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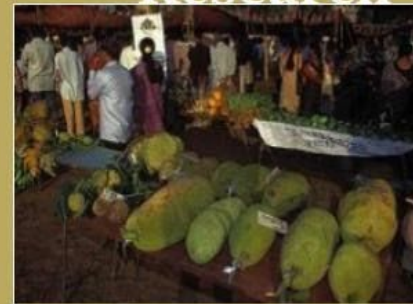


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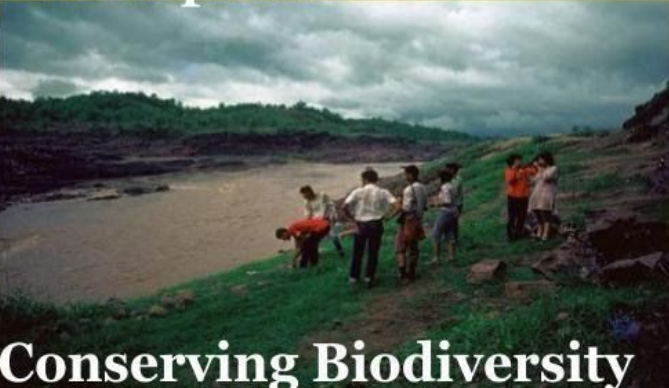
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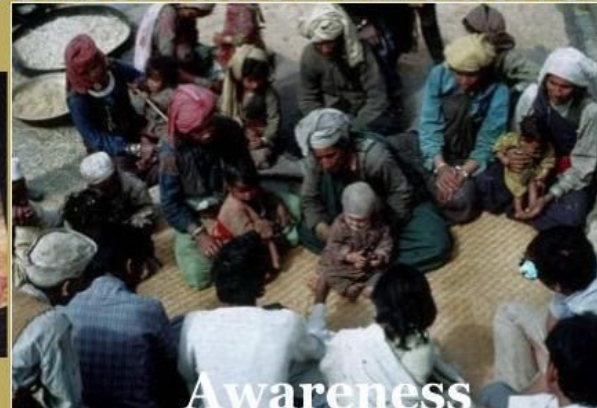
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ABOUT KALPAVRIKSH

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
- Alternatives

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting was held at J. E. Farms, Marunji near Pune from 28th - 30th September 2019. Election of the governing body (core group) and the office bearers, and the appointment of the financial auditor was done at this meeting.

Secretary: Shrishtee Bajpai

Treasurer: Meenal Tatpati

Governing Body (Core Group) Members: Tanya Majmudar, Neema Pathak, Shruti Ajit, Milind Wani, Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Sharmila Deo, Neeraj Vagholikar, Kanchi Kohli, Shantha Bhushan and Shiba Desor

Auditors: Paresh Sarda, Chartered Accountant, Pune

COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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

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 2nd of July 2019, 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.

Kalpavriksh's 40 year Journey- A brief overview

Kalpavriksh began as a group of people interested in wildlife, birding and nature-walks. While the 1979 Delhi ridge protest is considered the formal beginning of KV, many members had by then already been active in environmental awareness or action. Some had been part of another group called Indian Youth Association for Environmental Studies and Conservation. Plus, many were in nature clubs in their schools, another important launching pad. These people were involved in at least two actions in 1978-79 that can be considered as precursors of KV- the demonstration against permission given to Saudi Arabian princes to hunt floricans and bustards, and meeting Prime Minister Morarji Desai regarding export of rhesus macaques.

Although it was the Delhi ridge issue that brought the group together, KV's activities soon expanded to other arenas with members running nature clubs in schools and colleges and organising bird-counts, treks and environment-awareness sessions. In the early years, KV also published a newsletter called 'Nature'. In 1982, an internal newsletter was started, which was a regular source of communication for over 15 years and is a good resource for tracing the institutional journey. Some major formative events of the early years included padayatras (foot-marches) through Garhwal in 1980-81 to learn about the Chipko movement, field investigation of police firing on graziers in Bharatpur National Park in 1982, and a 50-day trek along the Narmada river in 1983 to investigate impacts of proposed mega dams. KV's first ever legal intervention took place in early 1986 in the case filed by Hindustani Andolan's M C Mehta in response to the Shriram chemicals leakage incident on December 4, 1985. With a constant emphasis on the spirit of voluntarism, it was only in 1986 that the historic decision of appointing full-time paid members was taken. The registration on 19th January 1987 was another landmark in KV journey as more structures began to be set in place.

The discourse around social and environmental impacts of large projects, that had started with Narmada, soon expanded to other development projects and grew into the Environment and Development focus area; later leading to work on analysing environmental governance procedures, impacts of mining in ecologically sensitive areas, and of dams in North-east India, logging and other issues in Andaman Islands, and other such issues elsewhere in India. The development of 'Treasured Islands', a teachers' manual for environmental education in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in early 1990s, opened up KV's journey in developing localised environment education materials for Lakshadweep, Biligiri Rangan hills (Karnataka), Ladakh, Sahyadri region (Maharashtra), Kachchh and central India. The bimonthly newsletter, Protected Area Update which started in 1994, recently celebrated its 25 years. On the occasion of the organisation's 20th anniversary in 1999, Kalpavriksh began a series of presentations on environment and development issues in Pune, with the common theme: 'Signs Of Hope'.

The setting up of a KV unit in Pune in the late 1990s was accompanied by its own set of challenges in terms of coordination between the Delhi and the Pune-based members. A major decision was taken regarding applying for FCRA giving up the long-held policy of saying 'No' to foreign funds. In early 2000, KV took on the herculean collaborative exercise of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) involving about 100 detailed plans formalised with participation of several tens of thousands of people from communities, government and civil society. The process created new partnerships and collaborations and also provided insights into the functioning of the larger political framework, where the refusal of MoEF to accept the final draft plan indicated a certain level of political resistance to decentralised and inclusive processes.

With a growing membership in Pune, KV also started getting involved in its local issues, including establishing the Pune Tree Watch. On its 25th anniversary in 2004, members began discussing the need for getting its vast collection of resources organised, which materialised into the present documentation centre in 2008. The four focus areas (themes) of Conservation and Livelihoods, Environment and Development, Environment Education and Urban Environment were formalised through a collective prioritisation exercise in 2006. In 2007, KV started its engagement with villages in and around Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary, one of its few long-term sustained grassroots interventions.

In its most recent decade of 2010s, KV has continued many previous activities while expanding and adding new elements such as sustained advocacy on community forest rights, and adding a fifth focus area of Alternatives. It has come out with an impressive collection of children's storybooks connected to issues of environment and society. Members also regularly tried to reach out to children on environmental issues by writing for various newspapers and magazines such as Chandamama, Maharashtra Herald and Hindu Young World. Although meanwhile, its engagement in Pune's local issues has declined; and over time grounded work on Delhi's green areas has had to be handled by only one or two members.

Over the years, KV has initiated, coordinated or actively participated in many networks at national and global level such as The Future of Conservation (FoC) network, the ICCA Consortium, the CBD Alliance, the CFR-LA process, Vikalp Sangam and the Global Tapestry of Alternatives. The latest, begun in mid-2020, is Vikalp Sutra, emerging from the Vikalp Sangam process, as a national network of networks to coordinate and stimulate actions for dignified livelihoods of millions of people most badly affected by COVID-related lockdowns and economic distress. KV has also consistently stood in solidarity with other organisations and people who have faced injustice, state repression, or other difficulties; and supported grassroots resistance struggles across India as also globally.

In these 40 years, the organization has faced numerous challenges. Calling itself an 'informal and non-hierarchical' group, with an explicit policy to take decisions only by consensus involving all members, has meant that the internal functioning of KV has involved countless debates and discussions - which can be termed politely as 'collective reflection'. Invisible hierarchies may have played out at times. KV blends the space between the professional and the personal giving members lasting friendships; this is enormously useful in building a collective work spirit, but may also sometimes restrict frank and open mutual criticism. Another explicit result, of staying small, has meant it is able to retain the above spirit, but may be less 'effective' than bigger organisations. Treading the middle path in official stands between the two extremes of wildlife-centric and human-centric approach meant that for some hardcore wild-lifers or conservationists, its approach was too 'people-centric' and for some members who liked to focus primarily on the social activism issues, there was too much weightage given to environment and wildlife. Topics like funding policy, what it means to be a member, and identity and future of the organization, have been pet subjects of conversations and debates through the years. Some of these intangible values have been tried to be articulated through a philosophy note, which is regularly discussed in annual meetings. It is hoped that in the coming years KV continues to uphold its values of critical outlook, 'collective reflection', internal democracy, and working with relatively modest remuneration and facilities.

-Shiba Desor with inputs from Ashish Kothari

PART A: PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/CAMPAIGNS

A1 Environment Education

A1.1 Development, promotion, marketing of Children's Books

Coordinators: Sujatha Padmanabhan and Tanya Majmudar

Support Team: Jahnvi Sreedhar

Year of Commencement: August 2019

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 21,00,000/ (for two years)

Funding Agency: Sir Dorabji Tata Trusts

Developments

Over 50 submissions were reviewed after putting out a public call for manuscripts, out of which 3 were accepted for publication. Tejaswini Apte-Rahm, Yashodhara Kundaji, Meghan Sah and Rakshit Shah supported by giving comments to a few short-listed manuscripts.

1) Upcoming publications:

- a) *The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street* by Nandita da Cunha; illustrated by Priya Kuriyan
- b) Working title: *Traveling Seeds* text and illustrations by Lavanya Karthik
- c) Working title: *Saahi, the dragonfly* by Yuvan M. and illustrations by Anusha Menon.

2) Appointment of publications-in-charge

Jahnvi Sreedhar joined Kalpavriksh in August to oversee work related to publications dissemination and marketing.

A1.2 Ladakh Food Book

Coordinators: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Support Team: Shiba Desor (KV), Tsewang Namgail, Tsering Angmo, Rinchen Dolma, Tsetan Dorjay from Leh; Alex Jensen from Local Futures, USA, Sushama Durve

Year of Commencement: 2017

Year of Completion: 2020

Total Funds Sanctioned: 1,66,926 (Ri Gyancha Dissemination balance funds); 1,20,000 (Misereor)

Funding Agency: SLC USA and Misereor to Kalpavriksh; Local Futures to the illustrator

Developments

The book *Dhontang-Food in Ladakh* was published by Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (Deemed University) Leh (Ladakh) and Local Futures in collaboration with Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust, Leh (Ladakh) and Kalpavriksh. The book was illustrated by Sushama Durve.

The book was released in Leh during the Economics of Happiness Conference on 21st October 2019 at Choglamsar by Satish Kumar.

A1.3 Miscellaneous

1) Regional translations of our publications:

- a) Tibetan: Ghost of the Mountains and Saving the Dalai Lama's Cranes by The Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration.
- b) Marathi: Po Tricks His Foe by Jyotsna Prakashan; MoUs signed for People & Wildlife and Critters Around Our Homes
- c) Telugu: Po Tricks His Foe by Manchi Pustakam; MoU signed for Secrets Of The Jungle
- d) Kannada: Critters Around Our Homes, People & Wildlife, Po Tricks His Foe and Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes by Ankita Pustaka
- e) Hindi: MoUs signed with Eklavya for Critters Around Our Homes, People & Wildlife and Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes

2) Book Reviews

- a) The Poop Book! was reviewed on the Goodbooks website and The Croak.
- b) Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes was reviewed in The Croak and on Sandrp website.
- c) Our children's books publication efforts were featured in The Frontline Magazine.

3) Children's Book Distribution

Kalpavriksh children's books are available in bookshops in many cities in India and can also be ordered online. They continue to be available on the reading apps GetLitt and Freedom.

4) Book Promotional events

Story sessions in the following festivals: Litbug Fest (Pune), Pune International Literary Festival; Bookaroo Festival (Baroda); Peek a Book Literature and Story-telling Festival (Mumbai); Kukdukoo Festival (Noida); Kirloskar Vasundara International Film Festival (Pune); Reliance Jio Wonderland Festival (Mumbai).

Storytelling sessions in the following schools: Swadhaa Waldorf Learning Centre (Pune); Father Agnel School, (New Delhi); Kunskapsskolan, (Gurgaon); DSB International school, Mumbai; Cremon Montessori, Hyderabad

5) Reprints of children's publications

- a) Ghost of the Mountains
- b) Secrets of the Jungle
- c) The Poop Book!
- d) Circle of Life
- e) Shero to the rescue

6) Parag Honour List 2020

Four titles of Kalpavriksh's books made it to the Parag Honour List 2020: The Poop Book; Saving Dalai Lama's Cranes; Critters Around Our Homes; People and Wildlife. The list is published annually and aims to promote access to a curated list of good quality literature for children, schools, and parents to use to procure and read good books.

7) Hindu Young World Series

The Hindu Young World series on Conservation and Nature continued to be coordinated by Sanjay Sondhi. The following articles were published.

Sujatha Padmanabhan	https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-youngworld/safer-warmer-together/article26540806.ece	15 March 2019
Sharmila Deo	https://www.thehindu.com/children/who-will-have-the-last-laugh/article26895650.ece	20 April 2019
Sneha Gutgutia	https://www.thehindu.com/children/tracking-the-calls/article29517265.ece	26 Sep 2019
Anchal Sondhi	https://www.thehindu.com/children/who-moved-my-tree/article30146506.ece	3 Dec 2019
Sujatha Padmanabhan	https://www.thehindu.com/children/thrill-of-the-unexpected/article29698902.ece	16 October 2019
Sanjay Sondhi	https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-youngworld/beauties-in-the-snow/article30758723.ece	7 Feb 2020
Kankana Trivedi	https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-youngworld/swimming-camels/article31056493.ece	13 March 2020

8) World Literacy Day

On the request of Pratham Books, Jahnvi Sreedhar did two story sessions using Pratham's publications at The Story Station, Pune, on 8th September, World Literacy Day.

A2 Conservation and Livelihoods

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome

Team members: Milind Wani, Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit, Tanya Majmudar, Akshay Chettri

Year of Commencement: Ongoing

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Total Funds sanctioned: Mentioned under different projects

Funding Agency: Mentioned under different projects

Kalpavriksh continues to track national level policies and laws, and continues with policy analysis, submissions, interventions, networking at local, state and national level towards advocacy for democratic conservation laws, policies and practice. This was done occasionally as part of the CFR Learning and Advocacy process, sometimes as a collective of groups working on protected areas or through other channels. Engagements with the discussions and dialogues related to inclusive conservation through FRA within the state of Maharashtra have taken place as a member of the NGO Collective for FRA in Maharashtra. Among many policy interventions this year, two major ones were interventions related to demands for withdrawing the Amended Indian Forest Act and for withdrawing the relocation based model of conservation in Protected Areas in India.

A2.1 Community Conserved Areas

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome and Tanya Majumdar

Team: Meenal Tatpati and Shruti Ajit

Year of Commencement and completion: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned/ Funding Agency: US \$4,800 – ICCA Consortium

US \$40,365 – United Nations Office for Project Services

INR 3,11,813 – Foundation of Ecological Security

INR 3,00,000 – Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme

INR 2,00,000 – World Wide Fund for Nature – India

Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies - As part of consolidated funds mentioned

Developments

1) Understanding ICCAs in the region:

- a. Two articles: 'Phasepardhis and the Lesser Florican' and 'Fishing for a difference' published.

2) Outreach and Information exchange on ICCAs:

- a. Regular emails are being sent to the members of the CCA South Asia Google group; new people continue to join this discussion forum.
- b. A project on mapping of Orans of Rajasthan was undertaken by Kalpavriksh and KRAPVIS, funded by Nilekani Philanthropies. 12 Orans have been documented and mapped so far.
- c. A project on mapping of CCA sites in Odisha was undertaken by Kalpavriksh and Falguni Associates, funded by Nilekani Philanthropies. 5 CCA sites have been documented and mapped so far (<https://kalpavriksh.org/cca-map/>)
- d. Kalpavriksh is working with Dr. Prabhakar Rajgopal, Director - Strand Life Science and Ravi Chellam, CEO – Metastring (both also associated India Biodiversity Portal) on building a web portal for Community Conserved Areas in South Asia with a focus on India

3) Strengthening the CCA network in the region:

- a. The South Asia Regional Assembly of the ICCA Consortium was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan in Nov. 2019. Kalpavriksh organised the event in collaboration with KRAPAVIS and NTFP-EP network India, with funding support from UNOPS, Foundation for Ecological Security and WWF-India. Assembly was attended by participants from India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Sessions included conservation and restoration, equity issues, governance mechanisms, knowledge systems, livelihood issues, policy support, ICCA membership and more. Several thematic groups were formed to strengthen the network in the South Asia region. These include Grasslands and Savannas, Wetlands and Riverine Ecosystems, Himalayan Mountain Ecosystems, Forests, Trans-boundary ICCAs, Gender in ICCAs, and Youth in ICCAs. These smaller groups would consist of local representatives and would come together at national and international levels.
- b. Kalpavriksh also helped organise the General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium 2019 along with the regionalisation meeting.
- c. In an effort to increase and strengthen the membership of ICCA Consortium from the South Asia region, members and honorary members are being added to the ICCA Consortium.

4) Miscellaneous:

- a. Need based legal and advocacy support to CCAs continues to be extended
- b. Inputs to the ICCA Consortium document on Other Effective Areas Based Conservation Areas (OECMs)

A2.2 Continued Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

<p>Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome</p> <p>Team: Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit</p> <p>Year of Commencement: Ongoing</p> <p>Year of Completion: Ongoing</p> <p>Total Funds Sanctioned: INR 84,500</p> <p>Funding Agency: Vasundhara-Oxfam and Rights And Resources Institute</p>
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Developments

The team has been working with CFR-LA on advocacy issues, especially relating to Protected Areas and the Supreme Court Case on Forest Rights Act. The team is also in the process of compiling the Citizens' Report for 2017-2020

A2.3 Democratising Conservation Governance

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome

Support Team: Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit, Tanya Majumdar, Akshay Chettri

Year of Commencement: April 2019

Year of Completion: June 2020

Total Funds Sanctioned: INR 36,67,620

Funding Agency: Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies

Developments

This project was aimed at supporting the already on-going work being done under the Conservation and Livelihood programme that aimed at challenging the exclusionary forms of conservation and building narratives of a more democratized and community based conservation. There were largely three major areas that were being looked at. The activities under each of them ranged from research and documentation, advocacy and outreach, local consultations, training programmes and experience sharing and on ground interventions. The three domains are:

1) Protected Areas (PA) Related Interventions

A major part of the work has been centred on Protected Areas and advocacy relating to them. The team has so far worked on:

- a) Creating a database of 30 protected areas to understand the expansion, relocation and displacement processes and implementation of FRA in protected areas.
- b) The team has been helping with data collection and research on the Critical Wildlife Habitat processes underway in Maharashtra.
- c) Landscape level studies are underway in and around Corbett Tiger Reserve (including Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve and Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary) and Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary. These are following long-term engagement in the areas around people's access rights and conservation. This also included conducting local level consultations with communities and CBOs on the provisions within FRA and WLPA.
- d) A fact-finding study was conducted along with All India Forum for Forest Movement (AIFFM), Maharashtra to document Protected Area management processes and Forest Rights issues in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh involving 4 Protected Areas, between October

and November 2019. A subsequent meeting was held in Chhattisgarh in late November to share the findings and to discuss the way ahead.

- e) Members have also presented findings around PAs in meetings organised by groups such as RRI, TISS etc.
- f) A concept note is currently being envisioned towards compiling a book to bring together work that has been done so far on existing efforts on conservation related displacement, scientific data on which relocation based conservation hinges, and co-existence as a potential and a reality on the ground.
- g) Translating various policies, government orders and documents for wider dissemination.
- h) Supporting the printing and postage costs of outreach material, i.e. PA update.

2) Interventions related to identification and declaration of Critical Wildlife Habitat

Along with KHOJ in Maharashtra and ATREE we are engaged in tracking the developments related to identification and declaration of Critical Wildlife Habitats in Maharashtra, including by attending meetings organised by the Tribal Department and Forest Departments of Maharashtra, submitting letters and collating and analysing documents and ongoing court cases on the process of CWH in Maharashtra.

3) Future of Conservation in India

In the last two years given the hostility faced by the Forest Rights Act, the Supreme Court case filed by a few conservation groups and strongly emerging narratives against inclusive conservation and rights based approaches to conservation, an attempt was made to bring together a more progressive group of conservation organisations and individuals who would create a counter narrative. In light of the Supreme Court order on evictions of those whose FRA claims had been rejected, amendment to the Indian Forest Act and guidelines issued by the MoEFCC on CWH a series of small meetings were organised with these conservation groups at Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment(ATREE) in June and November 2019. Subsequently, some of them wrote articles and op-eds in the popular media.

Kalpavriksh was also part of the pre-conference module of the Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), Bangalore, in October, where they conducted a workshop on democratic conservation.

A2.4 Documentation and Outreach Service in Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

Coordinators: Milind Wani

Team: Pradeep Chavan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sushma Gaikwad, Neema Pathak Broome

Others involved: Nidhi Agarwal (External consultant for translations)

Suhrud Gokhale (Research 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 2020)
Funding Agency: Misereor

Developments

Information Outreach and Alternatives:

A2.5 Intervention, Documentation and Outreach 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 and Support Team: Neema Pathak Broome and Milind Wani
Year of Commencement: 2008
Year of Completion: Ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned for the year: This programme is a part of the project “A2.4 Documentation and Outreach Service in Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security” mentioned above (funded by Misereor)
Part of this programme is also supported by Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies under A2.3. above
Funding Agency: Misereor

Developments

1) Capacity Building component

- a) Facilitated process of filing and follow up for all seven CFR claims of Yelavali, Garbewadi, Bhivegaon, Bhomale (upper), Bhomale (Lower), Kharpud and Pabhe villages in Rajgurunagar Taluka of Pune District. Constantly following up on this with the Sub Divisional Office (SDO) and District collector office.
- b) Facilitated the process of women empowerment by organizing SHG workshops at Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon and Bhomale villages on different subjects like local seed conservation, Subhash Palekar's Natural farming, Women Gram Sabha, process of establishing a women's federation, Forest Rights Act (FRA) etc.
- c) With Chaitanya organization based in Rajgurunagar, we are helping women SHGs of 6 villages to form an all women federation.
- d) Helping Kisan Sabha in FRA implementation in Ambegaon Taluka of Pune district as and when required
- e) Helping SDO office, Rajgurunagar in FRA implementation.
- f) Facilitated the process of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the villages. Met Block Development Officer, Tehsildar and Assistant Project officer NREGA to start the work in the villages.
- g) Helping Yelavali village with the implementation of Eco-village Development scheme for a democratic decision making system.
- h) Presentations and Marathi translation, and Marathi notes on different Legal documents.

2) Support and Promotion to local, organic and diverse seeds, uncultivated food and agricultural practices towards biodiversity conservation, local food sovereignty and community health

- a) In collaboration with Sahyadri school and the local SHGs of *Bhomale* village, a “Seed festival” was organised at *Bhomale (upper)* on 16th Feb 2020 to celebrate the diversity and richness of local seed varieties
- b) Several formal and informal discussions were organised with local farmers on the 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. More than 20 farmers did plots of traditional rice varieties like *Tambada Raibhog*, 57 in *Gara*, *Khadkya* and *Jir* in *Bhorgiri*, *Bhivegaon*, *Bhomale (U)*, *Kharpud* and *Mhasewadi* villages.
- c) Facilitated the Uncultivated Vegetable Festival at *Yelavali*, *Bhivegaon* and *Bhomale (Upper) villages*
- d) Working on a booklet on Wild vegetables of Bhimashankar based on the information shared during the wild vegetable festivals by various Women’s Self Help Groups.

3) Duleep Mathai fellowship: Honey Bee conservation and Livelihood component:

<p>Coordinators: Pradeep Chavan Team: Subhash Dolas, Manda Kathe, Parvata Wanghare, Daulat Bhagit Volunteer Intern: Tejas Abraham Advisory and Support Team: Neema Pathak Broome and Milind Wani Year of Commencement: 2013 Year of Completion: Ongoing Total Funds Sanctioned for the year: Rs. 5,00,000/- (June 2019 – May 2021) Funding Agency: Duleep Mathai fellowship programme</p>

Developments

- a) Facilitated the meetings and discussions with honey harvesters on the conservation of bees and their habitats.
- b) Revival and conservation of honey bees’ habitats.
- c) Working on methodology for honey bee population study.
- d) Facilitating the honey enterprise by Jai Sadguru Women Self Help Group.

A2.6 Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation Priority Plan of Sahyadri School Campus

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome and Tanya Majmudar
Support Team: Kaustubh Moghe (external consultant), Vivek Gour Broome (external consultant)
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 1994 by Krishnamurti Foundation India. Currently, the school is re-constructing the 70 acre campus and has commissioned Kalpavriksh to study biodiversity of this area and its immediate surroundings. The following inputs have been given by the team involved:

- a) A detailed report on the biodiversity of the campus, including areas where construction could come up and areas that need to be left alone from a biodiversity point of view. The school teachers' team was also part of the assessment team
- b) List of trees that need to be planted in various parts of the campus
- c) List of trees that can be used as a replacement for current exotic species on the campus
- d) Detailed plan on where and what kind of plantations can come up
- e) The team continues to help the school with biodiversity enhancement and plantations

A2.7 Protected Area Update (PA Update)

Coordinators: Pankaj Sekhasaria
Year of Commencement: 1994
Year of Completion: Ongoing
Total Funds needed, sanctioned and funding sources: Project Budget for April 2019 to March 31, 2020 – Rs. 7,00,000. This includes funding needed for the new Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra (Maharashtra Protected Area Newsletter), the first issue of which was published this year. Funds Sanctioned – Rs. 4,00,000 from the Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT), Rs 1,00,000 from Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies and Rs. 1,00,000 were raised through donations and subscriptions.

Developments

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXV No. 3, June 2019 (No. 139)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXV No. 4, August 2019 (No. 140)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXV No. 5, October 2019 (No. 141)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXV No. 6, December 2019 (No. 142)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXVI No. 1, February 2020 (No. 143)

Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXVI No. 2, April 2020 (No. 144)

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra (In Marathi)

(Maharashtra Protected Area Newsletter) In Marathi

This is a new newsletter being produced with the support from the Daman Municipal and Naval Cafe-Teria.

To be published in Marathi, it will carry news and information on protected areas mainly in Maharashtra, and drawn from what has appeared in the Marathi media. It will be published four times a year. The first issue was published in March-April 2020.

The newsletter will be edited by Reshma Jathar with Pankaj Sekhsaria being the Associate Editor.

Work done

Production and Printing of

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra, Vol. 1, No. 1, April 2020

A3 Environment and Development

A3.1 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 engaging with environmental governance aspects of large hydropower projects coming up on rivers in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. In the current year the focus was primarily on providing voluntary technical support to local communities and groups. They had sought our assistance to engage with environmental governance processes for projects coming up on rivers in their area, in order to address their social and impact concerns.

A3.2 Andaman & Nicobar Islands e-group

Project Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria Year of Commencement and completion: Ongoing Funds sanctioned: N.A. Funding Agencies: N.A.

Developments

Moderation of 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 is ongoing.

A4. Alternatives

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

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

A4.1 Activities in / relating to India

A4.1.1 Alternatives Confluences of Youth for Ecological Sustainability

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Support Team: Ashish Kothari, Shruti Ajit, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Neema Pathak Broome, Hannah Marsden (Intern)

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 of Year 1 (April-December 2019):

Youth Vikalp Sangam

A Youth Vikalp Sangam was held at Bhoomi College, Bengaluru from 8th to 11th June, and co-organised by Kalpavriksh, Samvedana, Bhoomi, Blue Ribbon Movement and Bhandara Nisarga Va Sanskruti Abhyas Mandal. The Sangam was mainly for adivasi youth, with a small number of non-adivasi urban and rural youth. The VS was attended by 43 participants, with adivasis from Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and non-adivasi urban and rural youth from other places.

A planning meeting for the above was held in Wardha from 8th to 10th April 2019, attended by 19 adivasi youth. The idea was that the adivasi youth design and plan the Sangam with minimal support from the organisers.

The sharing of work and challenges during the Vikalp Sangam by each group enabled a lot of learning and brainstorming of different strategies used, ideation, and opportunities for future collaboration. Sharings were diverse: struggles to get tribal certificates; forest regeneration and protection; starting family support groups for people who have a mental illness or disability; getting individual and CFR titles under the FRA; regenerating water bodies and supporting livelihoods of traditional fisherwomen; sanitation issues in urban areas; urban citizens' movements to save urban forests; challenges small farmers and agriculture are facing; restoration and conservation of grasslands and their flora and fauna; forest based livelihoods; sustainable harvesting of NTFPs.

The alternative framework was shared, helping participants to link their work in ecology or other aspects, to other spheres of transformation.

The report of the Sangam can be read at:

http://www.vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Resources/yvs_report_pdf.pdf

Post the Sangam, some youth from Vadala village went to pay a visit to Pachgaon village in order to understand issues linked to CFRs.

Special Workshop

A "Design and Reimagine Alternative Worlds" workshop was held in collaboration with DEL Laboratory of Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology and Forum for Law, Environment, Development & Governance (FLEDGE) on 12th and 13th June 2019 in Bengaluru. 13 participants from different backgrounds (including three adivasi youth) took part in a three day workshop facilitated by DEL with the inputs on Alternatives given by Kalpavriksh. Participants were encouraged to weave visual narratives based on any alternatives that interested them, or related to their experiences. The facilitation was done through a series of exercises and presentations. Participants chose a number of themes to work on, including access for disabled, organic agriculture, waste management, gender issues, respect for knowledge forms.

While the participants valued the three day workshop and came out with outlines for visual narratives, we felt that it was too much of a challenging task for participants for two reasons: the time of three days was too short; for many the whole theme of visioning Alternatives was new. As a result, the visual narratives produced were either incomplete and/or not adequately nuanced.

Stories

Three stories were commissioned:

- 1) Story on the awareness raising work that Vayali is doing with youth on issues linked to River Nila in Kerala; commissioned to Roshni Kutty
(see <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/roshni-sustaining-a-river-through-young-minds/>)
- 2) Story on the work of youth through Harela Society in Pithoragarh; commissioned to Aadya Singh, (see <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/dafaalis-pithoragarh-aadya/>)
- 3) Story on regeneration of ponds in Gondia and Bhandara districts commissioned to Tanya Majmudar; (see <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/fishing-for-a-difference/>)

Films

Three films were commissioned:

- 1) Hashtags and Human Chains: On the Save Aarey Forests movement in Mumbai where adivasi youth and urban youth came together made by Adam Barr. The film was widely shared and received over 20,000 views. It can be viewed at:
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/hashtags-and-humar-chain/#.XdESvWQzbs0>)
- 2) Phasepardhis, from Hunters to Keepers: Film on grassland conservation work done by Phasepardhi youth, by Rahul Karanpuriya. It can be viewed at:
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/phasepardhis-from-hunters-to-keepers-journey-of-transformation/#.XdETT2Qzbs0>)
- 3) Igniting Young Minds: Film on Youth ecology workshops organised by Timbaktu Collective by Mohit Arora. It can be viewed at:
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/igniting-young-minds-youth-camps-at-kalpavalli-1/#.XkzL2WQzZ-U>)

Developments of Year 2 (Jan-March 2020):

As a result of the total lockdown in the country due to COVID-19, the following was postponed:

- 1) Pluriverse: An immersion into multiple worlds of justice.

This special workshop was to take place in Udaipur in collaboration with Swaraj University on March 28th to 30th.

Stories and films were also commissioned and the planning for an urban Youth Vikalp Sangam to be held in Mumbai in June had begun. All these activities will have to be postponed or planned differently to avoid travel in the next financial year.

A4.1.2 Documentation and Outreach Centre For Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

Project Coordinator: Milind Wani

Project Team: Pradeep Chavan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sushama Deshpande, Subhash Dolas, Manda Kate, Neema Pathak (Advisory), Nidhi Agarwal (language consultant)

Year of Commencement: 2017

Year of Completion: 2020

Funds sanctioned: 191400 Euros

Funding agency: MISEREOR

Developments

1) Outreach

- a) One (yearly) mega-issue of People in Conservation on the thematic of Radical Ecological Democracy.
- b) One (half-yearly) issue of People in Conservation on the thematic of Agriculture and Biodiversity.

2) Six stories on Alternatives were commissioned and are uploaded on the Vikalp Sangam website. These are:

- a) **Alaap- Greening the hillsides of the Himalayas** by Aadya Singh
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/Aadya-Alaap/#.XQiOchYzbIU>)
- b) **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/>)
- c) **Ganiary – Adivasis grow nutritional food** by Baba Mayaram [Hindi]
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-paushtik-anaj-in-hindi/#.XQohfiwzZNA>)
- d) **Nagaland’s Chizami Women bring color to life**
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-women-of-chizami/#.XeJLn5MzbIU>)
- e) **Adivasis organically cultivate nutritional food in summer**
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-paushtik-anaj-in-hindi/#.XeJMHZMzbIU>)
- f) **Birhor tribals turn towards organic farming**
(<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-mayaram-birhor-adivasi-agri-story/#.XeJNxJMzbIU0>)

- 3) **Vikalp Sangam:** In 2018 Kalpavriksh had tied up with the Bangalore based NGO **Pipal Tree**, and the Himachal Pradesh based **Deer Park Institute** centre for study of Buddhist and other wisdom traditions, to hold Vikalp Sangam on Wellbeing and Justice in two instalments. The first of these happened on February 7 -10 at the Fireflies dialogue centre at Bangalore and this has been reported on in the previous annual report. The second instalment of Wellbeing and Justice Vikalp Sangam was held between 18th-20th October at Bir (Himachal Pradesh). One more partner, the Auroville based **Social Entrepreneurship Association**, joined us for the Bir Sangam in Himachal Pradesh. It was attended by around 35 participants, mostly from North India but also a few from southern India. As a result of this collaboration the groups involved and many participants felt that the activity should now continue as a process. A fallout of the Bir Sangam was that a Whatsapp group has been created on which many participants are in regular touch. As a continuation of this process, Kalpavriksh (Vikalp Sangam) also partnered with Pipal Tree in holding the next Fireflies dialogue Vikalp Sangam between January 9th -12th 2020 on the thematic “Hope in the times of Anthropocene”. Milind Wani attended the same and made a presentation. Apart from funding his travel from Pune to Bangalore for this purpose (from the Wellbeing and Justice budget of Misereor), there was no financial implication for this event.
- 4) **Resource centre** – About 150 new books were added to the resource centre during the period.

A4.1.3 Agro-ecology case-study on millet revival

<p>Project Coordinator: Milind Wani Project Team: Arpita Lulla, Kankana Trivedi Year of Commencement: March 2019 Year of Completion: June 2019 Funds sanctioned: 4500 USD Funding agency: Oakland Institute (USA)</p>
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The Kalpavriksh team researched and documented the millet revival initiative in Nagaland undertaken by the NGO North East Network (NEN) along with local communities in the Chizami and Sumi villages in southern Nagaland. The case study focuses on the revival of the traditional millet based bio-diverse agricultural system in the region in the context of climate change. The case-study is a part of an ongoing initiative undertaken by Oakland Institute to document agroecological practices (in India and global south) as an alternative to mainstream agriculture.

A4.1.4 Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation, Networking, and Advocacy

Project Coordinator: Ashish Kothari
Project Team: Shrishtee Bajpai, Anuradha Arjunwadkar
Year of commencement: January 2019
Year of completion: December 2019 (new phase continues in 2020)
Funds sanctioned: 23,70,060 + 3,27,710 (2020)
Funding agency: Heinrich Böll Foundation, India

Stories by Media Fellow

The media fellowship was commissioned to a 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:

- a) **पातालकोट में बीजों की रिश्तेदारी:** a story on unique process of seed conservation and relationship sustenance by Bhaariyaa tribal community of Patalkot, Madhya Pradesh. <https://bit.ly/2DvYKPa>
- b) **माटी की महिलाओं की नई राह:** a story on a women's collective in Uttarakhand that is trying to revive local livelihoods by initiating localised, environment friendly and culturally sensitive eco-tourism. <https://bit.ly/2L4yhwu>
- c) **भील बच्चों की जीवनशाला:** a story on an alternative school for Bhil Adivasi children in Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh that aims to re-establish the connection with local environment and tradition among children. <https://bit.ly/2q00Emn>
- d) **महिला किसानों की पहाड़ी खेती:** a story on revival of traditional farming practices and crafts that has helped in regeneration of local livelihoods for women in Nagaland. <https://bit.ly/33xT7KW>
- e) **संथाल आदिवासी बच्चों का स्कूल-** a story on an adivasi school (Santhali community) in West Bengal, a school run by a women's collective, called the *Lakshmi Murmu Smriti Shishu Vidalya*. It is an open learning school that aims to create space for both women and their children. <http://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-santhali-sch-hindi/#.Xe4I0PzhXIV>
- f) **मजदूरों की अनूठी जनसुनवाई:** A story on a public hearing and social audit meeting organised by Mazdoor Kissan Shakti Sangathan for labourers to resolve their grievances along with state administration in Beawar. The story is under review and will be uploaded soon. <https://bit.ly/3frmHse>

Case Studies

To feed the 'Democracy Sangam' later in the year, documentation of initiatives and practices that establish forms of direct democracy was carried out. The objective was to build on the understanding of democracy from the grassroots. In addition, the idea is to analyse how the attempts to establish radical forms of democracy or enhance links to the other spheres of

Alternatives Transformation Format. The documentation was carried out in the form of short case studies both visually and textually.

- a) *Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)*: This case study analyses the extent and nature of democracy seen in the example of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (Leh). Born of a demand over several decades, the status of an autonomous region within the state of Jammu and Kashmir was achieved by Ladakh in 1995 through legislative enactment. This status has benefited the region in a number of ways. But it has also been severely constrained because the relevant legislation granted limited administrative, financial and legal powers to the Council, continued domination by the state government, and inadequate use of even the limited powers that the Council had, by its own members. Additionally, issues of what kind of development would be appropriate have been weakly focused on, with some notable exceptions. <https://bit.ly/2UIrDAG>

- b) *Tosamaidan: a zone of peace and resilience*: This case study describes and analyses a non-violent movement to save a Himalayan landscape of enormous ecological and livelihood importance, from destructive activities, in the midst of one of India's most conflict-ridden regions. Tosamaidan comprises a series of high-altitude grassland-mountain ecosystems in the Pir Panjal range of the Himalaya, in Kashmir. Rich in wildlife and for centuries in use by pastoralists (including Gujjars and Bakarwals) who move through the area in summer, Tosamaidan is also the origin of rivers on which tens of thousands of people downstream depend. <https://bit.ly/2zxmCUv>

- c) *Towards Decentralised Urban Governance, Bhuj City*: This study describes and examines a transformative process unfolding in the city of Bhuj that aims to challenge the dominant model of urban planning and governance. Under the Homes in the City (HIC) program initiated by five civil society organisations (Hunnarshala, Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Arid Communities and Technologies, Sahjeevan, and SETU Abhiyan), along with issue-based collectives and citizens, a decentralised ward level planning and decision-making process, along with the strengthening of Municipalities and a holistic and integrated approach is being attempted. <https://bit.ly/2UIFNcE>

Alternative initiatives for Video documentation

Below are the 12 video stories documented by Srishti School of Design and Technology:

Sr. No	Title	Location	Link
1	Community conservation: Mookaneri and Ammapet Lakes: A look at the restoring and conservation of lakes driven by a community project.	Mookaneri and Ammapet, Salem, Tamil Nadu.	https://youtu.be/jjLH42rcsQ0

2	Kuhl ki Kahani: An irrigation system designed 300 years ago, diverts water from rivers flowing through mountains to agricultural land. A cost-effective and eco-friendly method driven by the local community	Palampur, Himachal Pradesh.	https://youtu.be/uYRw3p1vPY
3	Plastic is Nothing: An initiative started by the Nishtha Rural Health, Education & Environment Centre to segregate waste and recycle plastic.	Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh	https://youtu.be/AtF5ltxflg
4	Hasiru Dala: A social impact organisation that focuses on justice and equal rights for wastepickers through various interventions	Bangalore, Karnataka.	https://youtu.be/xf-B-mN9bo
5	Manger Bani : A forested area nestled in the Aravalli hill range in Haryana, near Delhi. The Manger Bani Eco club works towards raising awareness amongst children about the forest and its rich biodiversity.	Haryana	https://youtu.be/vvArI7G9WI
6	Conserving the Future: Shiv Kumar, a Forest Guard in the Lahaul Forest Division in Himachal Pradesh, has been working with camera traps for the past few years to help in wildlife conservation of a delicate ecosystem in one of the least populated districts of the country.	Himachal	https://youtu.be/YVXHeuFe2YU
7	Edo: In a remote part of Nagaland, in Tuensang, close to the Burma border, the women of the Chang community decide to look after their own interest through various income generation initiatives.	Nagaland	https://youtu.be/sAHNPCHgzg

8	Right to Livelihood: In a country where street vendors constitute 2.5 % of the population, Jan Pahal a Delhi based NGO, fights for the rights of street vendors to a peaceful and secure livelihood, and a dignified life	Delhi	https://youtu.be/73wbljzaqlA
9	Conserving Traditional Knowledge Systems: Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems works with the community in Chengalpet, Tamil Nadu, to conserve and use traditional farming methods to grow rice, thereby improving the nutritional and health value of food.	Tamil Nadu	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJPHnM7bQK4
10	Tribal Health Initiative: A tribal medical centre started in Sittilingi, Tamil Nadu by two doctors, caters to patients from the hill-dwelling, nomadic and other SC/ST communities from the surrounding villages, by empowering them towards self-care.	Tamil Nadu	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-JDpodN7SQ
11	Thengapalli: Gunduribari is a tribal village nestled in the forests of the Nayagarh district of Orissa. Harassed by the timber mafia for decades, and with village men being unable to stop it, women have taken matters into their own hands to save their forests.	Odisha	https://youtu.be/R_EQRhm_TR0
12	Titli Utsav: an annual festival of butterfly watching offers a unique method of spreading awareness about biodiversity in Delavsari, Uttarakhand.	Uttarakhand.	https://youtu.be/Tz241SlzQ3I

Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives confluences)

The **Democracy Vikalp Sangam** was organised from 5-9th October, 2019 at School for Democracy campus in Rajasthan. The sangam was co-organised by Mazdoor Kissan Shakti Sangathan, National Alliance for People's Movements, Blue Ribbon Movement, Vriksh Mitra and Kalpavriksh. Around 70 participants, many from local organisations and collectives, shared on-ground experiences of working towards direct democracy, challenging forms of representative democracy, making government accountable and reflections on democracy with organisations/institutions and civil society in general. Participants had a chance to visit and witness a social hearing organised for Labourers by MKSS, wherein the people could share their issues in a public gathering while the state administration was held accountable and responsible for speedy, time bound resolve for the issues. The Sangam had special sharing by the participants from Kashmir and Ladakh and implications of the revocation of Article 370. Various follow up groups were formed post the meeting to take forward the work that emerged from the discussions. The link to the report: <https://bit.ly/30HS79m>

Vikalp Sangam Core group meeting

The fifth Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting (VSCG), an annual meet of core group members was held at School for Democracy right after the Democracy Sangam from 10th to 11th October 2019. Around 30 core group members from across the country participated in the meeting.

The objective of this year's meeting was to review and get an update of activities undertaken in the year 2019, review the task taken up by the CG members, planning for 2019, understanding the VS process, and handing over the coordination after 2020 to other CG organisation or individuals.

Planning for Western Himalayan Sangam (WHVS), Ladakh

Kalpavriksh along with other co-organisers of the WHVS met in Leh from 12th to 14th March to plan for the possible sangam in the month of August (25th to 30th) in Leh.

Booklet on 'Dimensions of Democracy'

A new booklet brings together 10 essays on various dimensions of democracy, extracted from *Pluriverse: A Post-Development Dictionary* present radical alternatives to both dictatorships and to liberal, centralized democracies. They include grassroots initiatives from very local to larger scale, such as with examples of indigenous self-rule in India and Latin America, the Zapatista in the Chiapas of Mexico, and the Kurdish autonomous region in central Asia; as also (and connected to the practical initiatives) conceptual and visionary approaches such as radical democracy, *swaraj*, ecosocialism, eco-anarchism, and others.

This compilation is a contribution to the dialogue on what directions democracy should take in our countries or regions. It has been produced in English and Hindi.

Hindi Posters

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

Global Linkages

While we focus on other activities in India, sharing of experiences in other parts of the world will also help in building context, to point out what India can learn from and in turn teach the rest of the world. In addition, a global process like Vikalp Sangam called the Global Tapestry of Alternatives began in mid-2019 (see under Global processes, below). In relation to this, one of the project team members visited Oaxaca, Mexico to attend the Earth Systems Governance Conference (6,7,8th November 2019, <https://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/events/2019-mexico-conference-on-earth-system-governance/>) and present the findings of the democracy case study done under the HBF project. Shrishtee also met the groups working on grassroots initiatives in Oaxaca, and in particular met Gustavo Esteva, an acclaimed activist and academic based in Mexico part of *Universidades de la Tierra*.

Vikalp Sangam activities outside of projects (for which there is no funding)

Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam

KV helped to organise the Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam with several other groups, held at Auroville on 2-5 January, 2020. The Sangam was innovatively organised, with many forms of dialogue and involvement, including exhibits, art and music.

As a follow up activity, the process **Just Change** was reinvigorated, to create links between producer groups, consumers and investors in helping sustain and enhance ecologically and socially sensitive production processes and sustainable livelihoods. KV is involved in this in an advisory capacity.

Members involved: Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish

Response to COVID crisis

With the onset of the COVID-19 (and the related lockdown-generated) crisis, KV pegged substantial discussion and networking within the VS groups, and between VS and others, to generate appropriate responses. One of these was a public statement, 'The Need for Creative, Long-term Alternatives in View of COVID-19', issued on 28 March 2020 by the VS Core Group, and sent to various government agencies and civil society networks. Available at: <http://vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-core-group-statement-on-the-need-for-creative-long-term-alternatives-in-view-of-covid-19-28-march-2020/#.Xuen4C2B2V4>

Discussions also began on other responses, including a webinar series, and a blog to regularly update news on COVID-19 related relief and alternative measures.

Members involved: Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish

Websites

Vikalp Sangam Website (www.vikalpsangam.org)

The Vikalp Sangam website was initiated in 2014, to have one place where stories, perspectives, videos, events, and resources (including case studies, books, websites, and films) relating to alternatives in India could be made available. As of early 2020, the number of stories and perspective pieces on the website is over 1500.

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

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

- a) vikalp-sangam-list@googlegroups.com e-group consisting of 700+ members discusses various aspects of alternative endeavour.
- b) 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 to the newsletter.
- c) Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/VikalpSangam/>) has links to stories and perspectives and videos newly uploaded on the Vikalp Sangam website. The newsletter also appears on this.
- d) Easier access provided to case studies and videos through the Categories listed on website pages.

Radical Ecological Democracy website (see below)

A.4.2 Global Activities

A4.2.1 Academic-Activist Co-generation of Knowledge on Environmental Justice (ACKnowl-EJ)

Project: Project Coordinator: Ashish Kothari
Project Team: Neema Pathak, 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 co-coordinated with Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, (ICTA), Autonomous University of Barcelona, involved case studies, work on the EJ Atlas, and theorizing based on these, broadly around environmental justice. The project involved partners from several countries. In 2019, the project headed towards closure, with final outputs being produced or underway.

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 is now under use or consideration by several other institutions and groups, including in a modified manner by Azim Premji University, by a process (<https://www.anaction.org/values-based-solidarity>) that aims bring together a cohort of social change practitioners and activists, and by the ICCA Consortium.

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 2019-20, final visits to Kachchh to discuss draft report and rough cut of films were undertaken, and the feedback used to finalise the report. The final report has been published on:

English:

<http://vikalpsangam.org/article/sandhani-weaving-transformations-in-kachchh-india-key-findings-and-analysis/#.Xun7wC2B2V4>

Gujarati:

<http://vikalpsangam.org/article/સંઘણી-કચ્છ-હથેલીવણીનું-ઉદ્ધત-કષતજ-ચવરપ-તરણ-અન-વશલેખણ-in-gujarati/#.Xun79C2B2V4>

2) Forest Rights Act, Gram Sabha empowerment and transformations in Korchi

Location: Korchi, Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra

Members: Neema Pathak Broome, Shrishtee Bajpai, Mukesh Shende along with Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi (a rural health based organisation based in Kurkheda, Korchi), Mahagram Sabha members and the gram sabhas in Korchi.

The adivasis and other traditional forest dwellers of Korchi taluka in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra, India have protected their water, forests, and land using their traditional knowledge generation after generation. Village assemblies in Korchi, India, along with resisting mining, are actively engaged in reimagining and reconstructing local governance institutions. The women's collective is also asserting their voice in these emerging decision-making spaces. This study documents and examines the emergence of this multi-dimensional transformative processes unfolding in Korchi between 2016-2019. 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 are some of the elements in this story of transformation. In 2019-20 we continued our study and analysis of the process by visiting the site as also by continuing long term engagement with the members of the Maha gramsabha and Amhi Amchaya Arogyasathi. The key findings of the study have been shared through several articles, presentations and discussions by the team members in various forums. The report is being currently finalized along with 2-4 short films on various aspects of the initiative which will be circulated by June 2020.

3) Raika pastoralist worldviews

Location: Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, 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 group 15-90, from 4 villages (Ghanerao, Hiravav, Dungarli and Latada) surrounding the Kumbalgarh 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 has been published online <https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Articulations-of-Raika-women-around-Kumbhalgarh-Wildlife-Sanctuary-on-pastoralism-2.pdf> . A film has been produced on the work carried out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DO9isRpUeEg>

EJAtlas

For the Environmental Justice Atlas (EJAtlas) website, Kalpavriksh has commissioned the entry of 53 cases of environmental conflicts, resistance and alternatives in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. 34 have been approved and the others are queued for approval or in draft stages. The cases can be accessed at www.ejatlasing.org.

Global Worldviews Dialogue

Within the project, KV was 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 (see separate report on this, as 'Indigenous and Traditional Worldviews Dialogue process, below).

Theory of Transformation

Kalpavriksh took the lead on a paper on the conceptual and theoretical understanding of transformation emerging from the project. Several iterations of the paper were produced for discussion within the full project team, and with the project advisory team. The paper is under finalisation, for publication in a book of the ACKnowl-EJ project's main outputs.

Process documentation and note on co-production

Kalpavriksh helped coordinate the process documentation of the project, and developing the project's understanding of co-production. A note on this was prepared for discussion.

Project meetings

Members attended the final meeting of the ACKnowl-EJ project, in Istanbul, Turkey, in 23-29 April 2019.

A4.2.2 Indigenous and Traditional Worldviews Dialogue Process

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari, Meenal Tatpati
Support Team: Shruti Ajit, Shrishtee Bajpai, Neema Pathak Broome
Year of Commencement: 2019
Year of Completion: 2020
Total Funds Sanctioned: INR 463,692
Funding Agency: NUR university, Bolivia through Full Circle Foundation

Developments

The resistance and alternative transformative movements initiated by indigenous and other local groups around the world, are based on or inspired by worldviews that are often fundamentally different from the mainstream neoliberal or state-centred narratives that are currently dominant. The Global Worldviews Dialogue process thus envisions the creation of a space of inter-cultural exchange for the articulation and sharing of worldviews and the knowledge systems, values and traditions that they inform, amongst these communities.

This process builds on and will feed back into vibrant on-going processes of collaborative research undertaken by the Academic and Activist Co-produced Knowledge for Environmental Justice Project (ACKnowl_EJ) through the work of Kalpavriksh in India, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), UEA and GrupoConfluencias in Bolivia.

The current project focuses on building towards this process through the documentation of worldviews of two communities through written, audio, audio-visual, or artistic forms (in each of these forms, primary 'voice' should be from within the community, and if possible, a diversity of voices from within it).

Documentation of Worldview of the women of the Raika pastoralist community, Rajasthan

- A short film has been made on the life of Raika pastoralist women in Pali District of Rajasthan, living around Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary.

- The rough draft was shown to the women and elders of the community during a field trip and their responses were sought. The film is in the process of being finalised. It will also be produced in Marwadi, the local language.
- The team is in touch with the World Pastoral Forum, created by the pastoralist women of Tanzania about an exchange between the Raika women and the Tanzanian pastoralist women through exchange of videos.
- The team is also in touch with researchers and activists working with pastoral groups within the country to facilitate exchange of thought and ideas between different

A4.2.3 Global Tapestry of Alternatives

<p>Project Coordinator: Ashish Kothari Initial Team: Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Shrishtee Bajpai, Milind Wani Current Team: Ashish Kothari, Shrishtee Bajpai Year of Commencement: 2019 Year of Completion: Ongoing Funds sanctioned: N.A Funding agency: N.A</p>
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Developments

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.

A core team of volunteers from various parts of the world has been formulated to peg the initial process. Endorsements have been obtained from key global/regional movements and networks, and well-known individuals, to lend the process credibility and global reach. Till now, the process has been entirely voluntary; however a grant has been obtained by an institution to which a core team member belongs, for some basic expenses and small honoraria for a couple of the core team members.

The idea and process of the GTA has been introduced in various global fora, including at the Defend the Sacred gathering, Portugal (August 2019), ICCA Consortium General Assembly, Udaipur (Nov 2019), Conference on Earth Systems Governance, Mexico (Nov 2019), planning meetings of the World Social Forum on Transformative Economy, and others.

Under the overall umbrella of GTA, an independent process – Post-Development Academic-Activist Global Group (PeDAGoG) - has been initiated to link up academics and activists working on alternative learning/teaching, methods, courses, pedagogies, with the objective of sharing, collaborating, and spreading such approaches across the world. An online list is currently its medium of communication and sharing.

A4.2.4 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

Developments

Kalpavriksh put up a new website, 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.

In the three years of its existence, the Radical Ecological Democracy website has been able to establish itself as a credible platform for voices exploring, analyzing and documenting a rapidly evolving field of “alternatives”. It has facilitated active questioning of the rampant economic inequality, ecological mayhem and social turbulence all over the world, and also encouraged the crafting of “alternatives” to those troubling developments. Explorations and experiments are taking place across the world, and REDWeb has featured insightful analytical and informational articles written by activists and scholars from all the continents on these initiatives.

While the field of “alternatives” is fairly new, we’ve still been able to create a reliable group of thinkers, scholars and activists who are willing to collaborate with us. Our articles are also being read by an increasing number of readers. Some of the key statistics in this regard (for the period April 2019 to March 2020) are as follows:

- 22 original articles were published, averaging about 2 articles per month.
- Issues were covered from almost all parts of the world, and there were contributions from writers from 19 countries.
- The articles fall broadly into three categories - *Alternatives*, *Political/Social/Economic Analysis and Environmental Issues*
- Total readership (based on the number of clicks on each article) – 27841.
- Average traffic per day – 78
- Highest readership for an article – 2424

Outreach

There was steady headway in the outreach efforts regarding the promotion of the website as well as the dissemination of the idea of “alternatives”. In this reporting period there was an initiation of a lecture series undertaken by Pallav Das, the editor and curator of the website. These outreach lectures were presented at the University of California (Santa Barbara), University of Wisconsin (Madison), the University of Utah at Salt Lake City and the International Crane Foundation, Baraboo, Wisconsin. The second part of this outreach initiative, sadly, was interrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic and we had to cancel our trips to the University of Ottawa and McGill University, Montreal in Canada, and the Columbia University in New York. We hope to resume this initiative as and when the post pandemic situation allows us. Pallav was also invited to make a presentation on the idea of Radical Ecological Democracy (RED) at a conference on Development, jointly organized by the University of Bonn, Germany and the National University of Colombia, Bogota in November 2019 at Bogota. Meanwhile, Ashish, as the main advisor for the website on an honorary basis, continues his widespread outreach on RED in the form of lectures, articles, webinars, and conferences, in which the RED website is always promoted.

Future Plans

There is keenness to make the website more visible on relevant networks. This would attract more readers as well as possible contributors. An internal dialogue on how best to achieve that has begun. Another area where more effort is intended is that of audio-visuals. There is continued interest in producing documentaries and short films on the issues being tackled by the website but networking with relevant organizations to raise that kind of funding is needed given that these undertakings would be expensive. It is thought that the articles, analyses and conversations featured on the website are throwing up critical ideas, which can reach a wider audience through the audio-visual medium, particularly in the post-Coronavirus context.

Other Global Collaborations

KV members Ashish Kothari and Neema Pathak Broome continue to be part of the Global Working Group ‘Beyond Development’, supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. Ashish is also part of its Facilitation Team, helping to coordinate its activities over the 2019-20 period. This includes an open call for submissions to a dialogue on democracy, and helping to set up the group’s website (initially on the Radical Ecological Democracy website described above, <https://www.radicalecologicaldemocracy.org/beyond-development/>, and then independent, <https://beyonddevelopment.net>).

Ashish was asked to become a member of International Commission of the Sacred Headwaters Initiative (<https://sacredheadwaters.org>), a process started by several indigenous peoples and civil society organisations in Ecuador, Peru, and elsewhere, to protect 30 million hectares of the Amazonian forest and the indigenous territories, from extractive industries and mining. A

meeting of the Commission was held in Quito, along with a visit to the Sapara indigenous nation territory, in July 2019. Work of the Commission is ongoing.

Ashish was also asked to be a 'remote' member of International Tribunal on Rights of Nature, to reach a judgement on a proposed road through the Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park (TIPNIS), Bolivia, in May 2019. On May 15, the Tribunal released on its website its ruling regarding alleged violations of the Rights of Nature in this case; see <https://therightsofnature.org/tipnis-judgement-and-press-release/>.

KV also helped in generating global solidarity for Kurds, against the invasion of their territory by Turkey's armed forces, in November 2019. This was in coordination with the Kurdish women's movement, with whom KV members have been in touch since early 2019. A letter was issued

(<https://kalpavriksh.org/publication/please-take-immediate-action-to-stop-illegal-and-immoral-turkish-invasion-of-north-syria-and-the-attempt-at-wiping-out-the-kurdish-autonomy-movement/>), and a member of the movement, Dilar Dirik, was facilitated to make a presentation on the situation at Pagdandi, Pune, on 7 December 2019 (recording at <https://youtu.be/4N8lywg2yNI>). Articles and relevant material on this were also published on www.radicalecologicaldemocracy.org, including an interview with Besime Conca, another activist with the movement (see <https://youtu.be/Y70E5mgk1Do>). Members involved: Shrishtee, Ashish

A5 KV@40 event

KV's 40th Anniversary was celebrated at a farmhouse in Kolad, Maharashtra from 13th to 15th December 2019 with around 25-30 people present. It was a fun-filled occasion of looking back at KV history, sharing stories of KV-related life-changing moments, talking about the future, playing dumb charades, painting, debating and 'spider'-ing.

The first evening was spent getting to the Doctors' Farm, exchanging informal introductions and catching up. The next day started with a round of introductions where people shared their personal journeys of association with Kalpavriksh. A couple of people had also brought memorabilia connected with their time in KV. Then Ashish took everyone down memory lane with a slide show, put together along with Shiba, of old pictures and clippings from internal newsletters revealing the various bends and twists of the journey until now. The evening was spent in walks and painting together two lovely banners for Kalpavriksh.

On the last day, an attempt at bird-watching by a few members in the morning ended up as, courtesy of the misty weather, a session of watching spiders which was quickly termed as 'spider'-ing. Later in the day, there was reflection upon the evolution of KV's key programmes, its philosophy and its relevance in the present time. Another elegant banner was created, initiated by Vipul, with the KV logo and names of all the participants in their own handwriting and style.

It was an enjoyable event that led to rekindling of old connections as well as fostering new ones between old and new members and associates of KV. Unfortunately a number of people could not and they were missed, cherished and gossiped about in their absence. Snacking, as is the tradition, was a continuous activity throughout the three days.

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PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

April

- 6-7: Nagpur meeting of CSOs and activists from Maharashtra on SC order and other issues relating to policy changes and their effect on implementation of FRA (Neema, Meenal, Shruti)
- 8-10: Planning meeting for Youth Vikalp Sangam, Wardha (Sujatha, Neema)
- 10-12: Visit to Kachchh for handloom weaver (ACKnowl-EJ) study (Ashish, Radhika, Arpita, Kankana)
- 20: Stall at the Lit Bug Fest, Pune (Many members)
- 23-29: ACKnowl-EJ full global team meeting, Istanbul; including visits to Bostans in Istanbul and Cerkezkoy/Pinarca community movement against thermal power plant (Ashish, Milind, Arpita, Kankana)

May

- 20-24: Bird/forest/butterfly festival in at Munsiri, co-organised by Kalpavriksh (Ashish, Shrishtee, Sanjay, Anchal)
- 28: Meeting at Laxmi Ashram, Kausani, Uttarakhand on proposed Amendment to IFA and its impact for Uttarakhand (Neema, Akshay, Meenal)
- 30: Visit to Sunderkhal settlement in Corbett Tiger Reserve to attend a public meeting regarding the draft amendment to the IFA (Meenal, Akshay)

June

- 2: Meeting at Eco Harryman's Homestay, Pawalgarh, Uttarakhand with Van Panchayat Sangharsh Morcha, Pawalgarh Prakriti Prahari, Kumaon Maati representatives to discuss FRA implementation in and around Pawalgarh Landscape, impact of IFA Amendment and tourism potential (Neema, Meenal, Akshay)
- 5: Visit to Pastapur, keynote address at Deccan Development Society celebrations for Equator Prize (Ashish)
- 8: Inauguration of Bhoomi Habba, at Visthara, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 8-11: Youth Vikalp Sangam held at Bhoomi College, Bengaluru (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 11: Release of 'Pluriverse', Alternative Law Forum (Ashish, Shrishtee, Sujatha, Shruti, Meenal, Neema)
- 12-13: Health Vikalp Sangam at Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Tamil Nadu (Sujatha)
- 12: Meeting of individuals in conservation on FRA, Supreme Court case at ATREE, Bengaluru (Neema, Shruti, Meenal)
- 12: Presentation on Ecoswaraj / Radical Ecological Democracy at DRAW – art workshop on Vikalp Sangam/alternatives co-organised by KV with FLEDGE, Srishti Inst of Art (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 12-13: Design and Reimagine Alternative Worlds workshop held at Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru (Sujatha, Ashish, Shrishtee)

- 17-28: Visit to Srinagar & Tosa Maidan for case study on movement against army firing range; Dachigam, Sagg eco-resort, Wular Lake, Limber and Kazinag protected areas (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 23: Presentation on conservation and development, organised by Wildlife Dept and SRDE, Dachigam National Park, Kashmir (Ashish)
- 24: Presentation on environment, development, conservation at Faculty of Forestry, Sher-e-Kashmir Univ of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (Ashish)

July

- 8-9: Planning meeting for Democracy Vikalp Sangam, School for Democracy, Bhim, Rajasthan (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 10-14: Visit to Bhuj for case study on 'Homes in the City' programme's governance aspects (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 19 July- 1 Aug: Fact finding field work on proposed notification of Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary into a National Park- (Meenal, Shruti, Akshay, Tilotamma)
- 23-31: Visit to Ecuador for meeting of Sacred Headwaters Initiative Commission, Quito; visit to Sapara indigenous territory at Naku (Ashish)
- 30: Release of 'Pluriverse', Universidad Andina, Quito (Ashish)

August

- 6: Presentation by Omar Dahbour on Principles of Environmental Justice, at KV (several KV Pune members)
- 16-19: Participation in 'Defend the Sacred' meeting, Tamera, Portugal (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 29-31: Field visit to wetlands in Gondia, Maharashtra with Bhandara Nisarga Va Sanskriti Abhyas Mandal (Tanya)

September

- 7: Presentation on Tosamaidan campaign (Kashmir), Pagdandi, Pune (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 8: Presentation (online) on GTA to Democratic Confederalism workshop, Iceland (Ashish)
- 9-11: Visit to Aachen and Kassel, Germany, for alternatives/RED presentations at Misereor, Catholic Academy, Kassel University (conference on Post-Development) (Ashish)
- 10: Release of 'Pluriverse' at Kassel University (Ashish)
- 20-22: Presentation & participation in Economics of Happiness conference, Leh (Ashish, Sujatha, Shiba)
- 20-22: Release of *Dhontang – Food in Ladakh* at the Economics of Happiness Conference (Sujatha)
- 21-23: RRI meeting on FRA in Delhi (Neema, Meenal)
- 26: Presentation on Ecoswaraj at School of International Studies, JNU, Delhi (Ashish)
- 27: Release of 'Pluriverse', Delhi (Ashish)
- 28-30: KV Annual General Meeting

October

- 3: Visit of Khamir staff to KV office (Pune KV members)
- 4: State level meeting on implementation of CWH in Maharashtra (Neema, Akshay)
- 5-9: Co-organising and participation in Democracy Vikalp Sangam (including public audit/hearing on Construction Workers' Act), School for Democracy (SfD), Bhim, Rajasthan (Kankana, Shrishtee, Ashish, Max)
- 8: Story telling sessions at Story Station for World Literacy Day in collaboration with Pratham Books (Jahnvi)
- 8-12: Session on community-led conservation and FRA at the pre-SCCS conference in NCBS, Bengaluru (Meenal Tatapati, Shruti)
- 10-11: Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting, SfD, Bhim, Rajasthan (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 16: Story telling session with Ghost of the Mountains at Swadhaa Waldorf Learning Centre, Pune (Sujatha)
- 22: Presentation on environmental actions, Vidya Sagar School, Chennai (Ashish)
- 22: Presentation 'Gandhi Lives', INTACH & MEASI, Chennai (Ashish)
- 22: Story telling session with Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes at the Pune International Literary Festival, Pune (Neeraj)
- 22-25: Field visit to Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Bor Tiger Reserve and Pench Tiger Reserve as part of PA fact-finding study in collaboration with AIFFM (Akshay)
- 23: Release of 'Pluriverse', IIT Chennai (Ashish)
- 24: Presentation on Ecoswaraj at Bhoomi, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 24: Presentation on Environment, Development, Human Rights and Knowledge, at 'Science for Policy, Policy for Science' workshop, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 25: Presentation on Ecoswaraj, Azim Premji University (UG), Bengaluru (Ashish)

November

- 5-8: Presentation at Earth Systems Governance conference in Oaxaca, Mexico (Shrishtee)
- 7-8: Presentation on Ecoswaraj, participation in Vartaleap youth worker process, linked to Youth Vikalp Sangam, Camp Hornbill, Uttarakhand (Ashish)
- 8-15: Visit and presentations at Universidad De La Tierra, Oaxaca and Huitzo in Mexico (Shrishtee)
- 9-10: Story telling sessions with The Poop Book! and People and Wildlife at the Bookaroo Festival, Baroda (Jahnvi, Tanya, Sujatha)
- 10: Story telling sessions with Po Tricks His Foe and Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes at Peek a Book Literature and Story-telling Festival, Mumbai. (Sharmila, Neeraj)
- 9-12: Field Visit to Panna Tiger Reserve as part of PA fact-finding study (Akshay)
- 12: Round Table Discussion on the Implementation of Forest Rights Act in Kerala organised by Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum (Shruti)
- 13: Meeting with conservation groups to discuss recent Conservation Related Issues and possible ways forward at ATREE, Bengaluru (Neema, Shruti)
- 17: Presentation (online) on Resistance, at Lisbon-Sintra Film Festival (Ashish)
- 20-26: Meeting organised by Heinrich Boll Foundation, India with North-east groups on Traditional Knowledge, Majuli, Assam (Shrishtee)
- 23: Participation in demonstration against High Capacity Mass Transit plan, Pune (Ashish)

- 27 Nov-1 Dec: ICCA Consortium South Asia Regional Assembly (Neema, Tanya, Meenal, Shruti, Ashish, Roshni)
- 28-29: Meeting on issues and rights of communities living in Protected Areas organized by AIFFM in Chhattisgarh (Akshay)
- 28-30: Participation in meeting of ICCA South Asia, presentation on alternatives and ICCAs, Udaipur (Neema, Shruti, Meenal, Tanya, Ashish)

December

- 1: Visit to Menar village bird conservation site with ICCA Consortium members (Ashish, Shruti)
- 1-5: ICCA Consortium General Assembly and related meetings (Neema, Tanya, Meenal, Shruti, Ashish, Seema)
- 2-4: Participation in ICCA Consortium General Assembly, presentation on Global Tapestry of Alternatives, release of 'Pluriverse', Udaipur (Neema, Ashish)
- 7: Session on Kurdish women's movement by Dilar Dirik, organised with/at Pagdandi, Pune (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 7: Story telling sessions with The Poop Book! at the Kukdukoo Festival, Noida (Jahnvi, Sujatha)
- 7: Panel Discussion on 'Different Childhood' at the Kukdukoo Festival, Noida (Sujatha)
- 10: Story telling session with Po Tricks His Foe at Father Agnel School, New Delhi (Jahnvi)
- 10: Two story telling sessions with Po Tricks His Foe at Kunskapsskolan, Gurgaon (Jahnvi)
- 12: Presentation (online) on Ecoswaraj to Uppsala University (Ashish)
- 14-15: KV@40 event, Kolad, Maharashtra (several KV members)
- 23: Meeting with CSOs on Bhuj governance case study, Bhuj (Ashish)
- 23: Screening of Kachchh weaving study films (rough cuts) for weavers, Khamir, Bhuj (Ashish, Kankana, Arpita)
- 28: Session on The Poop Book! at Reliance Jio Wonderland Festival, Mumbai (Jahnvi)

January

- 2-5: Participation in Alternative Economies Vikalp Sangam, Auroville (TN) (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 4: Story telling session on People and Wildlife at Kirloskar Vasundara International Film Festival, Pune, (Jahnvi, Tanya)
- 6: Visit to alternative initiatives in Auroville (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 17-18: Birding trip to Bhigwan, near Pune (Akshay, Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 20 Jan-2 Feb: Visit to villages in Pali, Rajasthan to show the Raika film to the women and get their inputs (Meenal, Shruti)
- 20 Jan- 2 Feb: Field visit to Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary (Meenal, Shruti)
- 25: Birding and count at Veer Dam, near Pune (Sujatha, Akshay, Hannah, Ashish)
- 26: Inauguration of and presentation at NAPM's Jeevanotsav and Lokshahi Utsav, Pune (Ashish)
- 27: Lecture at Tata Institute of Social Sciences on Rights of Nature (Shrishtee)
- 31: Presentation on Ecosophy and Pannikar, by Aseem Shrivastava, in KV Pune

February

- 2-6: Korchi festival (Neema, Shrishtee)
- 3-6: Trip to Korchi to attend annual yatra and discuss the findings of the report (Shrishtee, Neema)
- 4-5: Presentation in panel discussion on 'Local Green Enterprises: Restructuring Gandhi's Gram Swaraj', and participation at Green Economy Network workshop, Delhi (Ashish)
- 5: Presentation on Ecoswaraj at Indian School of Development Management, NOIDA (Ashish)
- 6-9: Participation in Uttarakhand Bird Festival, Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve, Uttarakhand; collective action by guides to recognize nature trails for them; discussion on ethics of nature guiding (Sujatha, Shrishtee, Neema, Meenal, Ashish, Akshay, Hannah)
- 7-9: Pawalgarh Bird Festival (Neema, Akshay, Meenal)
- 10-12: Field visit to Corbett Tiger Reserve and meetings with forest department officials for Corbett Landscape Level Studies (Meenal, Akshay)
- 10-25: Field work to Corbett Tiger Reserve for Corbett Landscape Study (Akshay)
- 12: Presentation on Ecoswaraj, Teachers Against Climate Crisis, Delhi University (Ashish)
- 15: Visit to Deccan Development Society, Pastapur, Telangana, for 20th anniversary of Mobile Biodiversity Festivals (Ashish)
- 16-17: National Consultation on Community Forest Resource Management and Livelihood Opportunities at TISS, Mumbai-Presented KVs work on Protected Areas (Meenal)
- 17: Session with Karve College students re. KV (several Pune members)
- 25: Presentation on Food Sovereignty, Social Justice and Ecological Sustainability, at National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune (Ashish)
- 25-29: Youth Fest co-organised by several youth groups and ViKalp Sangam (Shrishtee)

March

- 2: Story telling session with Po Tricks His Foe at DSB International School, Mumbai, (Sharmila)
- 4: Presentation on Ecoswaraj, and Panel discussion on environmental justice at NALSAR Law University, Hyderabad (Ashish)
- 6: A symposium of Protected Areas and Community Conserved Areas (Neema)
- 6-7: Co-organising Dialogue on Rights of Rivers with International Rivers, LIFE, Gurgaon (UP) (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 7: Talk on Raika women and pastoralism at the Ecological Society, Pune (Meenal, Shruti)
- 7: Story telling session with Po Tricks His Foe at Cremon Montessori, Hyderabad (Sharmila)
- 9-10: Birding trip to Rumtse area, Ladakh (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 12-14: Preparatory meetings with CSOs for West Himalaya Vikalp Sangam; meeting with Lt. Governor on same, and presenting Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council case study, Leh (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 16: Presentation (online) on Ecoswaraj to Ambedkar University students (Ashish)
- 18: Discussion (online) on Ecoswaraj with students of Compassion and Social Communication, Xavier University, Odisha (Ashish)

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B. Alternatives

1. Peeyush Sekhsaria
2. Kaustubh Pandharipande
3. C.K. Ganguly
4. Ritu Priya
5. Abha Bhaya
6. Sabarmati Gurukulam
7. Dr. Regi George
8. Gunasekaran

C. KV General

1. Prajakta Vyahare

LIST OF FUNDERS 2019-20

1. Heinrich Boll Foundation
2. MISEREOR
3. ICCA Consortium
4. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT)
5. Rights & Resources Initiative
6. International Social Science Council (ISSC)

7. KNA Foundation
8. Global Green Grants
9. Sahyadri School
10. Vasundhara
11. Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies
12. Sir Dorabji TATA Trust
13. Foundation for Ecological Security
14. Nur University
15. United Nations Office for the Project Services (UNOPS)
16. World Wide Fund (WWF)
17. Keystone Foundation

Part F: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

KALPAVRIKSH Income & Expenditure Account For the financial year 2019-20

SN	Particulars	For 2019-20	For 2018-19
		Total (₹)	Total (₹)
A.	Income		
	Sales	2,40,417	3,72,520
	Grants utilised	1,58,00,978	1,18,20,944
	Donations received	25,233	78,710
	Fees from Activities	-	10,500
	Income from publications	5,95,044	3,38,585
	Other Income		
	-Interest Income	2,33,632	1,75,365
	-Membership Fees	22,885	19,000
	Total Income	1,69,18,190	1,28,15,624
B	Expenditure		
	Staff Payments and Benefits	8,44,730	4,38,391
	Professional Fees	73,41,715	69,90,880
	Rent, Rates and Taxes	1,29,026	4,17,928
	Communication Expenses	15,86,714	1,23,932
	Printing and Stationary	11,79,588	80,431
	Electricity expenses	2,309	13,660
	Travelling and conveyance expenses	45,09,111	20,11,707
	Remuneration to Auditors	59,000	59,000
	Other Expenses	11,82,680	21,67,574
	Repairs and Maintenance	23,780	31,289
	Depreciation for the year	33,507	44,547
	Total Expenditure	1,68,92,160	1,23,79,339
C	Surplus / (Deficit) (A - B)	26,029	4,36,285

As per our attached report of even date

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KALPAVRIKSH
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As on 31st March 2020

SN	Particulars	Sch No.	(₹) As on 31st March '20		(₹) As on 31st March '19	
A	Sources of Funds					
I.	Trust Fund			2,26,314		2,26,314
II.	General Fund					
	Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		32,57,347		28,21,062	
	Add: Surplus for the year		26,029		4,36,285	
	Add: Deposit Adjustment		-			
	Less: TDS balances written off		-			
	Closing balance			32,83,376		32,57,347
III.	Restricted Funds					
	Conditional Donations and Grants	1		49,58,865		33,02,337
	TOTAL I + II + III + IV			84,68,555		67,85,998
B.	Application of Funds					
I.	Fixed Assets	2		1,30,708		1,48,885
II.	Investments in Bank Fixed Deposits	3		17,65,283		12,08,901
	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	72,68,050		55,81,801	
	Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	6,95,486		1,53,589	
III.	Net Current Assets			65,72,564		54,28,212
IV.	Notes to Accounts	5				
	TOTAL V + VI + VII + VIII			84,68,555		67,85,998

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