



# Kalpavriksh

## Annual Report 2021-22

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## 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). While its offices are currently in Pune, its members are based across India and some other countries.

## Philosophy

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

## Governance

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

## Functioning

Core functions include general administration, website administration, finance, accounts and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office. Projects and activities are related to the following themes.

- A. Environment Education
- B. Conservation and Livelihoods
- C. Environment and Development
- D. Alternatives

# Annual General Body Meeting

## **Governing Body (Core Group) Members**

1. Neema Pathak Broome (Secretary)
2. Akshay Chettri
3. Anuradha Arjunwadkar (Treasurer)
4. Milind Wani
5. Tanya Majmudar
6. Meenal Tatpati
7. Sujatha Padmanabhan
8. Pradeep Chavan
9. Shrishtee Bajpai
10. Sharmila Deo
11. Kanchi Kohli
12. Ashish Kothari
13. Radhika Mulay

## **Auditor**

Paresh Sarda, CA, 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.

### **Pune Committee**

Meenal Tatpati (Presiding Officer), Prajakta Kulkarni, Shruti Ajit, Milind Wani, Advocate Rama Sarode as an external expert.

### **Delhi Committee**

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

The annual meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, in which the ICC was reconstituted for the year 2021-22. The same members were asked to continue for a year. An orientation session was also done with the staff, members and interns where Advocate Rama Sarode reiterated provisions of the Act and also shared some of her experiences of the Act being used in different cases.

# PART A:

## PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/CAMPAIGNS

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### A. Environment Education

#### A.1 Children's Books

Coordinators	Sujatha Padmanabhan and Tanya Majmudar
Support Team	Tejaswini Apte-Rahm, Yashodara Kundaji, Meenal Tatpati, Neeraj Vaghlikar
Year of Commencement	August 2019
Year of Completion	March 2022 (including a no-cost extension period)
Total Funds Sanctioned	Rs. 21,00,000 (from start of project in 2019) - Tata Trusts Rs. 105000 (partial support for printing since start of project) - Kalpavriksh
Funding Agency	Sir Dorabji Tata Trusts

##### A.1a New Releases

The following new books were developed, printed and released in this period:

1. *A New Home For Ajiri* by Sandip Virmani; illustrated by Niloufer Wadia
2. *Chitty - A Dog And Her Forest Farm* by Serow; illustrated by Rajiv Eipe
3. *Pedru and The Big Boom* by Nandita da Cunha; illustrations by Niharika Shenoy
4. *The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree* by Tanya Majmudar; illustrations by Rajiv Eipe

On-line releases were held for the first three books in collaboration with Story Station.

#### A.2 Children's Book - Miscellaneous Activities

Coordinators	Sujatha Padmanabhan and Tanya Majmudar
Support Team	Neeraj Vaghlikar, Sharmila Deo, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Meenal Tatpati, Pradeep Chavan
Year of Commencement	ongoing
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	Rs. 3,84,438

Funding Agency	Kalpavriksh
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## A.2a Reprints

The following children's titles were reprinted during this period:

1. *The Poop Book!*
2. *Ghost of the Mountains*
3. *Something to Chew On*

## A.2b Awards and Recognition

The following awards were won/recognition conferred:

1. *The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street* won the Neev Book Award 2021 for the Emerging Reader category. It was also on the Parag Honor List 2021 and was shortlisted for WWF Greenlitfest Honour Book Award 2021.
2. *Saahi's Quest* was chosen as one of the Honour Books at the WWF Green Literature Festival, 2021.
3. *Travelling Seeds* was longlisted for the WWF Greenlitfest Honour Book Award 2021.
4. *The Poop Book* was shortlisted for the Jarul award 2021-22
5. *Pedru and The Big Boom* was part of the longlist for The Auther Awards 2022 for Best Author Children's Category.

## A.2c Marketing, Promotions and Distribution

### Reviews:

1. Reviews published in Sustainability Next

*Chitty – A Dog and Her Forest Farm* (<https://sustainabilitynext.in/a-dog-eyed-view-of-nature/>)

*Saahi's Quest* (<https://sustainabilitynext.in/tales-from-a-dragonfly/>)

*People and Wildlife* (<https://sustainabilitynext.in/of-human-animal-co-existence/>)

2. Reviews of *Pedru And The Big Boom* in:

Book Club Book Nerd Review

(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-6jRdgi0tcNbTn9oPOBPdWAusKwL4Sx-/edit>)

India Currents

(<https://indiacurrents.com/south-asian-ya-books-that-stole-2021/>)

Grey Matters: <https://www.facebook.com/112927823794981/posts/489731906114569/?d=n>

Kids Book Cafe (Deeksha):

<https://www.kidsbookcafe.com/review-pedru-and-the-big-boom/>

Bookish Soul [https://www.instagram.com/p/CXTSR40MQJA/?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CXTSR40MQJA/?utm_medium=copy_link)

Divit on Kids Book Cafe:

<https://www.kidsbookcafe.com/wanna-be-a-part-of-the-khoji-gang-pedru-and-the-big-boom-review/>



### 3. Review of *The Miracle On Sunderbaag Street*

House Full of Books

<https://housefulofbooks.substack.com/p/the-miracle-on-sunderbaag-street>

The Book Chief

[https://www.amazon.in/gp/customer-reviews/R47DCTPVNWAAL?ref=pf\\_vv\\_at\\_pdctrvw\\_srp](https://www.amazon.in/gp/customer-reviews/R47DCTPVNWAAL?ref=pf_vv_at_pdctrvw_srp)

### 4. Review of *The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree*

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CenOPHnoDzW/?igshid=ZjhmMmE0MjU>

#### **Promotional events:**

1. *A New Home For Ajiri* on-line book release held on 4th Sept 2021 in collaboration with Story Station's Katha Mehfil. Session by Sandip Virmani and Niloufer Wadia
2. *Ghost of the Mountains* session at Bookaroo, Delhi on 27th Nov 2021 by Sujatha Padmanabhan
3. *The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street* at Bookaroo, Delhi on 27th Nov 2021 by Nandita da Cunha
4. *Pedru and the Big Boom* book release by Swati Roy at Bookaroo, Delhi on 27th Nov 2022 and session by Nandita da Cunha
5. *Pedru and The Big Boom* on-line book release held on 12th Feb 2022 in collaboration with Story Station's Katha Mehfil. Session by Nandita da Cunha and Niharika Shenoy
6. *Chitty - A Dog And Her Forest Farm* on-line book release held on Jan 29th 2022 in collaboration with Story Station's Katha Mehfil. Session by Serow and Rajiv Eipe
7. Our books were displayed and sold at the Guwahati Book Fair held from 29th December 2021 to 9th January 2022
8. *People and Wildlife* was featured in the Ethnicity category of the Diversity Section of the book art exhibition of Parag Initiative's Big Little Book Award
9. Nature writing for children series by Azim Premji University: talk by Sujatha Padmanabhan and Tanya Majmudar on March 31st 2022

## **A.2d Regional Language Translations**

1. *People and Wildlife* translated into Marathi by Jyotsna Prakashan
2. *Travelling Seeds*, *Shero to the Rescue*, *Saahi's Quest*, *The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street*, and *The Poop Book* were translated into Tibetan by the Department of Education, Tibetan Govt in Exile.
3. Drafts of Hindi translations of *Critters Around Our Homes* and *Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes* reviewed by respective authors

## B. Conservation and Livelihoods

Coordinators	Neema Pathak Broome
Team	Milind Wani, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Pradeep Chavan, Meenal Tatpati, Tanya Majmudar, Shruti Ajit, Subhash Dolas, Akshay Chettri, Rudrath Avinashi
Year of Commencement	-
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	\$19,000 (ICCA Consortium for 21-22 and partially for 22-23) INR 76,12,000 (PHF for over 2 years from Oct 2020- Sept 2022) INR 4,50,000 (Holdeen)
Funding Agency	ICCA Consortium Paul Hamlyn Foundation Holdeen

### B.1 Community Conserved Areas

Coordinators	Neema Pathak Broome
Team	Shruti Ajit, Tanya Majmudar, Rudrath Avinashi
Year of Commencement	N/A
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	-
Funding Agency	ICCA Consortium Paul Hamlyn Foundation Holdeen

#### B.1a Outreach and Information Exchange on CCAs

##### CCA Web Portal

Kalpavriksh, along with Seva Mandir, Strand Life Sciences and other partners has developed a web portal to host an interactive map and documentation on CCAs in India. The structure, technological functionalities and questionnaires for on-ground data collection were developed by the team.

A national level consultation was held on 4th July '21 with about 30 participants from India who are working with communities and community conserved areas in various capacities. Apart from introducing them to the portal, there were rich discussions on data collection methodologies, ownership and FPIC process. Another consultation was held on 26th Aug 21 with groups from Finland, Indonesia and Spain, who are working on similar processes of mapping and documentation, to try to understand their methodologies and challenges. Through these, the structure of the portal was

finalised and a beta version of the portal was launched in Dec '21. It can be accessed here: [communityconservedareas.org](http://communityconservedareas.org).

The CCA web portal is constantly evolving in terms of its design, methodology and information collection tools. It now hosts more than 200 CCAs within India. This data was collected through commissioning case studies to individuals and local organisations working on ground, in addition to collating previously published information.

A few case studies on CCAs were commissioned for inclusion on the web portal as well as on the website of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations – India to be included in their repository of case studies for best practices for ecosystem restoration.

## Webinars

- **[Virtual workshop on rangelands and pastoralism in Asia](#)** - 16th July 2021 - Kalpavriksh as part of the facilitation team with other regional coordinator of Asia Pacific region of ICCA Consortium organised a virtual workshop to highlight the needs, challenges and resilient adaptation methods pastoral communities have and also extend solidarity and support towards the International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists, 2026 which was later passed by the UN General Assembly in October 2021.

To read the summary report of the workshop click here:

<https://www.iccaconsortium.org/index.php/2021/07/23/pastoral-communities-territories-of-life-in-asia-voices-of-coexistence/>

- **[Conservation of Greater Adjutant Stork through People's Movement in Assam](#)** - 19th Sep '21. This was organised through a collaboration with Vikalp Sangam.
- **[Understanding the Draft Biodiversity \(Amendment\) Bill 2021 - January '22](#)**. The amendment aims to dilute the vision and mission of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 (BDA 2002). The speaker was Ritwick Dutta, an Environmental Lawyer with Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment.
- **[Understanding the 30x30 Conservation Target under the Post 2020 GBF and OECMs in the context of India - Feb '22](#)** with Ameyali Ramos, International Policy Coordinator for ICCA Consortium and Dr Vinod B Mathur, Chairperson of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). The webinar was aimed at addressing points which were: What is Target 3 (under the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework which is going to be discussed in the Conference of Parties to be held in Kunming China), commonly known as the '30 by 30' target, what its implications could be and what the current global debates about it are, particularly in the context of the indigenous peoples and local communities.

## Groups

Kalpavriksh is the South Asia Region Coordinator for the ICCA Consortium. As part of our responsibilities towards this, several Whatsapp Groups and email list-serves are being managed by Kalpavriksh for sharing of news and updates across India and other South Asian countries.

## B.1b Strengthening the CCA Network in the Region

- As members of the ICCA Consortium, Kalpavriksh participated in secretariat meetings, review meetings and contributed to reflection processes.

- A virtual meeting of the Regional Coordination Committee was held on 9th October 2021, attended by individuals from India, Bangladesh and Nepal. People shared updates of their work. Jailab Rai made a presentation on the Nepal Chapter of ICCA Consortium, and a discussion was held on the possibility of having similar processes in other countries and among other themes. Potential new members for both the ICCA Consortium and the regional committee were discussed. Initial thoughts on a regional assembly were shared.
- Kalpavriksh became part of the coordination committee of Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) India Chapter. There have been state level chapters that have been initiated within GYBN India and activities that have been undertaken by the youth representatives of the respective state chapters. We helped organise workshops aimed towards sending recommendations for the Post 2020 CBD Framework. We had also tried to initiate a conversation with GYBN representatives of Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal to plan future collaborative activities at South Asia Level.
- Kalpavriksh, as part of the Women Caucus and as a member for Women4biodiversity has been following the issues of gender with the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Kalpavriksh is also trying to initiate a dialogue with women groups in India on the Global Biodiversity Framework as well as other CBD processes.
- New members and honorary members were added to the Consortium from the South Asia region during this period.
- Kalpavriksh is also helping coordinate participation of members from India and South Asia in ICCA Consortium's initiative for Asia grasslands group.
- Global Initiative for pastoral territories of life: Kalpavriksh as the South Asia Regional Coordinator has been engaging with the other regional coordinators of the Asia Pacific region to work on the Global Initiative on Pastoral Territories of Life building on an on-going process where we had organised a webinar in July 2021. This process aims to highlight the role of pastoral communities defending and sustaining their territories of life and will include activities that will complement the work leading upto 2026 which is declared as the International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists.

## **B.1d On-Ground Support to CCAs**

- Kalpavriksh provided fellowship support to 4 community leaders (including two women) in Korchi taluka towards their self-strengthening processes.
- Kalpavriksh provided fellowships for women leaders of Sarmoli Van Panchayat for their self-strengthening and conservation processes.
- Kalpavriksh extended support to Foundation for Economic and Ecological Development (FEED), for community-based documentation of grassland, wetland and forest based CCAs in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.
- Three fellowships were started for youth leaders from the Van Gujjar pastoralist community in and around the landscapes of Rajaji National Park and Corbett National Park in the state of Uttarakhand in India.
- Kalpavriksh supported the CCAs defending their territories, particularly the Orans in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan

- Kalpavriksh provided advisory support to many potential and existing CCAs on securing their lands and territories from external threats.
- Elopa and Etugu villages in the state of Arunachal Pradesh declared a part of their traditional territory as a CCA in June 2022. We have been in touch with them in an advisory capacity for over three years towards this declaration. We are on the advisory committee of the CCA.

For more information see:

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2022/06/04/elopa-and-etugu-villagers-declare-ancestral-land-as-community-conserved-area/>

## B.2 Protected Area Governance

Coordinators	Neema Pathak Broome
Team	Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit, Akshay Chettri
Year of Commencement	2020
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	-
Funding Agency	Paul Hamlyn Foundation

This project is part of the Conservation and Livelihoods programme focusing on democratic governance in Protected Areas in India through research and documentation, networking and advocacy.

### B.2a Engagement with Laws and Policies on Protected Areas

The team continues to track changes in laws and policies on parks and people issues looking at policy legislations as well as implementation on ground.

1. Updating a database on Protected Areas on declaration and expansion of Protected Areas, displacement of communities through relocations and evictions and the implementation status of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA) 2006, in Protected Areas.
2. Tracking government documents such as notifications, circulars, meeting minutes etc on issues around Protected Areas and FRA.
3. The team conducted a webinar on the Wildlife Protection Act 2021 Draft Amendment Bill with Ritwick Dutta, LIFE and sent comments to the Standing Committee on the proposed provisions.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQN2ezPVu\\_E&t=3254s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQN2ezPVu_E&t=3254s)

4. The team published a report on the process of declaration of a tiger reserve in India under the Wildlife Protection Act with case studies from Tadoba-Andheri Tiger Reserve and Melghat Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra.



5. Team members took part in a webinar conducted by the Indian Youth Biodiversity Network (IYBN) on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on issues around Protected Areas and Community Conserved Areas.

## **B.2b Documenting and Mapping of Conflicts in Protected Areas**

Due to technical difficulties, the conflict map has not been updated as proposed earlier. However, the team has continued to track news and information on Protected Areas and continues to share information with other stakeholders. Currently, the team is working on ways to make the information available online.

## **B.2c Legal Interventions and On-ground Investigations**

**Corbett-Rajaji Landscape Research and Advocacy:** The team conducted its first field visit to Corbett post Covid, in December 2021. A report and dossier on documents collected over the three years is in progress. The findings of the report and dossier will be shared with local communities and partners in the region upon completion. The team has also partnered with Van Gujjar Yuva Tribal Sangathan on the formulation of a CFR Management plan for the Van Gujjars in Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

**Kumbhalgarh Landscape Research and Advocacy:** With reports of the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary being converted into a tiger reserve, fieldwork was carried out by the team to gather more information and documents on the process from 4<sup>th</sup> October-9th October 2021. The team visited the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) in Rajsamand and toured the Sanctuary to document signs of violations of the Forest Rights Act and Wildlife Protection Act. With the support of local team members, 12 gram sabha resolutions against the proposed tiger reserve have been sent to the local and state authorities and NTCA. The team is also engaged in creating awareness about the proposed tiger reserve among local Adivasi villages in Pali, Rajsamand and Udaipur districts. The team has collected video interviews which are being compiled into a film.

**Fact-finding in Bandh Bartha WLS:** In July 2021, the Protected Area governance team at Kalpavriksh came across news reports about the Band Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan. The reports pointed out that a substantial portion of the wildlife sanctuary had been denotified since it falls under two sandstone mining blocks from which sandstone is to be supplied to build the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. It appeared that the forest department had circumvented the processes required to denotify the area and had also notified another area as part of the WLS. At the same time, several violations of the FRA were noted in the forest clearance process.

Kalpavriksh put together a preliminary note on some of the alleged violations and sought a meeting with activists and researchers working within Rajasthan, including KRAPAVIS and PUCL. A local team was formed which decided to carry out a preliminary survey of the area and talk to some of the villagers. However, due to the sensitivity of the issue and panchayat elections in the area, the local team organized a meeting in Jaipur so that villagers from the area could come and talk to the team. The villagers and the team have had a preliminary meeting regarding highlighting the violations in the area and carrying out advocacy around this issue. They decided that it would be easier to focus on the protected area-related violation rather than the forest diversion-related issues since this is a highly sensitive topic to deal with.

Kalpavriksh has been supporting the process by meeting expenses related to local planning and training meetings and travel of the team. From 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 the team visited the

Masalpur area of Kairoli district proposed to be notified as a part of the Bandh Baretha Sanctuary to compensate for the denotified blocks. They had meetings with the local villagers and the ACCF and Chief Wildlife Warden. The local team is helping the villagers come up with an appropriate advocacy strategy.

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

Coordinator	Neema Pathak Broome
Team	Meenal Tatpati, Neema Pathak Broome, Neeraj Vagholikar (on advisory basis)
Year of Commencement	N/A
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	4,60,000
Funding Agency	PHF

Kalpavriksh continues to monitor FAC minutes, major policy updates, circulars, judgments to collate and share information with relevant groups. In the current phase, proposals for diversion in protected areas as well as dereservation for relocations from PAs are being tracked closely. Policy documents are being collated. The team has been in touch with community members from Dzongu, Sikkim and Pench Tiger Reserve on FCA-FRA issues. A short note was also circulated with all the relevant information on denotification of land on Bandh Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary for mining with local civil society groups.

## **B.4 Bhimashankar Conservation and Livelihoods Programme**

Coordinators	Milind Wani
Team	Pradeep Chavan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Sushma Gaikwad, Neema Pathak Broome
Others involved	Nidhi Agarwal (External consultant for translations), Surhud Gokhale (Research Intern)
Year of Commencement	2006
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	1,35,000 Euro (For the three year period December 2017 – February 2021)
Funding Agency	Misereor

## B.4a Documentation and Outreach Service in Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

Coordinators	Pradeep Chavan
Team	Subhash Dolas, Manda Kathe, Parvata Wanghare
Advisory and Support Team	Neema Pathak and Milind Wani
Year of Commencement	2008
Year of Completion	Ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned for the year	This is a part of Bhimashankar Conservation and Livelihoods Programme which is funded by Misereor
Funding Agency	Misereor

### Developments

#### Capacity Building

1. Following up with District Collector office, Pune and with Sub Divisional office Rajgurunagar regarding the 5 remaining CFR claims of Yelavali, Garbewadi, Bhivegaon, Bhomale (Lower), and Pabhe villages in Rajgurunagar Taluka of Pune District. These claims were sent back by both DLC and SDLC committees to the respective villages twice. We worked on those and sent them back to SDLC in March 2022.
2. Helping Kisan Sabha in FRA implementation in Ambegaon and Shirur Talukas of Pune district as and when required.
3. We were the co-organizer, with local SHGs of Bhomale (Lower) village in organizing a Wild vegetable festival cum workshop on Eco-sensitive Zone and Snake bite awareness at Bhomale (Lower) village. Women from all SHGs of all 7 villages participated in this.
4. With the help of Rajgurunagar Panchayat Samiti (Block Panchayat), we organized a workshop on the women SHGs role in the local microfinance and in local livelihoods generation on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
5. We have succeeded in establishing the Women Federation of all SHGs in these 6 villages. Now we are working on linking this and SHGs with the existing Government schemes and programmes like National Rural Livelihoods mission (NRLM), Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) etc. to create local resources based livelihoods options.
6. We had conducted several meetings with Bhomale (U) and Kharpud villages regarding starting the process of Micro planning for their "CFR" in which they chose 4 persons in each village to initiate the CFR management processes.
7. We are continuing to facilitate and organizing regular meetings with women on different issues and relevant schemes and programmes for women empowerment
8. During the reporting period, we continued to conduct several formal and informal discussions with local farmers on the use of local seeds for sowing and their nutritional and health

benefits and also discussed the importance of the use of Natural Farming Techniques suggested by Subhash Palekarji.

9. With the help of Sahyadri School, we distributed local vegetable seeds to 56 women for their kitchen gardens. We also distributed some local rice variety seeds to 5 farmers.
10. With the help of Wada village based Maha-e-seva centre (Centre for getting online various government certificates), we organized three camps in Bhomale (L), Bhorgiri and Kharpud on 11, 18 and 23 November 2021 respectively
11. We have some Katkari (PVTG) families in Bhomale, Bhorgiri and Kharpud villages. These people are always migrating to earn their bread and butter. Hence they do not have necessary government records, documents and certificates like Aadhar card, ration card, pan card, caste certificates etc. Hence with the help of Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) office, Ghodegaon and Tahasil office (Block Administration office) of Rajgurunagar, we facilitated and organized a government camp for these people to get necessary government documents.
12. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid pandemic, local communities were very scared about the rapid spread of the disease and were not ready to take vaccines as there were some rumors spread about the ill effects of the vaccine. Hence a lot of people felt unsafe about it. Therefore, we conducted door to door visits to all 7 villages for the awareness and distributed hand sanitizers, masks and Vaccination awareness booklets and encouraged them to take vaccines.
13. With the funding support from Selco Foundation, Bengaluru; Indian for Collective Action, USA and Apulki foundation, Pune; we facilitated and distributed two rounds of grocery kits to 466 families of all 7 villages in June and August 2021 respectively.
14. With the help of Selco foundation, we have succeeded in getting solar pumps for both Yelavali and Bhomale (Upper) villages. These pumps have been successfully installed. After installation, Yelavali village needed pipes for taking water for both hamlets of Yelavali. Subhash, our local team member, put this request on Facebook and succeeded in getting 2000 feet pipelines for both hamlets from Rotary Club of Rajgurunagar.
14. We have been regularly conducting regular meetings on different issues with villagers and other relevant government agencies. Forest Department, Block Development office, Agriculture department and
15. Printed a booklet on “local agricultural diversity of Bhimashankar”.

## B.4b Honey Bee Conservation

Coordinators	Pradeep Chavan
Team	Subhash Dolas, Manda Kathe, Parvata Wanghare, Daulat Bhagit
Advisory and Support Team	Neema Pathak Broome and Milind Wani
Year of Commencement	2013
Year of Completion	Ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned for the year	500000 (June 2019 – May 2021)
Funding Agency	Duleep Matthai fellowship programme

## Developments

1. Facilitated the meetings and discussions with Honey harvesters on the conservation of bees and their habitats. Had some meetings with Honey harvesters regarding the better honey harvesting practices.
2. Revival and conservation of Honey bees' habitats. Repaired and revived more than 30 destroyed habitats of *Apis cerana* honey bees in Yelavali forest area. Out of which only 16 are acquired by the bees. According to the honey harvester this year also the Bhimashankar area witnessed very less honey bees and less honey yield.
3. Facilitating the Honey enterprise by Jai Sadguru Women Self Help Group.

## B.4c On-ground Support (Wild Foods, Natural Farming, Agricultural Diversity)

Coordinators	Neema Pathak
Team	Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, Manda Kathe, Parvata Wanghare,
Advisory and Support Team	Neema Pathak and Milind Wani
Year of Commencement	2020
Year of Completion	Ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned for the year	7,85,000 (October 2020 – September 2022)
Funding Agency	Paul Hamlyn Foundation

## Developments

1. Facilitating the process of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA in the villages). Spreading awareness amongst the villagers regarding NREGA.
2. Following up with BDO, Tahsildar, Forest department, Agriculture department and Assistant Project officer of NREGA to implement the necessary activities in all 7 villages.
3. Conducted multiple trainings for Bhimashankar Team on the NREGA at Pune.
4. Our local team members took part in Women *gram Sabhas* and also in main *Gram Sabhas* (Village Assemblies) of *Kharpud*, *Bhorgiri* and *Bhomale Gram Panchayats* and presented the potential of individual and community works to be undertaken under the NREGA.
5. To address the local issues in implementation of the NREGA, we were continuously in dialogue with Mrs. Sneha Deo, Block Development Officer (BDO and in-charge NREGA Pune District) and Assistant Project Officer (APO) of Panchayat Samitee (Block Panchayat).
6. *Pune Zila Parishad* (District Panchayat) organized a meeting with several NGOs (including us) working in Pune district and requested them to implement NREGA for the village, Agriculture and forest development. Klpavriksh was part of this meeting and was the non-financial partner with Pune Zila Parishad for the year 2021-22.
7. To assess the potential works and labour availability, in June 2021, we conducted a house to house survey in the above mentioned all seven villages and listed out the individual and



community works to be undertaken in the future. We also filled the individual forms and submitted the same to *Bhomale* and *Kharpud Gramsevak*s.

8. We also met the Manager of Bank of Maharashtra, *Dehane* branch to allow people to open individual bank accounts. But people were facing rejection from the bank afterwards. Hence we met Post offices i.e. *Bhorgiri* and *Kude* and requested them to organize camps for opening individual bank accounts which they agreed and managed to open almost more than 150 bank accounts.
9. We have facilitated several meetings with Farmers from Kharpud, Bhomale (U) and Bhivegaon to explore the “Panand Road”(road towards water bodies and agricultural fields) under NREGA, but the process could not move forward due to various reasons
10. In August 2021, we conducted house to house visits to collect all the documents required for the Bamboo plantations and Farm bund individual claims under NREGA and did thorough work to finalize the application. We did intensive follow up with Gram Sevak of Bhorgiri to submit these claims to the Panchayat Samitee. He submitted them in May 2022.
11. On the basis of the Job card list, we created a list of people who do not have job cards. We conducted several visits to their families and also filled the job card forms, collected necessary documents and photographs and submitted them to the Panchayat Samitee. More than 80 families got their new job cards, which will be helpful to them to avail employment under the NREGA.
12. We also succeeded in organizing 5 camps with the help of the Postal bank for opening of individual bank accounts, in which more than 200 bank accounts have been opened.
13. We helped Bhomale, Kharpud and Bhorgiri Gram Panchayats to make their supplementary labour budget for the year of 2021-22 and new labour budget for the year 2022-23, in which we have included several activities for the natural resource management, village and agriculture development.
14. We also helped Agriculture department to implement “Padkai Scheme” for new agriculture land development in Kharpud and Mhasewadi villages, in which we have been succeeded in implementing 26 “Padkai Schemes” for leveling and creating new land for agriculture purpose.
15. “Padarwadi” is a very remote village near Bhimashankar temple. People from this village requested us to help them in getting job cards and opening individual bank accounts to avail the NREGA employment. We organized a camp on 20th January 2022.
16. We were successful in appointing Rojgar Sevak (NREGA assistant) for Bhomale, Kharpud and Bhorgiri after a lot of follow up with concern Gram Sevaks and Sarpanches.
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18. Meanwhile APO of Panchayat Samitee, requested us to submit the “soak pit” claim forms on an urgent basis. Our team worked hard on this and conducted house to house visits several times and submitted 136 claims from all 7 villages. This work will start soon.

## B.5 Protected Area Update Newsletters

Coordinators	Pankaj Sekhsaria
Team	Reshma Jathar
Others involved	Reshma Jathar
Year of Commencement	1994
Year of Completion	ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	5,00,000
Funding Agency	DMNCNT, WWF-India, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Individual donations

### B.5a PA Update

The following newsletters were published in the financial year 2021-22

1. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVII No. 3, June 2021 (No. 151)
2. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVII No. 4, August 2021 (No. 152)
3. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVII No. 5, October 2021 (No. 153)
4. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVII No. 6, December 2021 (No. 154)
5. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVIII No. 1, February 2022 (No. 155)
6. Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XXVIII No. 2, April 2022 (No. 156)

### B.5b Maharashtra Protected Area Newsletter (Marathi)

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra (In Marathi)

This is a new newsletter being produced with the support from the DMNCT.

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 is edited by Reshma Jathar with Pankaj Sekhsaria being the Associate Editor

#### Work done

Production and Printing of:

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra, Vol. 2, No. 1, April 2021 (No. 5)

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra, Vol. 2, No. 2, July 2021 (No. 6)

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra, Vol. 2, No. 3, October 2021 (No. 7)

Maharashtra Sanrakshit Kshetra Vartapatra, Vol. 3, No. 1, January 2022 (No. 8)

## C. Alternatives

### C.1 Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation, Networking, and Advocacy

<b>Coordinator</b>	Shrishtee Bajpai
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<b>Year of Commencement:</b>	Jan 2021
<b>Year of Completion:</b>	December 2021
<b>Funds Sanctioned:</b>	Rs. 37,16,007+10,42,333 (till March 2022)
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	Heinrich Boll Stiftung, India Centre

#### Project Activities:

#### C.1a Stories

As part of its ongoing attempt to document stories of alternatives in various parts of India, a media fellow, Baba Mayaram, was commissioned to write 8 stories in Hindi. They are published as:

- A. पर्यावरण-स्नेही प्राकृतिक खेती :[HTTPS://BIT.LY/2YMUIVG](https://bit.ly/2YMUIVG)
- B. सिर्फ दवा से ही नहीं, समुदाय से भी इलाज:  
<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-sirf-davaa-se-naheen-in-hindi/>
- C. झारखंडी आदिवासियों का महामारी से सामना  
:<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-jharkhandi-adivasiyon-ka-mahamari-se-saamna-in-hindi/>
- D. महामारी में आत्मनिर्भरता की पहल  
:<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-mahamari-mein-atmanirbharta/>
- E. हिमालय में प्रेरणा का संगम  
<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/himalaya-mein-prerna-ka-sangam-in-hindi/>
- F. देशज तकनीक से बना मिट्टी का घर  
<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/deshaj-taknik-se-bana-mitti-ka-ghar-in-hindi/>
- G. पहाड़ी महिलाओं की आत्मनिर्भर खेती  
<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-pahadi-mahilaon-ki-atmanirbhar-kheti-in-hindi/>
- H. महामारी में फुटपाथ की जिंदगी, 23 जनवरी, 2022.  
<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-mahamari-mein-footpath-ki-zindagi-in-hindi/>

## C.1b Western Himalayan Vikalp Sangam

(<https://vikalpsangam.org/western-himalaya-vikalp-sangam/>)

5 years ago, 15 organisations came together for the very first gathering of the Western Himalayan Vikalp Sangam (WHVS) - a confluence bringing together those working on alternative forms of economic development and governance in the region. In 2018, this collective grew to include more practitioners, thinkers, researchers, and others who were working on or imagining a different future for the mountain states in the Western Himalayas. Over the last two years, the group has been meeting to co-create different discussion notes on themes like Climate Change, Tourism, Agriculture/other livelihoods, and youth. In 2021, the third Western Himalayan Vikalp Sangam, was hosted from 21st -24th October 2021 at Devalsari in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. The Sangam was co-hosted by Kalpavriksh, Titli Trust, Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust, Sambhaavna Institute, School of Rural Development and Environment, South Asian Dialogue on Ecological Democracy, People's Science Institute, Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation, Mool Sustainability Research and Training Center, Jagori Grameen, Beej Bachao Andolan, IABT Foundation, The Himalaya Collective, and Maati Sangathan.

The Sangam brought together social activists, environmentalists, researchers, and practitioners from across the Western Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. The participants included people working on social movements, agrarian issues, sustainable rural livelihoods, environmental conservation, community-based tourism, youth issues, and education.

A number of follow-up actions were decided on. The link to the report: <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-outputs/>

## C.1c Vikalp Sangam Core Group Meeting

The Vikalp Sangam CG meeting was held from 28th-29th October, 2021 at Christian Retreat Centre, Dehradun which was attended by 35 CG members representing 20 member organisations, movements and networks. Due to ongoing fears related to Covid, some other members could not come. Some reflections that emerged from the meeting are:

1. Plan programmes to be holistic across sectors/thematic groups within regions
2. Propose and take responsibility for things we are passionate about – lead from the heart
3. Add space for deeper reflection on overall national/global context in VSs; also space for going deeper into topics, e.g through book reading
4. Clearer ideas on VS structure: how to improve, decentralize, etc
5. Ways to keep our humanity alive in our networking and actions; and more activities like 'senior-junior' interactions
6. Each annual CG meeting can consider a declaration on overall context and common issues, and plan to deal with these in coming year
7. Each CG meeting can also have a 'fun' or practical activity that also involves local community
8. Improve transmission of understanding on CG info/news/functions within each organization to ensure continuity when representative is changing

## C.1d Study on the Goba - traditional governance system - in Ladakh

Several indigenous and other nature-dependent communities in India have had their own systems of local governance as unwritten or sometimes written codes of conduct and decision making. These forums have informed peoples interaction with the fellow community members as well as the rest of nature. Many communities in Central India, North-east India, and the Western Himalayas have had village councils and village headmen (usually an elder) who would form the foundation of self-governance. Broadly, these councils or individuals are responsible for conflict resolution, management of village commons, agriculture activities, and religious/spiritual ceremonies. The Goba system in Ladakh is one such traditional governance system still in practice.

This case study, carried out by Kalpavriksh in collaboration with Snow Leopard Conservancy - India Trust, Local Futures Ladakh, Ladakh Media and Arts Organization, and Nature Conservation Foundation, builds on existing literature available on the goba system (very limited), as also Kalpavriksh's previous engagements in Ladakh. The study has attempted to document the goba system, its current status, and its interface with other governing bodies - panchayat, council and the UT administration. The study is part of the larger effort to document traditional governance systems in different parts of India. The first phase of the study is over, and after some more field work in mid-2022, it will be finalised.

## C.1e COVID resilience stories from the North East

The publication *Extraordinary Work of Ordinary People* (EWOP) is a compilation of stories of resilience and alternatives by local/ rural/ semi-urban based communities at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic (<https://vikalpsangam.org/extraordinary-work-of-ordinary-people-a-series/>). The current (6<sup>th</sup>) volume is focused on the north eastern states and contains the following 8 stories from the region (<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/pandemic-resilience-in-north-east-india/>):

Sl No	Name of initiative	Brief description	State
1	Northeast Network	NEN's work on supporting local livelihoods	Nagaland
2	Fertile Ground	The efforts to revive traditional agricultural practices in Assam and its benefits to farmers during the pandemic	Assam
3	Hargila Army	The conservation efforts of the women who form the Hargila Army in protecting the Greater Adjutant Stork; how their efforts helped them during the pandemic	Assam
4	Thanamir Apples	community initiatives in this village that helped in strengthening local livelihoods	Nagaland
5	Spread NE	The work of Spread NE in the area of agro-tourism, local livelihoods and health care services during the pandemic.	Assam



6	Farm on Wheels	The efforts of the local community in using vehicles to connect to consumers, with help from NESFAS	Meghalaya
7	SeSTA	Nutritional Gardens and Food Security	Tripura
8	Farm2food	Food and nutrition gardens, with a focus on supporting tea garden workers in Assam.	Assam

The volume has been printed and is being distributed among VS members and others interested.

## C.1f Ladakh Food Vikalp Sangam, 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

The Ladakh Vikalp Sangam on Food & Agriculture was co-organised by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Agr. Dept of Ladakh UT, Local Futures Ladakh, Snow Leopard Conservancy - India Trust, Ladakh Art and Media Organisation, and Kalpavriksh, at Saboo village. A part of the funds for this, related to travel of KV members, was taken from the HBF grant and KV's general alternatives budget; other funds were raised by collaborating organisations. The focus of the Sangam was on how to implement Ladakh's Mission Organic (target to make the region 100% organic by 2025), along with saving its food traditions, sustaining livelihoods, and protecting its fragile ecology. A detailed discussion was facilitated on imagining and re-defining the wellbeing of Ladakh (in the context of agro-tourism, food and pastoralism). A number of follow-up actions have emerged that will be taken up by the Council and civil society groups. The Sangam saw active participation of farmers, NGOs, scientists, food entrepreneurs, govt officials and the Exec. Councillor (Agr), though a sudden COVID scare necessitated a last-minute change of venue, and restricted participation to some extent. All of this was accompanied by displays of organic / local produce, and of course, delicious traditional lunches! And a trip to the farms of organic farmers in Saboo village.

A report is available at:

<https://vikalpsangam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Ladakh-Vikalp-Sangam-on-Food-and-Agriculture-19-20-Sep-2021-Saboo-village-in-Ladakh.pdf>

In relation to this process, drafting of a Ladakh Well-being and Happiness Index began in August 2021. A first partial draft was discussed at the Sangam in September, and has been revised subsequently. It is under further development and will be finalised as a first full draft in late 2022.

## C1.g Bioregionalism working group

The South Asia Bioregionalism Working Group group has emerged from conversations at a Democracy Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives Confluence) organised in October 2019, as part of the Vikalp Sangam process in India, on the need to re-conceptualise political boundaries from an ecological and cultural perspective.

The group has been active for the last couple of months and would like to ground the understanding of developing a bioregionalist approach in South Asia from those practicing and/or conceiving it. The group co-organised an online event on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, to discuss the understanding from different groups/individuals on bioregionalist approaches.

These are few initial grounding questions that were explored-

*What does bioregionalism mean to you?*

*How do you define your approach as similar/different from the bioregional approach?*

*If different, what are the advantages in your approach as against a bioregional approach?*

*What are the possibilities and challenges in applying a bioregionalist perspective to different geographic contexts?*

The report is at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m4UOoujiMdDxuUscbnBzPqSL0-I2zc9MtMC0qA6drcw/edit>

The group intends to generate and strengthen the following:

- Knowledge creation and awareness of a bioregionalist approach to democratic decision-making in South Asia. Understanding and highlighting traditional/local systems of decision making and their ecological connections; revitalising democracy by re-situating ecology in individuals' lives.
- Advocacy to integrate a bioregionalist perspective into policy, governance, socio-ecological-political structures, and community thinking.
- People-to-people communication/collaborations across current political and administrative boundaries.
- Efforts at envisioning, and working towards, the dissolving or porousness of current political and administrative boundaries where they are inappropriate or violative of bioregional principles, and their replacement by bioregional governance - for example - systems constituted around river basins that cut across current nation-state boundaries - as an ultimate goal.
- Support systems for communities, movements, and groups working on the ground.

In order to attain the above goals, the working group intends to establish or strengthen collaboration with several existing forums, such as the Rights of Rivers South Asia process, the West Himalaya Vikalp Sangam process, the South Asia Vikalp Sangam process, the Pakistan-India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy, the People's SAARC, ICCA Consortium's South Asia network, amongst others.

Four projects are being carried out under the group:

- a. Mapping of bioregions in pre-independent India
- b. History of regionalization of Teesta basin
- c. Process Documentation of the group
- d. Bioregional perspectives in marine areas

## **C1.h Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives Confluences) website**

**[www.vikalpsangam.org](http://www.vikalpsangam.org)**

The Vikalp Sangam website has been re-constructed, with an improved look, shareability, search function, and back-end support. It has more visitation than before and greater engagement from VSCG members. Some highlights:

- There are nearly 1800 stories and perspective pieces and case studies on the website. Resources and Event announcements are also being regularly posted.
- Vikalp-sangam-list@googlegroups.com consists of nearly 800 members and various aspects of alternative initiatives are discussed on this group.
- The monthly newsletter continues to provide featured images and hyperlinks titles of recent articles and perspectives. This is sent to members of the VS list above and to others who subscribe to the newsletter.
- The VS Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages have links to articles and perspectives and case studies newly uploaded to the Vikalp Sangam website. The newsletters also appear on these sites.
- We have put up a number of VS statements from 2020 and 2021 on the website, re. the farmers' movement, retrograde moves in Lakshadweep, the Uttarakhand dam-burst tragedy, Ladakh's Union Territory Status, CCFI advertorial against an Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture network (ASHA-Kisan Swaraj) activist, and alternatives in view of Covid 19. Links here:

<https://vikalpsangam.org/?s=statement>

<https://vikalpsangam.org/?s=janta>

## C1.i Vikalp Sangam Social Media

### *Objective*

To enhance outreach of Vikalp Sangam and related material on alternatives, to a wide audience, including and in particular, youth. Main goals and objectives include amplifying and centring stories from grassroots organizations and communities to take further the main objectives of the Vikalp Sangam process (information exchange, inspiring others to innovate, cross learning and unlearning, co-creating collective visions, and building more critical mass for transformation)

### *Activities*

Putting out stories, news, event-related content, relating to alternatives, on various 'social' media including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter. Strategies have included a series of multimedia pieces, using tools like films, videos featuring voices of core members, memes, stories and webinars; amplifying statements and stories, case studies and perspectives from Vikalp Sangam website repository.

We have also been conducting and documenting different alternatives and their work through a webinar series called 'Vikalp Varta' (available at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_RBOMRxjsbxIz-hAahFiJw/playlists](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_RBOMRxjsbxIz-hAahFiJw/playlists)) to further the co-learning and sharing objective.

Lastly, there has been work done on revamping of the website to make the interface more user-friendly.

### *Impact*

The Instagram account has reached nearly 1500 followers; Twitter has reached 864 followers; the Facebook and YouTube channels are slower but encouraging. Most of the response on the social media pages is from youth, in the age group 18-34. Parameters for engagement are seen through

traffic back to the website and resharing of the story, which is steadily improving. The traction to the Vikalp Sangam website after the revamping has also helped increase the visitors per day. Some mainstream platforms like Outlook India are showing interest in amplifying the ‘Extraordinary Work’ series, our statements have been picked up by the Wire, our interview with Archana Soreng was picked up for an article by Adivasi Lives Matter.

### *Future plans*

While the communications team has done significant work in public outreach, as also in engaging the constituents of the Vikalp Sangam process in communicating their work, there is more work that needs to be done to strengthen the outreach. These include:

- Exploring larger social media strategies along important lexicons that drive the alternatives movement such ‘self-reliance’, ‘localisation’ and ‘dignified-livelihood’
- Focusing on more robust and visual appeal of our photostories on social media
- Reaching out to more diverse audiences (especially of students, youth)
- Exploring spaces such as Instagram Reels, Twitter Spaces to find alt modes of sharing
- Doing outreach through Linked In, Telegram and Whatsapp groups to share stories/articles
- Sharing the work and learnings of the different arms of VS in easy-to-understand visuals/infographics
- Revamping the phone website for easier read
- Doing greater outreach with mainstream print and online media

Vikalp Sangam’s ‘social’ media handles are:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/vikalpsangam/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VikalpSangam>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VikalpSangam>

Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/vikalp-sangam-173057210/>

## **C.2 Documentation and Outreach in Democratic Conservation Governance and Socio-ecological transformation**

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<b>Others involved:</b>	Govind Khalsode
<b>Associates (External):</b>	Pipal Tree (Bengaluru), Deer Park (HP)
<b>Year of commencement:</b>	March 2022
<b>Year of completion:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Total funds sanctioned:</b>	130,000 Euros (includes all activities C&L and Alt)
<b>Fund Usage</b>	for alternatives (March 2021- February 2022): Rs. 2,00,409
<b>Funding agency:</b>	Misereor

Following tasks were undertaken during the reporting period:

## C.2a Information and Outreach

1. One issue of the English and Hindi versions of the newsletter People in Conservation, focused on Alternatives, was produced and disseminated in September 2021.
2. One issue of the English and Hindi versions of the newsletter People in Conservation, focused on Alternative Livelihoods during Covid pandemic, was produced and disseminated in March 2022.

## C.2b Stories

Six stories on alternatives were commissioned in this period, four in English and two in Hindi. The four English stories were all written by participants of the Youth Vikalp Sangam that was held (online) in 2020. The following pieces were published in English:

1. Collaborative Knowledge Building - the story of River Kaigal, by Sriranjini Raman, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/collaborative-knowledge-building-the-story-of-river-kaigal/>
2. Ador – a fountain of love and care in Kolkata, by Siddharth Agarwal, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/ador-a-fountain-of-care-and-love-in-kolkata/>
3. DLRC, The Learning Farm!, by Anjali Dalmia, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/dlrc-the-learning-farm/>
4. Farmer's Share – Towards Dignified Rural Livelihoods, by Ashik Krishnan, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/farmers-share-towards-dignified-rural-livelihoods/>

The following pieces were published in Hindi:

5. Greenery in Satpura Valley, by Baba Mayaram, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/baba-m-satpuda-ki-ghati-mein-hariyali-in-hindi/>
6. Kitchen gardens feed children during Pandemic, by Baba Mayaram, <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/mahamari-mein-phulvari-ke-palte-bachche-in-hindi/>

## C.2c Radical Ecological Democracy website

*Note:* This was co-funded by Misereor through the overall budget given above, and Full Circle Foundation which gave a grant of Rs. 10,97,625.

Begun in 2014, the RED website (<https://radicalecologicaldemocracy.org>) regularly publishes articles on radical alternatives around the world. Some of the key statistics for the last one year:

- Number of stories published – 17
- Range of viewership for an article in this period – 690 to 2420
- Average viewership per article – 1405
- Total readership – 24488
- Average monthly readership - 1990



- Articles fall broadly into three categories:
- Alternatives – 6; Political/Social/Economic Analysis – 8; Environmental Issues – 3
- Increase in per article readership between 2021 and 2022 – 7%

The site's curator, Pallav Das, has:

- Made a presentation on “alternatives” at McGill University, Montreal.
- Made two presentations using the ‘alternatives’ lens to understand the “farmers’ movement” in India as well as the challenge of the Covid pandemic in the country, to the “Center for Development Research” (ZEF), University of Bonn. A forthcoming follow-up webinar is planned in April 2022 on the subject of “agroecology”, also for ZEF.
- Published a paper on Radical Ecological Democracy in a ZEF-National University of Colombia publication, “Environmental Thinking and Alternatives to Development”.
- Participated in the World Conservation Conference, 2021 organized by the International Union of Conservation of Nature, and made a presentation on the idea of “Whole Earth” conservation and how Radical Ecological Democracy could support and advance its implementation.

Additionally, a film on the Ladakh Food Sangam (described elsewhere in this report) was funded by REDWeb; it is currently under finalisation. REDWeb also supported the translation of a series of booklets on the Zapatista movement in Mexico, which are to be published in mid-2022.

Pallav is also planning to attend the World Social Forum in Mexico City to be held in May 2022.

#### **Social well-being and justice Vikalp Sangam**

Preparations were made for a Vikalp Sangam on Social Well-being and Justice to be held in July 2022, including a trip by Milind to Bangalore for a planning meeting.

## **C.3 Other Alternatives Activities (not project-funded, mostly voluntary)**

### **C.3a Jan Sarokar (<https://jansarokar.in>; <https://jantaparliament.wordpress.com>)**

Kalpavriksh helps coordinate the inputs of Vikalp Sangam as a constituent of the Jan Sarokar process, bringing together several dozen networks and organisations, to highlight social, economic, political and ecological issues facing India's people. It helped organise, on 9-11<sup>th</sup> September 2021, a Janta Sansad (People's Parliament) to highlight issues that are not being taken up in the official Parliament. The VS involvement was focused on the environment. Noting that the current govt in India is particularly callous with regard to marginalised peoples' interests/rights, and the environment, that it is further destroying an already weakened democratic foundation, and that accountability of the state is a limited but important part of democracy, the event gave a chance to share resolutions put together by networks on several issues. This was an occasion to both raise issues in the public domain, exercising especially our right to dissent and voice our opinion, as also for movements across the country to be on a common collaborative platform.

Outputs of this session are at: <https://jantaparliament.wordpress.com>

In January 2022, Kalpavriksh was part of a process by the Western Himalaya VS group to put out a manifesto for the Uttarakhand state elections, that was also linked to a Jan Sarokar process relating to several state elections in early 2022. The manifesto is available at: [https://vikalpsangam.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ajay-Manifesto-Hindi-Charter\\_of\\_Demands\\_Uttarakhand-WHVS.pdf](https://vikalpsangam.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ajay-Manifesto-Hindi-Charter_of_Demands_Uttarakhand-WHVS.pdf)

In February 2022, Kalpavriksh helped coordinate VS's commentary on the national budget, which was included in a comprehensive critique of the budget published by Jan Sarokar. The VS commentary is available at:

English: <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/environment-and-2022-budget-amrit-kaal-or-vish-kaal/>

Hindi:

<https://vikalpsangam.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/VS-cg-piece-on-Budget-2022-transl-into-Hindi-SPS-Features.pdf>

The full Jan Sarokar critique is at:

[https://www.im4change.org/upload/files/ExecutiveSummary\\_JanSarokar\\_Budget22-23.pdf](https://www.im4change.org/upload/files/ExecutiveSummary_JanSarokar_Budget22-23.pdf)

### C.3b Vikalp Varta and Grounded Voices

Vikalp Varta, an online dialogue series started in April 2020, co-coordinated by Kalpavriksh for Vikalp Sangam, aims to document the different grounded alternatives around India and create a co-learning space. In early 2022 it started a collaboration with National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM) Grounded Voices, to provide space for voices and assertions from people's struggles against oppression, which are invisibilised in 'mainstream' conversations and spaces. The sessions are scheduled for every first Sunday of the month. The collaboration's first session 'Women Farmers: Resistance and Alternatives' (March 7, 2022), explored the challenges, struggle, alternatives, and the way forward for women farmers in direct conversation with them from Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab and Telangana in India. Its recording is available here: <https://youtu.be/tfjNhPd4H8g>

### C.3c Vikalp Sutra (<https://sutra.vikalpsangam.org>)

Vikalp Sutra emerged from Vikalp Sangam in June 2020, in discussions initiated by KV members, and aims at linking other networks and collectives on a collective, non-hierarchical platform, to facilitate dignified livelihoods, workers' rights and economic democracy in India. It is a response to the severe economic crisis faced by vulnerable communities and individual citizens in the country, due to the Covid19 pandemic and lockdown.

The vision of Vikalp Sutra is to promote community self-reliance, based on the principles of dignity, justice, equity, peace and ecological sustainability. Comprising of civil society, community institutions, local governance bodies, and other support groups and networks, this platform will facilitate vulnerable communities and individuals to exercise their agency in claiming these inalienable rights and values.

[Sutra Vaani](#) is a free and locally facilitated toll-free call back number for workers (especially informal/unorganised sector) in livelihoods' distress. The toll-free call back number responds to the needs of workers searching for dignified livelihood opportunities and related support in their home state or

otherwise. These responses are available in the form of information and/ or direct support at the local level.

Sutra Vaani is conceptualised by Vikalp Sutra, with its technology partner, Gram Vaani (which provided migrant workers a helpline support during the Covid19 pandemic induced migration, job and livelihood losses). The toll-free call back number will be implemented by interested organisations/ local collectives in their operational sites, and enable them to extend necessary support to the workers. Some local level variations may emerge in the implementation of Sutra Vaani, as per the context and needs at the field level.

Currently, Sutra Vaani has been initiated in Munsiyari, Uttarakhand in collaboration with Maati Collective, a women farmers group with the aim of using the helpline to share and broadcast information key for women's security and emancipation in livelihoods. The helpline started with sharing information on a local festival 'Hemal Kalasutra' and is now moving towards addressing constitutional rights and recording grievances of women farmers. The helpline number: 9654962444

[Sutra Mandali](#) is one of *Vikalp Sutra's* initiatives and is a space for collective knowledge sharing and mentoring on issues and strategies around sustainable and dignified livelihoods, concepts that encompass rights, security, access, justice and well being for all living beings.

### Objectives

1. To create an understanding of the concept of 'dignified livelihoods.'
2. To share strategies that work in creating/ building dignified livelihoods.
3. To discuss challenges, both internal and external, in enabling dignified livelihoods.
4. To find mentorship and solutions (i.e. collaborations & resources) that help build and sustain dignified livelihoods, for a specific occupational category of people, function or sector.

Mandali's held so far:

1. Perspectives for Dignified Livelihood with Anshu Gupta, founder of Goonj moderated by Abhishek Thakore, founder of Blue Ribbon Movement, 1 October 2021:  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=974003966483350](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=974003966483350)
2. Alternatives and Dignified livelihood with Ashish Kothari, Kalpavriksh, Vikalp Sangam, and Global Tapestry of Alternatives by Abhishek Thakore, founder of Blue Ribbon Movement, 14 October 2021:  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=26681447201292](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=26681447201292)
3. Sutra Mandali on Craft Education, 8 January 2022:
4. Sutra Mandali on Mahila Kisan, 29 January 2022:  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1475341806195531](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1475341806195531)
5. Sutra Mandali on Dignified Livelihood, 19 February 2022:  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=632347131194042](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=632347131194042)

Vasudha Varadarajan and Ashish Kothari are on the Sutra anchor team.

### C.3d Alternatives Economies Vikalp Sangam

(<https://vikalpsangam.org/alternative-economies-vikalp-sangam/>)

The first Sangam on Alternative Economies was hosted in Auroville, with over 100 participants, in January 2020. It was a thematic confluence of activist organisations working on alternatives to the dominant economic system. From this emerged a growing community of researchers and experimenters across India exploring meaningful ways of weaning off from the modern economic paradigm while creating transformative, life-affirming ways of relating to our material world and resources. They are working on following activities:

AEVS activities

- convening a nation-wide network of Local Food System initiatives
- initiating a small town food system-preneurship incubation program.
- Hosting an livelihoods mela for food projects seeking talent
- further mapping the networks already active in this field (such as ASHA, RRF, NCNF, OFAI)
- exploring linking incentives to behavior that supports local food systems (such as done by Cambiatus in Costa Rica)
- initiating a VS Imaginaries Fellowship, with a focus on community responses to climate change (in Tamil Nadu and Himalayas)

In line with its philosophy to decentralise Vikalp Sangam activities, Kalpavriksh is only loosely involved with this process, providing inputs when necessary.

### C3.e Vikalp Sangam at Asia Pacific Forum

Vikalp Sangam helped in the facilitation of the Asia Pacific Social Forum, 18-20 February 2022. In 2020 organisations in India, began a discussion to revive the processes of the World Social Forum which had been dormant since 2006. A newly formed group called Forum Connect, focusing on mobilising people in a renewed Social Forum process in Asia and Africa, started working together, and a new process evolved, which resulted in the creation of an expanding group called 'Asia mobilizing towards WSF 2022 in Mexico', in preparation for the World Social Forum to be held in Mexico, 1-7 May 2022. They held an Asia Pacific Social Forum with organisations, movements, networks and groups based in the region, on 18-20th February. Vikalp Sangam facilitated 4 activities:

- [Self Organised Activity: Water Security And Climate Justice](#)
- Panel Discussion of Thematic Focus Group 7 (Climate, Ecology and Transition): Reimagining Just Transitions
- [Self Organised Activity: Sutra Mandali \(Action-Oriented Conversation\) on Dignified Livelihoods](#)
- [Self Organised Activity: Young People Energising Social Change](#)

## C.3f Global Tapestry of Alternatives

(<https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org>)

Through a global process of weaving together alternatives i.e. the Global Tapestry of Alternatives, the coordinating team has been actively involved in initiating dialogues to collectively explore with a range of initiatives a possibility of a just, life-centred and respectful transition into the future. It is important to explore not only what can be done, but also the tough question of how, and by whom? And where possible, to make the discussion relevant to the current crisis.

Inspired from the Indian VS document of Extraordinary Work of ‘Ordinary’ People, the GTA team is also now developing the document on community resilience and solidarity in COVID times. The team will be documenting to present concrete examples of solidarity actions and movements that have emerged during COVID-19, the lessons we can learn from political organizing during the pandemic around the world, as well as the opportunities that lay ahead of us in terms of consolidating concrete strategies to move towards systemic change. The first of these documents is available at: <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/reports:pandemic:01>

GTA has been organising several webinars themed on resilience, recovery, existence and re-existence: <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/webinars:index>

GTA has also been putting together a newsletter sharing news/perspectives from endorsing organisations and people. <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/newsletters:index>

The GTA will continue participating in the process of revival of the WSF, proposing earthy actions of collaborations, towards the planned next international gathering to take place in Mexico in May 2022. It has actively facilitated the global process of bringing together many networks working towards systemic change to dialogue, in a process called Adelante (<https://adelante.global>).

## C.3g Rights of Nature

Following up on a South Asia level workshop on Rights of Rivers that Kalpavriksh organised along with International Rivers and Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment (LIFE) in March 2020, a Rights of Rivers South Asia (RoRSA) network was initiated. With no possibility of physical gathering in 2020-21, RoRSA focused on a series of online meetings, building the network, clarifying its objectives, functions and structure, setting up a website (<https://www.rorsa.org>) and ‘social media’ presence, and planning activities to use the funds remaining in the grant. A grant (7500 Euros) for the workshop had been received from Global Green Grants Fund, and permission was obtained to carry the leftover money upto June 2021, given the COVID19 situation. Action research on two rivers, a graphic novel, and zines were worked on. KV members in RoRSA are Shrishtee Bajpai, Ashish Kothari and Radhika Mulay. Shrishtee and Ashish are also part of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, and Ashish is a judge on the International Tribunal for the Rights of Nature.

# PART B: PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

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## A. Kalpavriksh Publications and Outputs

### A.1 Published Books and Reports

- A New Home For Ajiri by Sandip Virmani; illustrated by Niloufer Wadia
- Chitty - A Dog And Her Forest Farm by Serow; illustrated by Rajiv Eipe
- Pedru and The Big Boom by Nandita da Cunha; illustrations by Niharika Shenoy
- The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree by Tanya Majmudar; illustrations by Rajiv Eipe
- A Marathi booklet “Bhimashankar Parisaratil Deshi Biyane”
- December 2021: [The Making of a Tiger Reserve: A Study of the process of Notification of Tiger Reserves](#) (Shiba Desor updated by Akshay Chettri)
- January 2022: [Kumbhalgarh: A Flawed Conservation Story in the Making](#) (Meenal Tatpati, translated by Nidhi Agarwal)
- A Monumental Folly: Niti Aayog’s development plans for Great Nicobar Island
- <https://kalpavriksh.org/a-monumental-folly-niti-aayogs-development-plans-for-great-nicobar-islands/>

### A.2 Letters and Petitions

- 11 February 2022: [Comments on the Draft Wildlife Protection \(Amendment\) Bill 2021](#): (Neema P Broome, Meenal Tatpati and Akshay Chettri)

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## PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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### April

- 3: Alternatives and Collectives, Presentation to Indian School of Development Management (Ashish)
- 3: 'समुद्ध समाज', विश्व ग्राम के उत्तराखण्ड पदयात्रियों को व्याख्यान (अशीष)
- 9: Participate in Bioregionalism WG meeting on definition of bioregionalism (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 13: Indigenous Knowledge Systems, presentation to Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University (Ashish)
- 13: Ecoswaraj presentation to Society for International Training, Jaipur (Ashish)
- 22: Panelist on Earth Day Solidarities – Women, Natural Resources and Activism, Rising Gardens Film Festival, Kriti/Sangat/OBR (Ashish)
- 22: Panelist on Earth Day – Can We Change the Future of Our Planet, Arkbound Foundation (Ashish)
- 30: Bioregionalism WG meeting, on marine bioregionalism

### May

- 2: Participate in Vikalp Sangam Core Group mid-year meeting (Shrishtee, Vasudha, Sujatha, Ashish)
- 6: VSCG statement on COVID responses
- 7: Ecoswaraj presentation for 'Alternatives to Development' seminar, Academy of Diocese Stuttgart-Rottenburg (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 8: Panelist on 'Global Futureable Life' of Alternatives to Development seminar (as above)
- 9: Participate in Vikalp Sangam Core Group meeting on VS communications
- 10: Panelist on 'Weaving Transformative Alternatives' in Campus for Climate Action, Bath School of Art and Design (Ashish)
- 11: Presentations in GTA-EDGE seminar 'Weaving Systematic Alternatives from Global South' (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 15: Ecoswaraj presentation to school students, SPICMACAY (Ashish)
- 18: Panelist on 'Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe towards Alternative Regionalism & People-to-People Solidarity', Asia-Europe People's Forum, VS, etc (Ashish)
- 20: Panelist on 'Lessons in Community Resilience during COVID19 through Radical Alternatives', GTA & Kana Wain Dida (Ashish)
- 21: Bioregionalism WG meeting (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 21: Ecoswaraj & the Pluriverse, presentation in 'Degrowth and Decoloniality – Exploring Ways to Resist Western Hegemony', Degrowth Summer School (Ashish)
- 22: Facilitate Alternatives Transformation Format session for Blue Ribbon Movement (Ashish)
- 22: Indian Youth Biodiversity Network (IYBN) Virtual Forum for Biodiversity- Opening Ceremony (Shruti)
- 23: Ecoswaraj & Rainbow Revolution, presentation at Earth Action Hub (Ashish)
- 23: IYBN Forum for Biodiversity - Session on Transformative Education (Shruti)

- 23: IYBN Forum for Biodiversity - Session on Human rights and rights of nature (Shruti)
- 26: IYBN Virtual Forum for Biodiversity- Session 3 - " Women in conservation and gender issues". (Shruti)
- 27: Hosting and panelist on Democracy sessions at Reworlding conference (Ashish)
- 28: IYBN Virtual Forum for Biodiversity- " Youth activism and their role in nature conservation".(Shruti)
- 28: IYBN Forum for Biodiversity- Session 5 " Pollinators" (Shruti)
- 28: प्रकृति पुनर्जनन, विकास के विकल्प व महामारी के समाधान, 'कोरोना श्रृंखला' में व्याख्यान (अशीष)
- 30: Moderate memorial for Sunderlal Bahuguna, Vikalp Sangam and Beej Bachao Andolan (Ashish)
- 30: IYBN Virtual Forum for Biodiversity session 7- " Community Conservation around Protected Areas" (Shruti, Rudrath and Akshay)
- 30: IYBN Virtual Forum for Biodiversity- Session 7, Marine and freshwater conservation(Shruti)
- 31: प्रकृति व मानवता का पुनर्जीवन – आरोग्य रक्षण का पहला कदम, पैनल चर्चा में वक्ता (अशीष)

## June

- 1: Participate in Beyond Development WG reunion meeting (Ashish)
- 4: Ecoswaraj, Conservation and Alternatives, presentation on World Environment Day, IGNCA (Ashish)
- 4: IYBN Forum for Biodiversity- Session on Gene drives, Nagoya Protocol & Digital Sequence Information (Shruti)
- 5: IYBN Virtual Forum for Biodiversity Closing Ceremony (Ashish and Shruti)
- 5: Environmental Movements in India, presentation in honour of Sunderlal Bahuguna, International Centre for Avian Research, Calicut University (Ashish)
- 5: Ecoswaraj, presentation to NAPSIPAG Disaster Research Group (Ashish)
- 5: Panelist on 'Forum Biodiversity', Global Youth Biodiversity Network (Ashish)
- 6: Participate in PeDAGoG meeting (Ashish, Shrishtee, project staff Upamanyu)
- 7: Moderate webinar 'Extraordinary Work of 'Ordinary' People', World Localisation Day, KV/VS/DA/Bhoomi (Ashish)
- 8: Participate in ICCA Consortium General Assembly (Ashish, Neema, Tanya, Shruti, Rudrath)
- 11: Bioregionalism WG – marine bioregionalism (Ashish, Shrishtee, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu, Reema)
- 11: VSCG statement on regressive moves in Lakshadweep
- 12: Panelist on 'Struggles for System Change', BUKO (Germany) 39<sup>th</sup> Congress (Ashish)
- 13: Moderate 'Environmental Struggles through a Social Justice Lens', Grounded Voices, NAPM
- 15: 'Fostering Favourable Ecosystems for Local Green Enterprises', World Localisation Day, KV/VS/DA/NCNF/Bhoomi
- 16: Conversation with Nnimmo Bassey on 'Recovering from COVID19 – Re-imagining our Relationship with Nature', SOAS/GTA/Health of Mother Earth Foundation (Ashish)
- 25: Vikalp Varta on 'Rural Communities coping with COVID' (Kunariya, Tribal Health Institute) (several KV members)

- 26: Ecoswaraj, Keynote presentation, Congresso Asiatico de Hispanistas, Institute of Latin American Studies (Ashish)
- 28: Ecoswaraj and Kachchh weaver transformations, presentation to National Institute of Design (Ashish)
- 28: Panelist on 'Weaving a World Where Many Worlds Fit', Zapatista Europe tour, GTA/Zapatista Solidarity Network (Ashish)
- 30: Discussant on 'Zapatista's Dialogue with European Movements', South South Forum (Ashish)
- 30: Participate in Amazon Sacred Headwaters International Commission meeting

## **July**

- 1: Alternatives Transformation Format exercise with National Institute of Design students (Ashish)
- 2: Webinar 'Confronting COVID19 with Dignity and Strength – Resilience of Small-Scale Fisheries in Costa Rica', GTA
- 3: 'Pluriverse' presentation, Eutenika (Indonesia) (Ashish)
- 5: Global Tapestry of Alternatives presentation, ISEE-ESEE Degrowth conference (Ashish)
- 14: Environment, Development and Alternatives, presentation to Ideosync-UNESCO Information Fellows (Ashish)
- 14: COVID resilience by communities, submission to 'Janta ka Faisla' jury of migrant workers in Chhattisgarh (Ashish)
- 15: Participate in Bioregionalism WG session on Efficiency and Bioregionalism (Ashish, Shrishtee, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu)
- 16: Youth Role in Ecological Justice, presentation to Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce (Ashish)
- 16: Ecoswaraj presentation to Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex (Ashish)
- 16: Webinar conducted by Indian Youth Biodiversity Network on Community Conserved Areas and Protected Areas (Shruti Ajit, Rudrath Avinashi, Akshay Chettri)
- 18: Participate in Jan Sarokar meeting on parliament session (Ashish)
- 19: Ecoswaraj presentation to Society for International Training (Jaipur)
- 20: Global networking on alternatives & GTA, presentation at Genoa International Assembly (Ashish)
- 21: Radical alternatives, Q&A session with Australian National University (Ashish)
- 24: Discussant in screening of Aarohan film, KRITI Film Club & HIC (Ashish)
- 25: Participate in West Himalaya VS planning meeting (Shrishtee, Sujatha, Ashish, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu)
- 27: Evaluation of Andhra Pradesh craft initiative using Alternatives Transformation Format, session with National Institute of Design students (Ashish)
- 30 and 31: Consultation on the CBD Gender Plan of Action (GPA) (Shruti)

## **August**

- 1: Webinar 'Salween Peace Park, Burma/Myanmar', GTA
- 2: Panelist on 'Transforming the World – Visions of a Pluriverse', 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference of International Deep History Association (Ashish)

5-19: Ladakh trip, visits to villages for Goba case study, planning for Food/Agriculture VS (Ashish, Shrishtee)

23: Ecoswaraj and conservation, Keynote presentation at 'Post-Growth Perspectives on Biodiversity Conservation', University of Amsterdam (Ashish)

25: Panelist on 'Colonial Conservation and Uneven Development – Struggle for Radical Transformation & Alternatives', Global Environment Network (Ashish)

27: Panelist on 'Post-colonial/Pluriversal/Indigenous Visions of Quality of Life', University of Newcastle & New Economy Network Australia (Ashish)

## **September**

2: VS Core Group full meeting (online) (several KV members)

2: Panelist on '30X30' session of 'Our Land Our Nature', Survival International et al (Ashish)

5: Panelist on 'Green Recovery Weekend', Youth for Climate (Ashish)

6: Panelist on 'Between Green Economy and Post-Growth', GIZ Germany (Ashish)

8: Webinar on 'Climate Crisis and West Himalaya', West Himalaya VS (several KV members)

10: Webinar on 'Amazon Sacred Headwaters Bioregional Initiative', Bioregionalism WG & GTA (Shrishtee, Radhika, Ashish, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu)

11: GTA Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

12: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Traveller's University's '52 Parindey' fellows (Ashish)

13: Webinar on 'Palestine's Beautiful Resistance', GTA (several KV members)

15-end: Ladakh VS on Food & Agriculture, Sabu Village, Ladakh, including preparation & follow up meetings (Sujatha, Arpita, Shrishtee, Ashish)

22: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Ashoka University UG Environment Studies (Ashish)

24-26: KV AGM (online)

## **October**

4-9: Field visit to Kumbhalgarh (Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Ajit)

6: Ecoswaraj, presentation in 'Degrowth & Reinventing Life' conference, International Centre for Advanced Studies, Max Weber Stiftung (Ashish)

7: Panelist on 'Reconceptualising India's Environment Paradigm', Global Forum on Democratising Work, Samrudha Bharat Foundation (Ashish)

8: Panelist on 'Intangible Heritage & COVID', Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University (Ashish)

10: Food Sovereignty & Ecoswaraj, presentation to Alliance of Agriculture for Food (Nepal) (Ashish)

11: Ecoswaraj, presentation in 'Re-imagining Politics', Ahimsa Dialogue (Ashish)

11: Ecoswaraj, presentation in 'Environmental Justice in Action' sessions of University of Freiberg (Ashish, Shrishtee)

15: Panelist on 'Climate Adaptation and Alternatives', The Response / shareable.net (Ashish)

15: Virtually delivered a Closing Statement on Behalf of CBD Women Caucus at the High Level Segment of First Half of COP15 held in Kunming China (Shruti)

20-25: West Himalaya VS, Devalsari (Dehradun), including visit to Sridev Suman Titli Park CCA (Ashish, Shrishtee, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu)

26: What is the future of India's Forests? Explaining the Proposed Forest Conservation Act Amendments (A video Explainer for The Bastion) -(Meenal Tatpati)

27-28: VS Core Group full meeting, Dehradun (Ashish, Shrishtee, project staff Vasudha, Upamanyu)

## **November**

1: Comments were sent on the Draft Consultation Paper on Proposed Amendments to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 along with other groups (Meenal Tatpati, Neema Pathak Broome)

2: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Azim Premji University UG (Ashish, Shrishtee)

2: Webinar 'Food Sovereignty in Africa', GTA

3: Ecoswaraj and GTA, presentation to Global Masters in Sustainable Territorial Development, University of Padova (Italy) (Ashish)

9: Panelist on 'From Grassroots Resistance towards Revolutionary Reconstruction', GTA/Adelante/ILPS session at People's Summit for Climate Justice (Ashish)

10: Youth and Ecoswaraj, presentation to Avani – Environment Club of Janki Devi College (Ashish)

10: Participate in ICCA Consortium meeting of Council of Elders (Ashish)

12: 'Cross-border Solidarity in COVID times', presentation in 'Advancing and Realising Alternative Regionalisms – South-East Asia People's Solidarity and Resistance in COVID19 Times', AltDev (Ashish)

12: Bioregionalism WG meeting – Hazard mapping of Teesta Basin (Ashish, Shrishtee)

18: Panelist on 'Reflections on COP26', Climate Collective Pune (Ashish)

18: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Sudwind & University of Austria (Ashish)

20: Ecoswaraj, Climate and Future, presentation to Bandung Network India, Deshbandhu College & SSRC (Ashish)

23: Ecoswaraj, presentation to University of Edinburgh (Ashish)

27: Birding trip to Kasarsai (Meenal, Akshay, Neema, Ashish)

27: *Ghost of the Mountains* Story session at at Bookaroo, Delhi (Sujatha)

30: Panelist on 'Local Knowledge, Social Movements and Participatory Research', Society for Participatory Research in Asia (Ashish)

30: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Human Ecology Research Group, University College London (Ashish)

## **December**

2: Meeting on Sikkim Well-being for Future Generations Bill, with Ladakh VS groups (several KV members)

3: Bioregionalism WG meeting – Geopolitics and South Asia (Ashish, Shrishtee, Vasudha)

3: Vikalp Varta on 'Seed Conservation and Revival (Thanal)' (several KV members)

4: Rights of Rivers South Asia session on Draft National Water Policy (Ashish, Shrishtee, Radhika)

4: VS-Crianza Mutua weavers' dialogue, GTA

5: पक्षी व हम, अमर उजाला तथा नेचर कान्सेर्वेशन फाउन्डेशन के लिये व्याख्यान (अशीष)



- 6: 'Alternative Approaches to Crises Resilience', conversation with Miriam Lang, SOAS/University of London/GTA (Ashish)
- 7: 'Peace, Justice & Institutions', presentation to SDG16 session of 'Realising SDGs Through Higher Education Institutions', MIT/World Peace University (Ashish)
- 8: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Terre Des Hommes, Mumbai (Ashish)
- 8: Participated in a workshop organised by Forest Peoples Programme, Swedbio, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), IUCN, Women 4 Biodiversity, and the Geneva Environment Network on "How Can We Better Protect and Promote Human Rights in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework?" (Shruti)
- 9: Ecoswaraj, presentation to Schumacher College (Ashish)
- 10: GTA Assembly, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- 11: Rights of Rivers South Asia session on 'Graphic Perspectives on Rights of Rivers'
- 10 and 11: Participated in "National Consultation on Aligning Youth in livelihoods works" organized by SAMVADA, Bengaluru
- 12: 'India's Panchamrit', presentation to Swadhyay Youth
- 15: West Himalaya VS session on Ladakh Well-being Index
- 15: Moderate panel on 'What would a Gandhian City Look Like?', INHAF & VS (Ashish)
- 16: PeDAGoG 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- 17: 'Net-zero & False Solutions', presentation for 'Green Finance and Risk of False Solutions' session of '3<sup>rd</sup> Energy Finance India', Centre for Financial Accountability (Ashish)
- 17: 'Green Recovery', Fireside Chat, UNDP Livelihoods India Summit (Ashish)
- 19: Alternatives & Youth, conversation with Youth for Ecological Sustainability, Terre Des Hommes (Ashish)
- 21: Participate in 'Environment, Climate, Forest Rights' session of National Working Group on Human Rights (Ashish)
- 11- 26 : Field work in Corbett Tiger reserve as part of Landscape level study (Akshay Chettri, Neema P. Broome)

## **January**

- 3: Environment, Development, Human Rights and Alternatives, presentation to women scientists in 'Science and Sustainability in India' conference, NIAS/DST (Ashish)
- 5: Inaugural address at Inauguration ceremony of Centre for Environment Law & Policy, University of Colombo (Ashish)
- 7: Participate in judges' meeting of International Tribunal on Rights of Nature (Ashish)
- 11: Visit, message about Pune pollution related lung installation by Parisar, PMC (Ashish)
- 14: Participate in Bioregionalism WG meeting – discussion on India bioregion mapping (Ashish)
- 15: Participate in Jan Sarokar meeting (Ashish)
- 20: Ecoswaraj presentation to Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Ashish)
- 21: Participate in Bioregionalism WG meeting – discussion on process documentation (Ashish)
- 22: Ecoswaraj presentation to Emerging Leaders Forum (Ashish)

- 24: Presentation on Kurdish Rojava movement by volunteer Mario (Milind, Neema, Ashish, Meenal)
- 25: Participate in Jan Sarokar meeting on upcoming elections (Ashish)
- 27: Birding trip to Lonavala
- 27: Ecoswaraj presentation to Hamburg University (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 28: Ecoswaraj presentation to Research & Degrowth Masters programme (Ashish)
- 29: Ecoswaraj and Economic Research Priorities, presentation to Economics Dept, Kerala University (Ashish)

## **February**

- 2: Ecoswaraj and Grassroots Action, presentation as panelist on 'India and the Future of the World' symposium, Institute of Policy Studies (Ashish)
- 3: Chair session on 'Environment and the 2022-23 Budget', Impact and Policy Research Institute
- 3: Ecoswaraj presentation on 'There are Plenty of Alternatives', webinar, TAP, GTA, WEAll, REEVO (Ashish)
- 4: Participate in Bioregionalism WG meeting – marine & coastal bioregionalism (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 5: Participate in Asia Pacific Social Forum planning meeting (Ashish, Vasudha)
- 8: Webinar on Draft Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Bill 2021 with Ritwick Dutta (Neema P. Broome, Meenal Tatpati, Akshay Chettri)
- 11: Alternatives framework presentation to VS Core Group (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 11: Participate in VS-Crianza Mutua (Mexico) dialogue on alternatives criteria (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 15: Ecoswaraj presentation to IdeoSync-UNESCO Information Fellowship (Ashish)
- 15: Ecoswaraj and post-COVID recovery' presentation to conference 'Implementing a New Paradigm in Post-COVID World - Earth Jurisprudence and Latin America's Rights of Nature', Hankuk University & Institute of L. American Studies (Ashish)
- 15: Participate in PeDAGoG meeting (Ashish, Upamanyu)
- 16: Birding trip to Bhigwan (Akshay, Rudrath, Ashish)
- 18: Ecoswaraj presentation to Masters in Political Ecology, Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar (Ashish)
- 23: Participate in Twitter campaign/chat on climate change & food security, VS & Development Alternatives (Ashish)
- 24: Join Act4Bharat group meeting (Ashish)
- 24: Participate in World Social Forum International Facilitation team (Ashish)

## **March**

- 1: Ecoswaraj presentation to Azim Premji University UG (Ashish)
- 1: Presentation at World Social Forum Press conference (Ashish)
- 2: Panelist on 'Development and Environment' session of India's Universal Periodic Review process, National Law University
- 5: Presentation on "Wild Vegetables of Bhimashankar" in a webinar on "Towards Ecological Landscape-4"
- 5: Stories of Hope presentation to Parikrma Festival of Science (Ashish)

- 5: Panelist on 'Future of Policy' at Policy Conclave, Hindu College, Delhi University (Ashish)
- 6: Grounded Voices – Vikalp Varta on 'Voices of Women Farmers', VS and NAPM (Vasudha, Ashish)
- 10-30: Visit to Ladakh for study on Goba governance system, including village level visits, meetings with civil society and government, etc (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 11: Participate in Bioregionalism WG meeting – review, planning
- 11: Participate in discussion between GTA and Milk Tea Alliance (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 13: Participate in CSO meeting on Ladakh VS follow up (Ashish, Shrishtee)
- 20: Session on 'rights of rivers' with Chumathang High School students, Ladakh (Shrishtee, Ashish)
- 28: Environment and Development w. special reference to Ladakh, presentation to Ladakh University faculty (Ashish)
- 29: Flower of Transformation session at Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust, Leh

## PART D: LIST OF KALPAVRIKSH MEMBERS

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1. Ajay Mahajan
2. Akshay Chettri
3. Anchal Sondhi
4. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
5. Arpita Lulla
6. Ashish Kothari
7. Kanchi Kohli
8. Kankana Trivedi
9. Manju Menon
10. Meenal Tatpati
11. Milind Wani
12. Neema Pathak Broome
13. Neeraj Vagholikar
14. Pallav Das
15. Pankaj Sekhsaria
16. Pradeep Chavan
17. R. Prabhakar Rao
18. Radhika Mulay
19. Rashi Mishra
20. Roshni Kutty
21. Rudrath Avinashi
22. Saili Palande-Datar
23. Sanjay Sondhi
24. Seema Bhatt
25. Sharmila Deo
26. Shiba Desor
27. Shrishtee Bajpai
28. Shruti Ajit
29. Shyamoli Choudhary
30. Sneha Gutgutia
31. Subhash Dolas
32. Sujatha Padmanabhan
33. Sunita Rao
34. Tanya Majmudar
35. Tejaswini Apte-Rahm
36. Vandana Singh
37. Vasudha Varadarajan
38. Vipul Sangoi
39. Yashodara Kundaji

# PART E: LIST OF DONORS AND FUNDERS

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## List of Funders – 2021-22

1. Heinrich Boll Foundation
2. MISEREOR
3. ICCA Consortium
4. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT)
5. Full Circle Foundation
6. Paul Hamlyn Foundation
7. Sir Dorabji TATA Trust
8. Unitarian Universalist Association (Holdeen India Program)
9. WWF

# PART F: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## KALPAVRIKSH Statement of Assets and Liabilities As on 31st March 2022

SN	Particulars	Sch No.	(Rs) As on 31st March '22	(Rs) As on 31st March '21
<b>A</b>	<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
I.	<b>Trust Fund</b>		2,26,314	2,26,314
II.	<b>General Fund</b>			
	Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		34,57,081	32,83,377
	Add: Surplus for the year		(5,37,606)	1,73,704
	Closing balance		29,19,474	34,57,081
III.	<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
	Conditional Donations and Grants	1	54,36,101	72,00,988
	<b>TOTAL [ I + II + III ]</b>		<b>85,81,889</b>	<b>1,08,84,384</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Application of Funds</b>			
IV.	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	2	1,60,244	1,07,841
V.	<b>Investments in Bank Fixed Deposits</b>	3	13,87,391	13,33,293
	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	70,88,048	95,74,270
	Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	53,794	1,31,020
VI.	<b>Net Current Assets</b>		70,34,254	94,43,250
VII.	<b>Notes to Accounts</b>	5		
	<b>TOTAL [ IV + V + VI + VII ]</b>		<b>85,81,889</b>	<b>1,08,84,384</b>

As per our attached report of even date

**Paresh Sarda and Company**

Chartered Accountants

FRN.: 140714W

**Paresh S Sarda**

Partner

M.N.: 143211

Pune

Date : 10/09/2022

UDIN - 22143211ASFOWP7463



For and on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH

*M. P. Patil*  
Member

*Neema Pathak*  
Secretary



**KALPAVRIKSH**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
For the financial year 2021-22

SN	Particulars	For 2021-22			For 2020-21
		FCRA	Local	Total ( Rs )	Total ( Rs )
<b>A.</b>	<b>Income</b>				
	Sales	-	2,30,881	2,30,881	3,84,779
	Grants utilised	1,32,57,094	13,67,417	1,46,24,511	1,33,17,546
	Donations received	35,666	7,000	42,666	23,000
	Income from publications	-	5,60,151	5,60,151	-
	Other Income				
	-Interest Income	-	1,06,386	1,06,386	2,06,612
	-Membership Fees	-	20,000	20,000	17,500
	-Royalty Pluriverse	-	55,835	55,835	27,922
	-Write back of Payables	-	2,232	2,232	-
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,32,92,760</b>	<b>23,49,902</b>	<b>1,56,42,662</b>	<b>1,39,77,359</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>				
	Staff Payments and Benefits	2,13,600	5,04,480	7,18,080	9,43,656
	Professional Fees	92,82,337	9,81,887	1,02,64,224	1,08,83,351
	Rent, Rates and Taxes	2,49,900	69,396	3,19,296	4,67,424
	Communication Expenses	3,65,005	1,47,714	5,12,719	1,76,571
	Printing and Stationary	1,16,358	6,97,450	8,13,808	6,29,493
	Electricity expenses	6,290	-	6,290	8,160
	Travelling and conveyance expenses	7,14,093	71,159	7,85,252	4,86,426
	Remuneration to Auditors	59,000	-	59,000	43,956
	Other Expenses	23,06,136	3,33,917	26,40,052	1,14,051
	Repairs and Maintenance	18,260	-	18,260	25,200
	Depreciation for the year	13,715	29,572	43,287	25,367
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,33,44,694</b>	<b>28,35,575</b>	<b>1,61,80,268</b>	<b>1,38,03,655</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit) (A - B )</b>	<b>(51,934)</b>	<b>(4,85,673)</b>	<b>(5,37,606)</b>	<b>1,73,704</b>

As per our attached report of even date

**For Paresh Sarda and Company**

Chartered Accountants

FRN.: 140714W

*Paresh Sarda*

**Paresh S Sarda**

Partner

M.N.: 143211

Pune

Date : 10/09/2022

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**For & on behalf of KALPAVRIKSH**

*Neema Pathale* *Neema Pathale*  
Member Secretary

