups, including:

- as reference in the case studies that Azim Premji University is doing and by its students, as part of a collaboration with Kalpavriksh;
- by students of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, as a basis for generating a game that residents of a locality can use to envision their future;
- in a public workshop on 'Utopias' in Barcelona, April 2018;



- by students of University of Florida in a workshop on transformations in Gainesville (USA), in April 2018;
- by staff of PRADAN NGO, in a short exercise to assess the organization at their training programme at AzimPremji University, July 2018

## ***Case Studies***

### **1. Sandhani: Transformation in Handloom Weaving in Kachchh**

*Location:* Kachchh, Gujarat

*Members:* Ashish, Radhika, Kankana, Arpita

Kalpavriksh along with Khamir and the *vankar* (weaver) community undertook a case study of the transformation in the lives of the vankars as a result of the revival of handloom weaving. The Alternatives Transformation Format (see above) was used as the basic framework, with selected elements being chosen for in-depth research.

In 2018-19, several field trips undertaken, and group discussions held with senior *vankars*, women, and youth. The in-depth analysis of transformation using some key elements of the ATF was completed in 15 villages. A women's team was formed in Avadhnagar in order to facilitate women's participation and perspectives in the study. The participatory video process initiated with young members of the community, to make 6 short films in association with Drishti, a development communication organisation, was in its final stages by March 2019. A short and a long report are under preparation; the short one has been translated and shared with the community, and presented orally in several of the villages, with feedback from these being incorporated back into the final reports.

### **2. Worldview of adivasis of Gadchiroli on well-being and development**

*Location:* Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

*Members:* Neema, Shrishtee along with Mukesh Shende from AAAS and Mahesh Raut who is an independent researcher and activist.

In Korchi taluka of Gadchiroli district, communities along with resisting mining are also engaged in reimagining and reconstructing the local governance institutions accompanied with other (socio-cultural, economic, ecological) dimensions of transformations. The study aims at documenting the process of establishing direct forms of democracy, management and conservation of forest, localising control over their livelihoods, raising gender and caste equity concerns, and reviving cultural identity unfolding in Korchi. The study has been carried out in 2017-18, by Kalpavriksh, Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi (a rural health based organisation based in Kurkheda, Korchi) and the Mahagram Sabha. It is part of a global project, the Academic-Activist Co-generation of Knowledge on Environmental Justice or ACKnowl-EJ ([www.acknowledgej.org](http://www.acknowledgej.org)), which involves case studies, dialogues, and analysis on transformation towards greater justice, equity, and sustainability in several countries.

In 2018-2019, three field trips undertaken, and several interviews discussions were conducted with activists of Maha gram sabha (MGS) and community people. The visits focused on doing genealogy, seasonality mapping, understanding forest conservation practices, documenting everyday MGS processes, discussions in three villages, and

women's interviews. Simultaneously, videos on topics like wellbeing, mining, MGS and Mahila Parisar Sangh are being prepared. The key findings of the study were also shared with the MGS members and AAAS. A long report is under preparation after incorporating those comments and will be shared in Marathi and English with MGS and the three villages.

### **3. Raika pastoralist worldviews**

*Location:* Kumbalgarh area, Rajasthan

*Members:* Meenal, Shruti

This case study involves documenting and helping articulate the worldviews and perspectives of the women of the Raika pastoralist community in Rajasthan. The work started in January 2018. The team concentrated on women from the age groups on 15-90, from 4 villages (Ghanerao, Hiravav, Dungarli and Latada) surrounding the Kumbhalgarh WLS in Pali District of Rajasthan. The team carried out field visits to these villages throughout the year.

The final report of the case study is currently being finalized. The team is also working to produce a short film about the case study in Marwadi and Hindi.

### ***EJAtlas***

For the Environmental Justice Atlas (EJAtlas) website, Kalpavriksh has commissioned or initiated the entry of 53 cases of environmental conflicts, resistance and alternatives in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. 28 have been approved and the others are queued for approval or in draft stages. The cases can be accessed at [www.ejatlasing.org](http://www.ejatlasing.org).

### ***Rights of Nature Feature Map***

This featured map documents cases of Rights of Nature laws, rulings and policy development emerging around the world, as a way to visualise Rights of Nature as a legal framework and its corresponding possibilities, challenges, and risks. It highlights similarities as well as differences across local and national contexts ranging from universal recognition of the rights of all nature in the constitution of Ecuador to highly specific legal rulings limiting rights of nature to three delineated natural entities in the case of New Zealand, with emergence of other laws in Bolivia, India, Mexico, Colombia, and the US.

### ***Global Worldviews Dialogue***

Within the project, KV is responsible to initiate a 'Global Worldviews Dialogue' (GWD). However, since there was no dedicated funding for this within ACKnowl-EJ, a brief concept note was prepared, and separate funding obtained for use in 2019-20, by partner Nur University, Bolivia. Initial planning has been done to generate films and material on worldviews amongst the Korchi adivasis and the Raika pastoralist women, to be shared with indigenous community in Bolivia, and vice versa.

### ***Theory of Transformation***

Kalpavriksh took the lead on a paper on the conceptual and theoretical understanding of transformation emerging from the project. Two versions of the paper were produced for

discussion within the full project team, and with the project advisory team. The paper is under finalisation.

### ***Process documentation and note on co-production***

Kalpavriksh helped coordinate the process documentation of a project on co-production. A note on this is under finalisation.

### ***Project meetings***

Members attended meetings of the ACKnowl-EJ project, of the wider Transformative Knowledge process of the International Science Council under which ACKnowl-EJ is being funded, and other meetings to present project results. These include:

- 26-27 April 2018: Project coordinating team meeting, Barcelona
- 28 April 2018: Public workshop on Utopias, using ATF, Barcelona
- 19-21 June 2018: Political Ecology, POLLEN 18 conference, Oslo, Norway
- 23-28 August 2018: Degrowth Conference, Malmo, Sweden.
- 21-24 September 2018: Transformations to Sustainability workshop, Fukuoka, Japan
- 25-28 September 2018: World Social Science Forum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1-10 October 2018: Annual project meeting, Bir, Himachal Pradesh, India
- 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August 2018: Workshop on Maternal and Reproductive Health of Pastoral Women held by ANTHRA Pune
- 15-17 February 2019: Living Lightly Pastoral Conference, Centre for Pastoralism, at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune

**Project:** REDWeb (Radical Ecological Democracy website)

**Project Coordinator:** Ashish Kothari

**Project Team:** Pallav Das, Pramod Sadalage (voluntary)

**Year of Commencement:** 2018

**Year of Completion:** 2019

**Funds sanctioned:** 15,000 Euro (for 2 years) and US\$15,000 (for one year)

**Funding agency:** Misereor and Full Circle Foundation

Kalpavriksh put a new website, [www.radicalecologicaldemocracy.org](http://www.radicalecologicaldemocracy.org), online in September 2017. This is the global equivalent of its Vikalp Sangam site, and features radical alternatives from various parts of the world.

### **Developments:**

The main focus is on generating original material from people associated with movements, research, activism etc around radical alternatives. The key statistics are given below. Articles have been written by authors from 16 different countries and cover issues from all parts of the world (all continents). There is a preponderance of authors and issues from India, Latin America, United States, Europe and Australia. We are trying to get more coverage of African issues in the coming months.

We're increasing our efforts at outreach and advocacy. Recently, Pallav spoke about the idea of Radical Ecological Democracy at a conference held by the American University in Washington D.C. Similar engagements are being lined up at University of California (Santa

Barbara), University of Utah (Salt Lake City), University of Wisconsin (Madison) and New York University (NY). Ashish has also been making outreach on the issue of Radical Ecological Democracy and some of his efforts in this regard include presentations and discussions at events in USA, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, and various parts of India (reported separately in the Alternatives section of this report, or in the chronology).

At some point in the mid-term future, we would like to plan a conference at an appropriate place, in Europe or the U.S. or South America on the various issues, which are emerging out of the discussions taking place on our site. This could be in partnership with an academic institution or a like-minded activist organization.

*Key statistics:*

Number of stories published – **24**

Range of viewership for an article in this period – **296 to 1917**

Average viewership per article – **1315**

Total readership – **31555**

Average monthly readership - **2630**

Articles fall broadly into three categories:

*Alternatives – 7 Political/Social/Economic Analysis – 12 Environmental Issues – 5*

<b>Global Tapestry Of Alternatives</b>
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Building on the experience of Vikalp Sangam, Kalpavriksh member Ashish Kothari had proposed a global confluence of alternatives, at the International Degrowth Conference in Budapest in 2016. After a round of consultations regarding the desirability and feasibility of such a process, including preliminary meetings at international gatherings, it was decided to launch a Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) in mid-2019.

The GTA aims to gradually *weave* together the various networks and movements towards radical alternatives around the world. It proposes to be a platform and a process, not an organisation or formal network. Apart from stimulating exchanges and collaborations amongst existing networks, it hopes also to encourage and help start further networking of the kind that Vikalp Sangam (or other processes like Crianza Mutua in Mexico) carry out.

Preparatory activities for this in 2018-19 have included sessions on the idea, at:

- i. International Degrowth Conference in Malmo, Sweden, August 2018.
- ii. South-North Degrowth Conference in Mexico City, September 2018.
- iii. Development Days 2019: Repositioning Global Development' conference, Finnish Society for Development Research, Feb 2019

Subsequent to these gatherings and several online discussions, a core team of volunteers from various parts of the world has been formulated to peg the launch and initial process. Efforts are underway to seek endorsements from key global/regional movements and networks, and well-known individuals, to lend the process credibility and global reach. So far, the entire initiative is voluntary.

Members involved: Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Shrishtee Bajpai, Milind Wani

## **Other Global Collaborations**

KV members Ashish Kothari and Neema Pathak Broome are part of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation's working group called 'Beyond Development'. Ashish participated in its meeting in Barcelona, focused on urban transformations, in April 2018. He is also part of its Facilitation Team, helping to coordinate its activities over the 2018-19 period, and took part in a discussion event around its first book 'Alternatives in a World of Crisis', at the International Degrowth Conference, Malmo (Sweden), August 2019.

## **PART B: PUBLICATIONS**

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Fact-finding report on Protected Areas in the Terai region in Uttarakhand

Bio-profiles on women and FRA

Report on coexistence and co-management in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

Policy Brief on the Process of Relocation in Protected Areas

Policy Brief of steps needed before relocation from a Protected Area, particularly Tiger Reserves

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- Brief on Supreme Court order: Translated in Hindi and Odiya
- A note on Community Reserves under the WLPA
- Khatima fact-finding report
- Letter sent by MoTA to MoEFCC reiterating the importance of gram sabha consent in Forest Clearance
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- Comments on Draft Amendment of the Indian Forest Act

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## **Other work**

Inputs to Centre for Pastoralism as member of Steering Committee (since 2018)

Critical comments on draft 'River Basin Management Bill', 3 November 2018

Inputs to Environment agenda for Reclaiming the Republic people's manifesto, late 2018

Drafting Environment section of Maharashtra-level election people's manifesto of Jagnyachya Hakkache Andolan, Jan-Feb 2019

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## PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

### April 2018

1-2: Field visit to Korchi taluka for well-being case study (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

7: Participation in Wenner-Gren Foundation Theory-Building workshop, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA (Ashish Kothari)

8-10: Participant at Conference on Buen Vivir and Other Post-Development Pathways, University of Florida; panelist in opening and closing sessions; facilitator, workshop on Transformative Research (Ashish Kothari)

11: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, University of Maryland, USA (Ashish Kothari)

11: Presentation and panel discussion on Systemic Change and Environmental Justice, Institute of Policy Studies, Washington DC, USA (Ashish Kothari)

12: Release of 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled' at Busboys and Poets, Washington DC, USA (Ashish Kothari)

13: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, American University, Washington DC, USA (Ashish Kothari)

16-20: Participation in meeting of Global Working Group 'Beyond Development' of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, including visits to groups working on justice in urban contexts, interaction with Barcelona en Comu (party in power) officials, and internal meeting of Working Group, Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

16-17: Joint meeting of MAKAAAM and CFRLA in Nagpur on Women and Forest and Conservation laws and policies (Meenal Tatpati and Shruti Ajit)

18-30: Continuation of the field visit to Korchi taluka for well-being case study (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

21: Lit Bug Fest, Pune (many members)

21: Presentation on Radical Democracy at International Conference 'Radical Urban Transformations: South and North', Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

24: Discussion on *Alternative Futures: India Unshackled* and *Pluriverse*, with students of Autonomous University of Barcelona, on alternatives (Ashish Kothari)

25: Presentation of above books at ICTA, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

26: Discussion on *Alternative Futures: India Unshackled*, Casa Asia, Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

26-27: Meeting of ACKnowl-EJ Project coordination team, Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

28: Public workshop on Utopias, using Alternatives Transformation Format, Barcelona (Ashish Kothari)

## **May 2018**

5: International 'Big Day' birding, Vetar Tekdi, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

22-27: Participation in Butterfly/Moth Festival and Mesar Van Kautik Mela, co-organising of Birding Festival, with Sarmoli village, Maati, Jungli School, Titli Trust, Himalayan Ark, Himal Prakriti, Munsiri, Uttarakhand (Ashish Kothari)

25-26: Presentation by TISS student's on their work on FRA in different states in Mumbai (Neema Pathak Broome and Shruti Ajit)

28: Presentation on Environment and Development at Rajkiya Mahavidyalaya, Munsiri, Uttarakhand (Ashish Kothari)

## **June 2018**

5: Field visit to Tekpowale fish sanctuary (Neema Pathak Broome, Tanya Majmudar, Sneha Gutgutia)

8 – 10: Attended Vikalp Sangam on the theme of PEACE BUILDING IN CENTRAL INDIA: PROSPECTS & ALTERNATIVES held in Tilda, Madhya Pradesh (Milind Wani)

10-13: Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ case study (Ashish Kothari)

13: Meeting with the Joint Secretary of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes to discuss and update the commission about the status of implementation of FRA in protected areas (Neema Pathak Broome and Meenal Tapati)

15-16: Meeting to discuss structure of CFR-LA Advisory Committee (Neema Pathak Broome and Meenal Tapati)



20: Participation at POLLEN18: Conference of Political Ecology, including: Panel discussion on Speaking Power to Post-truth; Keynote address on Radical Ecological Democracy; Panel on Transformative Toolbox of Resistance, Oslo, Norway (Ashish Kothari)

22: Panel on Alternatives to Development, discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled' and 'Pluriverse', Oslo, Norway (Ashish Kothari)

25-30: ICCA Consortium meeting in Montreal (Neema Pathak Broome)

27: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, Political Ecology Summer School, Wageningen University, The Netherlands (Ashish Kothari)

## **July 2018**

1-6: Continuation of ICCA Consortium meeting in Montreal (Neema Pathak Broome)

8-11: Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ case study (Ashish Kothari)

10: Story reading session on inclusion at St. Mary's School (Sujatha Padmanabhan)

25: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, and use of Alternatives Transformation Format, with PRADAN staff, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

25: Discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled' at Alternative Law Forum, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

26: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, National Law School, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

30-31: Field visit to Washim for a case study on the involvement of the Pardhi community in revival of the lesser florican population for Vikalpasangam (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

## **August 2018**

1: Book reading event for Po Tricks his Foe at School of Life in Phoenix World School, Kharadi (Sharmila Deo)

1: Session on alternatives for School for Democracy Fellows, Adoor, Kerala (Ashish Kothari)

1: Panelist at release of MKSS book 'The RTI Story', Kochi (Ashish Kothari)

1 -3: Field visit to Washim for continuation of the case study on the involvement of the Pardhi community in revival of the lesser florican population for Vikalpasangam (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

3: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy (skype) to Global Environment Summer Academy (Ashish Kothari)

3 -5: Planning meeting for the Well-being Sangam (Milind Wani and Neema Pathak Broome)

4-5: Participation in the Arunachal Literature and Arts Festival Prelude (Sujatha Padmanabhan, Tanya Majmudar, Sharmila Deo)

11: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy to members of Shramik Mukti Dal, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

18 August – 8 September: Visits to Leh, Nubra, Changthang to conduct interviews and work on draft chapters of Ladakh food book (Sujatha Padmanabhan and Shiba Desor)

21-24: Participation in International Degrowth Conference, Malmo, Sweden, including: two sessions on proposed Global Alternatives Confluence; presentation at South-North Dialogue on Systemic Alternatives; presentation at RLS book event 'Alternatives in World of Crisis' (Ashish Kothari)

26: Visit to Christiania freetown, discussions on squatting, anarchist living, etc (Ashish Kothari)

28: Reconnaissance and planning visit to Sahyadri School (Neema Pathak Broome, Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, Tanya Majmudar, external team)

29: Panelist for 'Future of Conservation' discussion, Cambridge Conservation Initiative, UK (Ashish Kothari)

31: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, Agroecology Centre, Coventry University, UK (Ashish Kothari)

## **September 2018**

10: Discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled', IIT Mumbai, Centre for Policy Studies, Mumbai (Ashish Kothari)

12-15: Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ case study (Ashish Kothari)

15: Release and discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled', by Khamir and Shrujan, LLDC, Bhuj (Ashish Kothari)

21: Talk on Air Pollution at KV by Sunil Dahiya, Greenpeace India (Ashish Kothari)

29: Keynote presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy: Thinking Out of the Conservation and Development Boxes, at Student Conference on Conservation Science, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

## **October 2018**

1-8: Annual meeting of ACKnowl-EJ project, including internal discussions at Deer Park, Bir, and visits to Tibetan community in Mcleodganj, and to Jagori Rural, Himachal Pradesh (Ashish Kothari)

2: Book reading event for Po Tricks his Foe at Reimagine Learning Centre, Bhor (Sharmila Deo)

11-13: KV AGBM, Sehat Van, Bhopal (Ashish Kothari)

17: Presentation on Biodiversity Issues in Asia, to Global Youth Biodiversity Network (on skype) (Ashish Kothari)

21: Participation in Samvidhan Samman rally, NAPM etc, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

22: Presentation on Environment and Development, at course on 'Development: Exploring Dimensions', Modern College, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

23: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, to University of Tasmania (on skype)

24: TEDx talk on Vikalp Sangam at FLAME University, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

27: Plenary presentation on Animal Rights, Environmental Justice, and Development, at seminar of Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations, Hyderabad (Ashish Kothari)

27: Release and discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled', Hyderabad (Ashish Kothari)

28: Discussion on environment and development, ALGEBRA Arts and Ideas Club, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

29: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, Azim Premji University (UG), Bengaluru; discussion on student projects (Ashish Kothari)

30: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

## **November 2018**

4: Plenary presentation on Swaraj, at Kisan Swaraj Sammelan, organised by ASHA, Jatan, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad (Ashish Kothari)

11-14: West Himalayan Vikalp Sangam, Jagori Rural, Himachal Pradesh (Ashish Kothari)

11-20: ICCA Consortium AGBM in Bishoftu, Ethiopia (Neema Pathak Broome)

14: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, TERI School of Advanced Study, Delhi (Ashish Kothari)

16: Participation in 'Chenetha Chethikalala Sambaraalu: Conference on Innovating Technological Cultures in Craft and Handloom Weaving, Chirala, Andhra Pradesh; presentation in panel on Kachchh handloom weavers' case study for ACKnowl-EJ (Ashish Kothari)

25: Visit to Deccan Development Society farmers, radio station, Pastapur, Telangana (Ashish Kothari)

26-27: Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting, Pastapur, Telangana (Ashish Kothari)

26-28: Visit to Sahyadri School (Neema Pathak Broome and external team)

28: Visit to farmers, seed savers, adivasi/pastoralist village, Deccan Development Society, Telangana (Ashish Kothari)

## **December 2018**

3: Book Reading Event for People & Wildlife at Pagdandi, Pune (Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Tanya Majmudar)

4-11: Fact finding on the situation of implementation of FRA in and around the Corbett Landscape (Neema Pathak Broome and Meenal Tatapati)

7: Visit to KV by Annadata, food consumer-producer network (Ashish Kothari)

10-11: Participation in Jash-e-Samvidhan rally, NAPM & others, Delhi (Ashish Kothari)

11- 15: Visit to Mudhumalai Tiger Reserve to explore the initiatives of co-existence with Keystone Foundation (Shruti Ajit)

15: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, South Asia Youth Conference, Mumbai (Ashish Kothari)

17: Visit to Adivasi padas in Aarey forests, Mumbai (Meenal Tatapati)

20: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, FLAME University, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

22: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, Gramya Manthan / Youth Alliance, Ahmedabad (Ashish Kothari)

24: Presentation on 'Learning and Ecoswaraj', at Teachers' Conference of Krishnamurthi Foundation schools, Pathashala, Tamil Nadu (Ashish Kothari)

25-27: Visits to several alternative initiatives in Auroville, Tamil Nadu (Ashish Kothari)

27-28: Preparatory meeting of Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam, Auroville, Tamil Nadu (Ashish Kothari)

28: Discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled', Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative, Auroville, Tamil Nadu (Ashish Kothari)

## **January 2019**

3-8: Visit to Kachchh for ACKnowl-EJ case study (Ashish Kothari)

4-6 : Stall for books at Ecobazaar, Vasundhara International Film Festival (many members)

5: Book reading and origami activity for Saving the Dalai Lama's Cranes at Ecobazaar, Vasundhara International Film Festival (Neeraj Vaghlikar, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sharmila Deo)

8-12: Continuation of the field visit to Korchi taluka for well-being case study (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

10: Meeting with Hunnarshala and Aqua Dam for Sahyadri School Project (External team)

15 -22: Visit to Lower Dibang valley, Arunachal Pradesh for sessions on FRA and other conservation laws and policies (Neema Pathak Broome, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Meenal Tatpati)

16: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy and use of Alternatives Transformation Format with PRADAN staff, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

16: Presentation on Conservation and Development: Thinking out of the Box, Srishti Institute of Art & Design, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

17: Presentation on Conservation and Development: Thinking out of the Box, Nature Conservation Foundation, Bengaluru (Ashish Kothari)

19: Participation in Jagnyachya Hakkache Andolan, Maharashtra-level election people's manifesto meeting, Pune (Ashish Kothari)

20: Birding trip, CME, Pune ((Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Shrishtee Bajpai)

31: Discussion on game based on Alternatives Transformation Format, made by National Institute of Design students (skype) (Ashish Kothari)

31: Presentation on Rights of Nature, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai ((Ashish Kothari and Shrishtee Bajpai)

## **February 2019**

3-8: Visit to Sahyadri School (external team)

6: Birding trip, Bhigwan reservoir, Maharashtra ((Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Shrishtee Bajpai)

8: Discussion on 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled' at Sociology Department University of Pune (Ashish Kothari)

8-10: Attended Vikalp Sangam on the theme of Well-being and Justice in Bangalore at the Pipal Tree Fireflies dialogue center (Milind Wani)

- 9: Participation in discussion on 'Civil Society's Role', at Prayas, Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 9: Presentation at 'Livelihoods' session, co-organised by KV with Bhoomi College, Alternative Forum Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 15: Birding at KV office, for Great Backyard Bird Count, Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 15: Participation & chairing session at 'Living Lightly' conference, Centre for Pastoralism, Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 16: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy, Ecological Society, Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 16: The Poop Book! activity session with children at The Story Station (Sujatha Padmanabhan)
- 17: Birding in Aundh, for Great Backyard Bird Count, Pune (Ashish Kothari)
- 22: Presentation on Kachchh weavers' study, to Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam participants (on Zoom) (Ashish Kothari)
- 27: Keynote presentation at 'Systemic Alternatives to Unsustainable Development', Siemenpuu Foundation, Helsinki, Finland (Ashish Kothari)
- 28 Feb – 1 March: Participation in 'Development Days 2019: Repositioning Global Development' conference, Finnish Society for Development Research, Helsinki, including: panel on 'Global Confluences of Alternatives to Development', discussion on 'Pluriverse' and 'Alternatives in a World of Crisis' books; and Keynote presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy (Ashish Kothari)
- 28 Feb- 5 March: Visit to Delhi on behalf of CFR-LA for advocacy on Forest Rights Act and CFR-LA Advisory Committee meetings (Neema Pathak Broome, Shruti Ajit and Meenal Tatpati)

## **March 2019**

- 2: Visit to Oma Maa Food Cooperative farm, near Helsinki (Ashish Kothari)
- 3-6: Visit to Joensuu, to ICCAs and community-managed forests, fisheries, and wetlands, with Snowchange, Finland (Ashish Kothari)

11– 16: continuation of the field visit to Korchi taluka for wellbeing case study (Neema Pathak Broome and Shrishtee Bajpai)

16: Meet the author session organised by Annadatta, Pune (Sujatha Padmanabhan)

22–23: TISS Mumbai for a regional meeting on Biodiversity Act by National Biodiversity Authority (Neema Pathak Broome)



## **PART D: LIST OF KALPAVRIKSH MEMBERS**

1. Neema Pathak
2. Yashodara Kundaji
3. Meenal Tatpati
4. Pradeep Chavan
5. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
6. Shiba Desor
7. Tejeswini Apte
8. Sujatha Padmanabhan
9. Ashish Kothari
10. Neeraj Vagholikar
11. Rashi Mishra
12. Shruti Ajit
13. Milind Wani
14. Sharmila Deo
15. Roshni Kutty
16. Sunita Rao
17. Tanya Majmudar
18. Pallav Das
19. Vandana Singh
20. Vasundara Krishnani
21. Saili Palande-Datar
22. Arshiya Bose
23. Pankaj Sekhsaria
24. Shantha Bhushan
25. Shrishtee Bajpai
26. Radhika Mulay
27. Sneha Gutgutia
28. Kanchi Kohli
29. Manju Menon
30. Farhad Vania
31. Sanjay Sondhi
32. Anchal Sondhi
33. Meenakshi Kapoor
34. R. Prabhakar Rao
35. Seema Bhatt
36. Vikal Samdariya
37. Nidhi Agarwal
38. Ajay Mahajan
39. Arpita Lulla
40. Kankana Trivedi
41. Shyamoli Choudhary

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1. C.K.Ganguly

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#### ***List of funders – 2018-19***

1. Heinrich Boll Foundation
2. MISEREOR
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4. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT)
5. Rights & Resources Initiative
6. International Social Science Council (ISSC)
7. KNA Foundation
8. Oakland Institute
9. Full Circle Foundation
10. Sahyadri School
11. Vasundhara

## PART F: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Income and Expenditure Account

**KALPAVRIKSH**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
For the financial year 2018-19

SN	Particulars	For 2018-19	For 2017-18
		( ₹ )	( ₹ )
<b>A.</b>	<b>Income</b>		
	Sales	3,72,520	-
	Grants utilised	1,18,20,944	95,17,601
	Donations received	78,710	5,000
	Fees from Activities	10,500	-
	Income from publications	3,38,585	1,91,659
	Other Income		
	-Interest Income	1,75,365	2,14,933
	-Membership Fees	19,000	19,500
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,28,15,624</b>	<b>99,48,693</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>		
	Staff Payments and Benefits	4,38,391	4,78,261
	Professional Fees	69,90,880	55,51,388
	Rent, Rates and Taxes	4,17,928	3,61,800
	Communication Expenses	1,23,932	1,59,841
	Printing and Stationary	80,431	2,24,019
	Electricity expenses	13,660	16,080
	Travelling and conveyance expenses	20,11,707	17,92,206
	Remuneration to Auditors	59,000	59,000
	Other Expenses	21,67,574	12,02,727
	Repairs and Maintenance	31,289	2,85,590
	Depreciation for the year	44,547	54,793
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,23,79,339</b>	<b>1,01,85,704</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit) (A - B)</b>	<b>4,36,285</b>	<b>(2,37,011)</b>

As per our attached report of even date

For Paresh Sarda and Company  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN.: 140714W

*Paresh Sarda*  
Paresh S Sarda  
Partner  
M.N.: 143211  
Pune  
Date: 26/09/19



For & on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH

*Tanya*  
Member



*M. Lalpate*  
Treasurer

# Balance Sheet

## KALPAVRIKSH Statement of Assets and Liabilities As on 31st March 2019

SN	Particulars	Sch No.	(₹) As on 31st March '19	(₹) As on 31st March '18
<b>A</b>	<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
I.	Trust Fund		2,26,314	2,26,314
II.	General Fund			
	Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		28,21,062	30,58,073
	Add: Surplus for the year		4,36,285	(2,37,011)
	Add: Deposit Adjustment		-	
	Less: TDS balances written off		-	
	Closing balance		32,57,347	28,21,062
III.	Restricted Funds			
	Conditional Donations and Grants	1	30,44,745	56,20,091
	<b>TOTAL I + II + III + IV</b>		<b>65,28,405</b>	<b>86,67,467</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Application of Funds</b>			
I.	Fixed Assets	2	1,48,885	1,72,664
II.	Investments in Bank Fixed Deposits	3	12,08,901	7,47,043
	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	53,24,209	80,13,330
	Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	1,53,589	2,65,570
III.	Net Current Assets		51,70,619	77,47,760
IV.	Notes to Accounts	5		
	<b>TOTAL V + VI + VII + VIII</b>		<b>65,28,405</b>	<b>86,67,467</b>

As per our attached report of even date

Paresh Sarda and Company  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 140714W

Paresh S Sarda  
Partner  
M.N.: 143211  
Pune  
Date: 26/09/19



For and on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH

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Member

*Patil*  
Treasurer

