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Top: National Vikalp Sangam, Kutch - November 2024

Bottom left: Kalpavriksh holding a session on Environmental education for school children

Bottom Right: Traditional and Other Local Communities Governance Sangam, Sittilingi -  
Aug 2024



## 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. Alternatives



## Annual General Body Meeting

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

Milind Wani - Secretary  
Arnaz Khan - Treasurer  
Pradeep Chavan  
Neema Pathak Broome  
Aanchal  
Tanya Majmudar  
Sujatha Padmanabhan  
Radhika Mulay  
Shrishtee Bajpai

### **Auditor**

Paresh Sarada, CA, Pune

### **Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

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

Following are the committee members:

Shrishtee Bajpai (Presiding Officer)  
Prajakta Kulkarni  
Aanchal  
Subhash Dolas  
Seema Kakade  
Rama Sarode (external legal consultant)



## PART I : PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/CAMPAIGNS

### A. Environment Education

#### A.1 Children's Books

Coordinators	Sujatha Padmanbhan and Tanya Majmudar
Support Team	Tejaswini Apte-Rahm, Yashodara Kundaji, Sharmila Deo, Sanjay Sondhi
Year of Commencement	Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (Oct 2023) Tata Trusts (Dec 2023)
Year of Completion	Ongoing
Total Funds Sanctioned	INR 7,50,000 - Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (Oct 2023 to March 2025) INR 16,29,000 - Tata Trusts (Dec 2023 to May 2025)
Funding Agency	Kalpavriksh Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust Tata Trusts

#### A.1a Book Development

The following new books were published in this period:

1. Ila, the Mongoose by Abhisekha K
2. What Am I Good At? by Rahul Pradhan
3. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma

The following manuscripts are under development:

4. Rain Perfume by Niveditha Reddy
5. Falling in Love by Sujatha Padmanabhan
6. The Book of Wild Challenges by Chandini Chhabra



### **A.1b Reprints**

The following books were reprinted in this period

1. The Poop Book!
2. People and Wildlife
3. Saving The Dalai Lama's Cranes
4. The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street
5. Chitty-A Dog and Her Forest Farm

### **A.1c Awards and Recognition**

The following awards were won/recognition conferred:

1. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach was longlisted for the Greenlitfest Best Book Award (Children/Youth)
2. The Spring of Life was longlisted for the Early Readers category 3<sup>rd</sup> Binod Kanoria Book Awards 2024
3. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach was longlisted for the Early Readers category 3<sup>rd</sup> Binod Kanoria Book Awards 2024.

### **A.1d Book Reviews and Features**

1. Three books featured in Mid-day's article [All Creatures Big and Small](#)
2. [Review](#) of Shero to the Rescue on Instagram by Chhoti Udaan
3. [Review](#) of The Monster Who Could not Climb a Tree on Instagram by Littles Books
4. [Review](#) of Chitty: A Dog and Her Forest Farm on Instagram by Littles Books
5. [Review](#) of My Nest is the Best on Instagram by Bee's Book Space
6. [Review](#) of The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street on Instagram by Littles Books
7. [Review](#) of My Nest is the Best on Instagram
8. Chitty: A Dog and Her Forest Farm was reviewed in Current Conservation: [The Chronicles of Chitty: A Tale of an Indie and Her Human Being](#)



### **A.1e Panels, Webinars, Conferences**

1. Sujatha Padmanabhan was a panellist in a session: Manuscripts to Marketplace-Strategies for crafting best-sellers” organised by Enlit Kids on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024
2. Sujatha Padmanabhan took a masterclass on ‘Nature education and contextual TLM’ at the 21st Wipro Education Partners’ Forum, Bengaluru on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2024. A showcase of Kalpavriksh kids books was also set up at the same event.

### **A.1f Book and Author Events, Litfests**

1. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach by Nandita da Cunha at the Peekabook Litfest in Mumbai on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2024
2. The Monster Who Could Not Climb a Tree by Tanya Majmudar at the Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar, June 2024
3. Why Are You So Colourful by Tanya Majmudar at the Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar, June 2024
4. Secrets of the Jungle by Tanya Majmudar at the Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar, June 2024
5. Kalpavriksh Kids Books stall at Vidyajyoti Special School, Pune on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024
6. Why Are You So Colourful and Shero to the Rescue were part of the 8th GetLitt! International Reading Olympiad, winter edition
7. People and Wildlife by Sujatha Padmanabhan at MatriKiran School, Gurugram on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2024
8. Something To Chew On by Sujatha Padmanabhan at MatriKiran School, Gurugram on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2024
9. The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street by Sujatha Padmanabhan at MatriKiran School, Gurugram on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2024
10. The Ghost of the Mountains by Sujatha Padmanabhan at MatriKiran School, Gurugram on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2024
11. Critters Around Our Homes by Shiela Chhabra at MatriKiran School, Gurugram on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2024
12. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach by Nandita da Cunha at the Neev Literature Festival Sept 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Bengaluru
13. Pedru and the Big Boom by Nandita da Cunha at Champion School Mumbai with GetLitt! in Nov 2024
14. The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street by Nandita da Cunha at Champion School Mumbai with GetLitt! in Nov 2024
15. Travelling Seeds by Lavanya Karthik at MatriKiran School, Gurugram, Nov 2024
16. The Spring of Life by Lavanya Karthik at the Bookaroo Litfest, Delhi, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2004



17. Shero to the Rescue by Ashish Kothari at the Epicurious Festival, Sanskriti School, Pune on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024
18. People and Wildlife (3 sessions) by Sujatha Padmanabhan at the Epicurious Festival, Sanskriti Schools, Pune on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024
19. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at Prakriya School, Bengaluru, Nov 2025
20. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach by Nandita da Cunha at the Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024
21. Kalpavriksh Kids Books stall at Mysuru Children's Literature Festival, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024
22. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at the Greenlitfest, Bengaluru 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024
23. Shero to the Rescue by Ashish Kothari at a Special Author Session for the International Getlitt Reading Olympiad, an online session 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024
24. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at the Bangalore Litfest, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024
25. Go Green: Book release of My Nest is the Best; Ila my Wild Mongoose Friend and What Am I Good At? With Funky Rainbow Bengaluru, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025
26. Why Are You So Colourful? Two sessions By Shruthi Hemani at Happy Days School, Shivpuri on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2025
27. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at Hippocampus Library, Jan 2025
28. The Spring of Life by Lavanya Karthik at the Hyderabad Literature Festival, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025
29. Travelling Seeds by Lavanya Karthik at the Hyderabad Literature Festival, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025
30. Ila my Wild Mongoose Friend by Abhisheka Krishnagopal at the Hyderabad Literature Festival on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025
31. Kalpavriksh Books stall at Lokshahi Utsav, Pune, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025
32. The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street by Aanchal at the Kathakaar Lit Fest, Pune on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
33. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at Hippocampus Rayen Vidhya Mandiraa School, Bengaluru, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
34. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at Bond Over Bindings, Bengaluru, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
35. The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street by Nandita da Cunha at Oberoi International School, Mumbai, Feb 2025
36. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach by Nandita da Cunha at the Vinay and Jean Kalgutkar Community Library, Saligao, Goa on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
37. The Miracle on Kachhua Beach by Nandita da Cunha at the Goa Book Fair and Children's Literature Festival on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025
38. My Nest is the Best by Niyatee Sharma at Vidhya Vaibhav Hippocampus School, Bengaluru, Mar 2025



### **A.1g Digital Distribution**

1. 24 titles added on the web platform Asymmetrical

### **A.1h Translations**

The following titles were translated in this period:

1. The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree published in Tibetan by the Education Council for Tibetans, Department of Education, CTA
2. The Spring of Life published in Tibetan by the Education Council for Tibetans, Department of Education, CTA
3. Pedru and The Big Boom published in Hindi by Unbound Script

### **A.1h Adaptations**

1. The Ghost of the Mountains was adapted for a play by Gillo Repertory Theatre in English and Hindi and performed in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam.
2. An animated version of Shero to the Rescue was done by Anusha Menon who illustrated the book.

### **A.1j Inclusion In School Curricula**

1. The Ghost of the Mountains is a chapter in Oxford University Press New Pathways Coursebook 8 as well as in Viva Books English Expedition 6



## B. Conservation and Livelihoods

Program Coordinator	Neema Pathak Broome
Team from Kalpavriksh	Pankaj Sekhsaria, Meenal Tatpati, Pradeep Chavan, Tanya Majmudar, Subhash Dolas, Akshay Chhetri, Rudrath Avinashi, Parvata Wanghare, Ishika Patodi, Neha Negi, Esha Joshi, Roshni Kutty
Total Funds Sanctioned	INR 51,52,416 - Tides Foundation (ICCA Consortium) INR 8,00,000 - Tides Foundation (Just Transitions) USD 37,439 - Holdeen INR 9,92,982 (Mar 2024 to Feb 2025) - Misereor INR. 9,90,240 (Oct 2024 to Sep 2025) - PHF INR22,73,049 (Jan 2024 to Dec 2024) - TDH
Funding Agencies	Tides Foundation (ICCA Consortium) Tides Foundation (Just Transitions) Unitarian Universalist Association- Holdeen India Program Global Partnership Network Misereor Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) Terre des Hommes (TDH) The Nature Conservancy

### B.1 Community Conserved Areas

#### B1.a Strengthening Community Conserved Areas in Nagaland via Field Interventions, Technology and Policy Support

Kalpavriksh implemented a project in 2023-24 Nagaland to strengthen community conservation efforts and the state level network of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs). The project was carried out with consultants and staff from the CCAs themselves, and in collaboration with Community-Based Organisations Kenono Foundation and Lemsachenlok as knowledge and implementation partners, under a non-financial agreement. The project was supported by The Nature Conservancy (TNC). NCCAF (Nagaland CCA Forum) office bearers were engaged as key advisors throughout the project, providing guidance on project implementation, CCA selection (30 for documentation, 5 for in-depth interventions), and organisational strategy.



### **Key activities included:**

- Documenting the current status of biodiversity and human-wildlife interactions
- Assessing social equity in CCA management
- Reviewing management plans and exploring sustainable funding mechanisms
- Strengthening NCCAF's technical assistance to CCAs
- Upgrading the online portal documenting 30 CCAs

### **Highlights from FY 2024–25:**

- On 19 June 2024, the Nagaland Community Conserved Area Forum (NCCAF) convened its first state-level meeting in over a decade at Clark Theological College, Mokokchung, themed “Camaraderie towards Safeguarding our Biodiversity.” Organised by Kenono Foundation, Lemsachenlok, Kalpavriksh, and North East Network, with financial support from TNC, the meet brought together 150 delegates from 26 CCAs, government officials, and NGOs.
- Technical guidance documents on three key topics were created: CCAs and Community Reserves, Carbon Markets and Community
- Self-Documentation.
- A physical office for NCCAF was established with two staff appointed to manage its activities.
- Kalpavriksh continues to support NCCAF for documentation of new CCAs
- Work is underway with local actors and stakeholders to draft new state-level guidelines for CCAs.

### **B.1b CCA Web Portal**

The CCA web portal was ideated upon and developed with the following objectives:

- To increase the recognition of CCAs and highlight their importance vis-à-vis community well-being, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and climate change
- To create a repository of local knowledge that enables learning and exchange of information
- To serve as an evidence-base for community-led approaches to conservation and impact the global policy sphere

In the last FY, several advancements on the portal were made, both in terms of technical features as well as a huge increase in the number of documentations.



### **Technological Outputs:**

- **Microsites:** Dedicated online spaces created to highlight collectives and organisations working on defending, sustaining, and documenting CCAs.
- **Dashboard:** An interactive analytics tool showcasing CCA data through charts, including state-wise distribution, ecosystem types, motivations, land ownership, social impacts, and threats/challenges.
- **Geospatial Layers:** The CCA portal was enriched with overlays of Protected Areas in India, Census data, forest cover, ecoregions, biogeographic zones, tiger landscapes, key biodiversity areas, and OECMs, providing a comprehensive socio-ecological and political context.
- **Resources:** A curated repository of relevant laws, policies, and toolkits for CCAs.

### **Documentation**

30 CCAs were documented through the above-mentioned project. Following this, forest mapping data of some of the CCAs was obtained. A dedicated microsite was launched for Nagaland.

A dedicated microsite was developed for Orans—sacred CCAs in Rajasthan—and launched at a gathering in Alwar organised by KRPAVIS on “Legal and Policy Frameworks for Conservation of Orans/Deo-banis: A Focus on the Recent Supreme Court Judgement.”

### **B.1c Community Self-Strengthening Support Program**

From June 2024 to February 2025, the Community Self-Strengthening Support Program completed its foundation-building phase. This period focused on program design, research, and community engagement to create a robust framework for empowering youth including women in Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) towards an impactful, ecologically, culturally and economically meaningful conservation and development planning, execution and governance.

- Developed integrated support programme model with three pathways: Core Support to youth and women, Alumni Network, and Need based support for Activities.
- Created the Document-Reflect-Act methodology and established program governance structures
- Designed monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track program impact

Through the ICCA Consortium, Kalpavriksh is supporting community youth and women in three key regions, each focused on empowering grassroots governance, ecological protection, and community-led advocacy:



### **A. Indian Pastoral Communities Network (IPCN)**

The network, established in July 2024, brings together pastoral leaders and grassroots organisations to advocate for their customary rights, highlight their traditional knowledge and efforts at biodiversity conservation, and the inclusion of youth and women in decision-making. The network has facilitated consultations with pastoralist youth and women around concerns of pastoral livelihoods and their conservation systems, resource mobilization, livestock census engagement. These led to development of the action plan for the network during their second network meeting in November 2024.

### **B. Nagaland Community Conserved Area Forum (NCCAF)**

The NCCAF serves as a state-wide platform for CCAs to exchange knowledge, build capacity, and gain visibility in national and international forums. Kalpavriksh supports the forum toward documentation, skill development, and to strengthen the collective voice of Nagaland's CCAs in governance and conservation dialogues.

### **C. Gram Sabha Self-Strengthening – Korchi, Maharashtra**

Support for facilitating Gram Sabhas strengthening processes through strengthening democratic & transparent local decision making, use of community forest rights toward strengthening forest conservation and livelihoods.

### **B.1d National Working Group on CCAs**

A National Working Group on Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) was constituted in 2022 to develop and implement a strategic plan for the recognition and support of CCAs in India. The group has recently been restructured to include individuals who have been more actively engaged in CCA-related work and also within the collective, while removing those who have not remained in touch. A meeting of the reconstituted group is planned for early May 2025 to take this agenda forward.

### **B.1e Support to CCAs in India**

- **Pastoralist Assembly and Formation of IPCN:** The Pastoralist Women Alliance, Van Gujjar Yuva Tribal Sangathan, and Kalpavriksh, with support from the ICCA Consortium, organised a national meeting of pastoralist groups from eight Indian states in July 2024, at New Delhi. The gathering aimed to create a shared platform for community organisations and groups engaged with pastoralist issues. A key session focused on forming a national-level Sanghatna (alliance) for pastoralists. This alliance was named Indian Pastoral Communities Network and the gathering of their core group was held in November 2024.



- **Ladakh-Nagaland Exchange Visit:** In November 2024, Tar became the first village in Ladakh to formally declare a Community Conserved Area (CCA). As part of a capacitybuilding initiative, representatives from three Ladakhi villages—Tar, Saspoche, and Nyaraks—along with members from Snow Leopard Conservancy and Kalpavriksh, undertook an exchange visit to Nagaland to learn from long-established CCAs in the region.
- **Eastern Nagaland CCA Assembly:** A three-day assembly of Eastern Nagaland CCAs was held in November 2024 at Choklangan village, bringing together over 570 participants from 50 villages. Organised by LEMSACHENLOK in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Nagaland), Foundation for Ecological Security, Kalpavriksh, and the ICCA Consortium South Asia, the event focused on fostering inter-community connections to create Biodiversity Peace Corridors in Eastern Nagaland.
- **Legal and Policy Coordination:** Kalpavriksh has initiated support for a Legal and Policy Coordinator to lead legal and advocacy efforts focused on rights-based approaches to conservation as per Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). Key responsibilities include drafting a research paper outlining land and forest customary and legal tenure in Arunachal Pradesh and applicability of Forest Rights Act (FRA), and in collaboration with the state agencies to organise state-level workshops on FRA in the state.

### **B.1f ICCA Consortium South Asia Secretariat**

- **Secretariat Meetings:** Contributed to the organisational change process of the ICCA Consortium, and offered inputs during the in-person Secretariat meeting to help shape the Consortium’s strategy for CBD COP16 in Cali, Colombia. It also facilitated Asia-Pacific regional meetings to develop strategic approaches for ICCAs in the region.
- **Participation in CoP16:** Kalpavriksh participated in CoP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Cali in October 2024, to track discussions on international policy agendas, particularly the development of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and mechanisms for resource mobilisation to support its implementation. Kalpavriksh also presented the Community Conserved Areas (CCA) Portal at a side event on Women, Citizen Science and Biodiversity Conservation, highlighting the critical role of local communities and gender-inclusive approaches in achieving biodiversity targets.



## **B.2 On-Ground Interventions**

### **B.2a Corbett-Rajaji Tiger Landscape, Uttarakhand**

In line with the Conservation and Livelihood team's mission to sustain and strengthen community-led conservation. Kalpavriksh continued the project towards strengthening the conservation and livelihood initiatives undertaken with the Van Gujjar community in Rajaji-Corbett landscape in Uttarakhand in collaboration with the Van Gujjar Tribal Yuva Sangathan (VGTYS). The activities undertaken included:

- Sela Parv Expansion: Native tree plantation in 12 hamlets in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh, with active participation from youth, elders, and for the first time 40 women also participated.
- FRA Advocacy: Over 100+ Community Forest Rights claims were filed across multiple districts. Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) were formed, and follow-up meetings with government officials helped advance verification and documentation.
- Youth received hands-on training in birdwatching, nature trail guiding, and biodiversity documentation. Events at Jhilmil Jheel and Chaurasi Kutiya offered learning in wetland ecology and storytelling about the community's history.
- Women Empowerment: Health and education workshops were held in 10+ Gujjar bastis, encouraging maternal care and school attendance. Tailoring centers and kitchen gardens through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) helped women build economic resilience and community leadership
- Cultural Revival: Traditional games and Bainth songs were revived through intergenerational programs. Elders shared forest knowledge and music, strengthening cultural identity and ecological values among youth.
- Organizational Development: VGTYS sangathan members were trained in financial management, auditing, and compliance. Three key policies; Child Safeguarding, Data Protection, and POSH, were adopted, reinforcing ethical governance.
- Disaster Response: Following a forest fire that destroyed 80 deras in Dasowali, relief planning was initiated despite delays from forest department permissions. Advocacy against forced evictions continued alongside support efforts
- Annual reflection meeting

### **B.2b Munsiyari Van Panchayat Landscape, Uttarakhand**

In Munsiyari, Uttarakhand, Kalpavriksh carried out the project towards strengthening the community-led conservation efforts of the Van Panchayats in collaboration with Himal Prakriti.



- Van Panchayat Documentation: GIS mapping and water testing were conducted in multiple villages. Documentation of 3 Van Panchayats: Matena, Kwiri, and Shankhdhura, were completed and uploaded to the Community Conserved Area (CCA) portal; documentation for Harkot was initiated.
- Traditional Knowledge: Biodiversity registers, folk songs, idioms, and ethnobotanical practices were documented and shared through the Voices of Rural India platform, linking cultural heritage to ecological stewardship.
- Youth Capacity Building: Workshops on Van Panchayat governance, ecotourism, disaster preparedness, and storytelling equipped youth with leadership and advocacy skills. Collaborations with Green Hub fellows led to film-based documentation.
- Policy Engagement: Community discussions were held on the 2024 Van Panchayat rule amendments and the transition of Munsiyari into a Nagar Panchayat. 17 meetings across 6 villages explored accountability and governance strategies.
- Festival and Outreach: Events like Harela, Himal Kalasutra, and birdwatching festivals engaged over 2,000 community members and children in ecological awareness, cultural celebration, and conservation action.
- Annual reflection meetings, youth engagement strategies, and conservation media initiatives.

## B.3 Protected Area Governance

### B.3a Engagement with Laws and Policies on Protected Areas

1. **Regular comments and submissions to the relevant government departments and agencies on the environment laws and policies in India** and conservation governance and livelihoods related impacts of their implementation on the ground.

In the past year, we have made submissions to the government on the NTCA's letter calling for relocation of communities from Tiger Reserves, India's revised 'Access and Benefit Sharing' Regulations, the relocation of the Jenu Kuruba Community from Nagarhole and the eviction of Van Gujjars in Uttarakhand.

2. **Need-based assistance to communities and CSOs on interpretation and implementation of conservation and livelihoods related laws and policies.**

Created a simplified checklist and brief on legal processes that need to be followed before relocation from PAs and requisite compensation packages for communities from Panna Tiger Reserve. Also, conducted sessions on Community Conserved Areas, and role of laws such as Biological Diversity Act, Forest Rights Act and applicable international laws towards supporting Community Conservation initiatives, this was done for various organisations and communities in Ladakh, Nagaland & Uttarakhand.



### 3. Organisation of workshops and sessions on relevant issues in the conservation policy space.

In September 2024, Co-organised a workshop with TISS Mumbai and KHOJ Amaravati on ‘Protected Areas, People and Global Biodiversity Framework Implementation in India’. Participants from 15 PAs across India, and CSOs were invited.

Co-organised with MAKAM, Dhaatri Trust, Keystone Foundation, Centre for People’s Forestry, The National Workshop on Women and Protected Areas, held in Hyderabad on April 24-25, 2025. It brought together women from diverse forest regions to share their lived realities and address the mounting challenges of displacement, restricted resource access, and inadequate rehabilitation in Protected Areas.

### 4. Policy Briefs & Notes

Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, Cali Fund, Amendments to Biological Diversity Act in India and Amendments to the Van Panchayat Act.

5. **Maintenance of PA Database** which includes documenting and tracking the eviction/displacement/ relocation of communities from PAs, changes in the boundaries of PAs and relevant notifications/ meetings of state and national level bodies.
6. **International policy commitments** and implementation in India.

## B.4 Bhimashankar Conservation and Livelihoods Programme

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### B.4a Capacity Building Workshops and Trainings:

1. A training program for Bhimashankar team on Community Forest Resource management process was organized on 7th and 8th May 2024 by ShrutiMokashi from aTree organization.
2. On 21st May 2024, a training program was organized on processing of NTFP and farm products like Ragi, Karavanda, mango etc with Khopewadi and Kharpud women. Total 19 women participated in this.



3. On 2nd June 2024, we organized fireflies and tourism training for BhimashankarSHG at Bhivegaon.
4. A training was conducted on livelihood for Katkari women of Bhomale (Lower) on simple processing of Non Timber Forest Produce and Farm produce on 15th June 2024. A total of 20 women participated.
5. We organized 4 workshops for women of Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Bhomale (U) and Bhomale (L) on the implementation of the MGNREGA. The main purpose of these workshops was to create awareness about the strengths of MGNREGA and to address various issues arising during the MGNREGA implementation. KisanSabha which works in a neighbouring block, Ambegaon, has hands-on experience of mobilizing the communities and making the government functionaries work for effective execution of MGNREGA. Therefore we engaged key activists of KisanSabha as resource persons for these workshops. Details of the workshops are as follows:
  - a. 19th January 2025 at Bhomale(U). A total of 33 women participated.
  - b. 19th January 2025 at Mhasewadi. A total of 25 women participated.
  - c. 21st January 2025 at Bhomale(L). Total 42 women participated.
  - d. 22nd January 2025 at Kharpud. A total of 51 women participated.
6. 31st August 2024 at Bhomale (Lower) on Forest Rights Act and management of the Community Forest Resource rights granted under this Act. This training was facilitated by Shruti Mokashi from ATREE organization, Bengaluru. Total youths 60 (male 47 and female 13) participated.
7. 21 September 2024 at Bhomale (Lower) on Right to Information Act. This training was facilitated by RTI activist Pravin Jindam from Pune. Total youths 20 (male 15 and female 5) participated in this event
8. On 24th and 25th November, 2024 Governance training was organized at Wandre Paradise hotel at Padharwadi (Wandre). Total 9 youths participated (Male 7 female 2) from Kharpud and Mhasewadi. We expected 50 youths in this training but due to the Maharashtra state elections result, the locally elected MLA called all youth from these villages to Rajgurunagar for the celebration of victory. All the vehicles from the majority of the project villages were booked for the commuting of the youth to the event venue. Invariably, the youth were not present for this workshop.
9. On 2nd to 7th December 2024, we organized training on the adventure tourism for 30 youths (Male 18 and 9 female) from Bhorgiri, Bhomale (Lower), Bhomale (Upper), Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Yelavali, Padharawadi and Wandre villages.
10. We conducted the residential Ecology workshop on 14th and 15th December 2024 at MTDC resort, Bhimashankar. Total 54 Youths and elderly men and women (28 male 26 female) from Bhorgiri, Bhomale (Upper) Bhomale (Lower), Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Padharwadi and Wandre villages participated in this. This ecology workshop was



focused on the conservation of bio-diversity and use of legal spaces like People's Bio-diversity Register (PBR) and Bio-diversity Act, 2002

11. On 19th – 20th December 2024, we organized Hospitality Management training on Camp Water's Edge campsite, in Maval Taluka of Pune. Total 39 participants (Male 20 and 19 Female) from Bhorgiri, Bhomale (Lower), Yelavali, Padharawadi and Wandre villages.
12. On 24th – 25th December 2024 Youth documentation training was conducted at MTDC, Bhimashankar, in which a total 18 (14 male and 4 female) youth participated. Mr. Sarvesh Rajpathak was the trainer of this training

#### **B.4b Celebrating Local Culture and Sustainability**

On 29th Sept 2024, we organized Wild vegetable festival at Kharpud village with the help of other co-organizers like Gram Panchayat, Kharpud, Women Gram Sangh, Kharpud, S. M Supe Memorial Foundation, Pune; BAIF research foundation' Rajgurunagar and Shivneri Trekker's Association, Narayangaon in which 178 women respectively cooked and exhibited the recipes of more than 40 types of wild food varieties. Women from Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon, Yelavali, Bhomale(U), Bhomale (L), Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Pabe, Parsul and Khopewadi villages were participated in this. Almost 400 tourists visited this festival and tasted the different types of recipes of wild food items.

#### **B.4c Meetings and Advocacy Work**

##### **Review of Rejected CFR Claims**

We have been making consistent efforts for granting of CFRs by competent Authorities in the remaining 4 villages situated in and around the Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary. This has not at all been a smooth process. There are many challenges.

We have devised a three-pronged strategy to meet and overcome these challenges. Firstly, the recently transferred Project Officer (ITDP) and local Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Maharashtra state are pro-people. We have decided to take up this issue with the MLA and request him to schedule an appointment with the District Collector for further action. CFRMC members of Kharpud have taken initiative for this purpose. Secondly, we have also initiated efforts for building solidarity of villages which have got CFR (Kharpud, Bhomale and Wandre-Padharwadi) in support of the four villages. The CFRMC members of the four villages will also accompany the villagers from the remaining four villages during visits to the MLA and the Collector. The CFRMC members and FRC members have also visited the Project Officer (ITDP) thrice to discuss the issues related to FRA and CFR. We are also in constant touch with him on the issues of these villages, and the P.O. is giving a



positive response. Thirdly, we have also planned to raise this issue in local newspapers and media for building public opinion.

### **Strengthening Community Forest Resource Management Committees (CFRMCs)**

1. We have been facilitating the process of strengthening the CFRMCs of Bhomale (U), Bhomale (L) and Kharpud-Mhasewadi villages. Though Bhomale (U) and Bhomale (L) village got 1 combined CFR title, to ease the process of CFR management, we established 2 different CFRMCs in Bhomale (L) and Bhomale (U). We have been facilitating the drafting and submitting the CFR management plans for Bhomale, Kharpud and Wandre-Padharawadi villages and strengthening the process of CFRMCS for sustainable development of village and natural resources.
2. We are assisting other villages near our project area for better implementation of FRA.

### **B.4d Livelihoods strengthening**

We have been continuously engaging with local communities, women SHGs, youth groups etc on exploring local and natural resource based livelihoods options. We have been facilitating the small enterprise developments especially with women and youths under the Bhimashankar Conservation and Livelihood program:

In Bhomale Lower, we have succeeded in formation of 2 youth groups (male and female, 20 each) of Katkari (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) tribe. Male group is involved in Ecotourism activity as their means of livelihood and they have established a “Arala valley Forest Camping Site” on their ancestral land. They have welcomed and provided lodging and boarding facilities to 220 tourists and also hosted some trainings-workshops during Dec 2023 to February 2025 and their turnover is around Rs.600,000.

Under the Local to Global project of TDH, we, with the ParyavaranMitra organization, conducted 12 meetings with Katkari youths regarding developing a financial proposal and plan for the Arala Valley Forest Campsite. This proposal has been granted and ParyavaranMitra has given Rs.300,000 funds, which have been utilized to purchase some materials like tents, blankets, solar lamps, carry mats, water tanks and cupboards etc. These funds also supported the construction of 2 toilets, 2 bathrooms and a Hall at the Arala Valley Forest campsite. This is a very crucial support this group got for the development of their campsite.

The katkari youth from the campsite have made efforts to follow up with the government officials to mobilize support for development of Eco-tourism. On 18th June,2025,



Katkariyouth met the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) and presented their case. The DCF appreciated their idea and directed the then RFO, Rajgurunagarto prepare a proposal for development of the Campsite. Following these directions, the RFO prepared the proposal and also made 2 visits to the campsite and invited the youth to finalize the proposal. This meeting took place on 25th June 2024 at RFO's office. The outcome was that Rs.500,000 were granted for development of the Arala Valley Forest Campsite. The FD bought tents, carry mats, blankets, dustbins; the youth accompanied them for this purchase. Some items from the proposal are yet to be bought. The process of sanction and actual purchase is in process.

At this juncture, the RFO got transferred. The current RFO has also extended cooperation for completing the further formalities. After the first phase of purchasing the materials, we conveyed the progress and thanked the DCF. The DCF was pleased and directed the current RFO to prepare another proposal worth Rs.2,000,000 for the development of the campsite. So far he has visited the campsite 4 times for development of the proposal.

Katkari women group is trained and are making Karavanda pickle, Mango Pickle, Ragi Papad, Ragi Ladu and Ragi snacks. They made 15 kg of Ragi Ladu (Finger millet sweet balls) and 35 kg of Karavanda pickle and sold these to "Arala Valley Forest Campsite" They are now in the process of making the above mentioned product as per the availability of raw material. We have provided them Rs.20,000 as one time support from TDH to purchase the necessary equipment and utensils. The group has also cultivated Ragi (Finger Millet) and harvested about 30-35 kgs of produce, which has been utilized for preparation of the Ragi Ladu and chips.

In Mhasewadi, we succeeded in starting a small honey enterprise by Vaishnavi women Self Help Group. TDH provided them some part money of Rs.20,000 as one time support for purchasing Honey for this Enterprise. Almost 90% of honey bought by the SHG has been sold out so far. Total turnover is around Rs.60,000.

As mentioned above, during our interaction with the current PO, we requested him to visit the Arala Valley Forest Campsite. At that time villagers from our project villages had gathered together at the campsite for a workshop on ecology. The PO interacted with the villagers and shared with them information about various schemes of ITDP. And also suggested them to give proposals for development of small-scale group based livelihoods activities and individual entrepreneurs. The Chairperson of the Vaishnavi SHG, Mhasewadi shared about the SHG run honey enterprise and appealed for financial help. The PO appreciated and he has told them to develop a business proposal of Rs.250,000, which will be sanctioned in next financial year. The SHG has started the process of developing this proposal.

In Bhivegaon, with the help of Kalpavriksh, Bhimashankar woman SHG (with mix of young and middle-aged women) is involved in Eco-tourism and we provided them Rs. 20,000 as a one-time support from TDH to purchase some necessary equipment to run the eco-tourism



activities. The group has started providing lodging and boarding facilities to the tourist groups visiting their area. So far they have given service to 4 tourist groups (130 tourists) during June 2024 to August 2024 and earned income of Rs.40,000.

One time support was also given to another group named ParyavaranRakshak youth group of Bhorgiri village to develop an eco-tourism enterprise. As part of this support from TDH, we have purchased necessary equipment like tents, carry mats, blankets, and some utensils of Rs.36,000 to start their eco-tourism campsite. Their campsite is under construction.

Catering services of WarsubaiWomen SHG of Bhorgiri has been started; we have purchased necessary utensils of Rs.20,000 under the the component of one time support from TDH for the catering unit. The unit has provided catering services to about 500 tourists and earned an income of Rs.102,000.

Implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and other Government programs for Livelihoods security: We have been facilitating the implementation of MGNREGA in Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Bhomale (U) and Bhomale (L) to get people secured employment throughout the year as per the mandate of the Law. Consistent efforts have been made for spreading awareness about the pro-people provisions of the MGNREGA among the villagers as well as Gram Panchayats. Our key interventions were:

- Conducting village level meetings to discuss the relevance of MGNREGA for sustainable village development and security of livelihoods.
- Ensuring that planning and execution of MGNREGA is added as an agenda for Gram Sabhas.
- Follow up with the Gram Panchayats and its key functionaries for persuading block level Panchayat and line departments for preparing estimates of relevant MGNREGA work.
- Engaging CFRMCs in this entire process.
- Conducted special 4 village level workshops (as mentioned in section “I”) above) for addressing the negative concerns about MGNREGA.
- Public hearing under the social Audit is the mandatory process as per the MGNREGA. PanchayatSamittee,Rajgurunagarconducted a social audit of the entire block. This entire process took place in a completely non-transparent manner. Coincidentally one of the village level social auditors was staying in Mhasewadi, who intimated us about the date and place of Public hearing. CFRMC members from Kharpudwere present for this public hearing and they also presented their grievances to the Ombudsman.



#### **B.4e Sessions with Children at Tribal Residential Schools**

On 23rd August 2024, a session was organized with 80 female adolescent children of 8th to 10th standards of Tokawde Ashram school, on “Health of Adolescent Girls” by facilitator Mukta Shingte.

Organized a workshop cum session with 40 adolescent and young girls of Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon, Bhomale (U) and Bhomale (L), Kharpud, Bhivegaon and Mhasewadi on 9th September 2024 Helath management of Adolescent girls by facilitator Mukta Shingte

Organized a workshop cum session on 20th September 2024 for 60 male children of 8th to 10th standard of Tokawde Ashram school on Changes in the health of adolescent boys

Celebrating “United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)” week:

In the month of November, we celebrated UNCRC week in all 7 villages. We facilitated and conducted various games, sports, making things from mud and drawing events with kids and youths. Some parents were also taking active part in these events. Followings are the details:

1. Bhomale (Upper): total 60 (23 male 37 female) and 15 parents
2. Bhomale (Lower) total 58 (17 male 41 female) and 10 parents
3. Yelavali: total 27 (17 male 10 female) and 6 parents
4. Bhorgiri: total 50 (25 male 25 female) and 2 parents
5. Bhivegaon: total 30 (24 male 6 female) and 12 parents
6. Kharpud: total 65 (33 male 32 female) and 22 parents
7. Mhasewadi: total 31 (15 male 16 female) and 4 parents

#### **B.4f Study Tour for women and youth**

On 20th June, 2024, we facilitated an exposure visit to 6 representatives of Arala Valley Forest Campsite group to Chikhali village in Ambegaon Taluka to see and learn about the crab farming.

On 8th to 11th October 2024, we organized an Expossure visit of youth and women to Mendha (Lekha) village to learn the community based sustainable governance practices established and used by the community of Mendha (Lekha) village. Total 38 participants (27 male 11 female)

#### **B.4g Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development**

We have been engaged in a youth empowerment program for youth to get aware and assert their fundamental rights and engage meaningfully in sustainable development of village and natural resources. To achieve this, we regularly conduct meetings of the youth groups and organize some of the above-mentioned training and workshops on various subjects like



–Nature based livelihoods, Eco-tourism, Governance workshops, Ecological workshops, Photo and video documentation workshops etc. We also conducted an exposure visit to Mendha (Lekha).



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

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

### C1. ACTIVITIES IN/RELATING TO INDIA (VIKALP SANGAM ACTIVITIES)

**Project:** ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES AND VISIONS IN INDIA-Documentation, Networking, and Advocacy  
**Coordinator:** Shrishtee Bajpai  
**Support Team:** Ashish Kothari, Aanchal, Arnaz Khan, and Chandramouli Sharma  
**Year of Commencement:** Jan 2024  
**Year of Completion:** December 2024  
**Funds Sanctioned:** 4,265,148 (2023)+ 12,00,000 (Until March 2024)  
**Funding Agency:** Heinrich Böll Stiftung, India Centre

KV members continued in the VS Facilitation Team, helping to hold the process together. Specific activities carried out include:

#### C1.a Ladakh VS

Continuing with follow up actions relating to a series of Sangams organized in Ladakh over the last few years, and support to its movement for Constitutional autonomy, KV members remained in touch with collaborating organisations in the region, and helped to organize solidarity events.

#### C1.b West Himalaya VS (WHVS)

KV remains active with the WHVS process though it has its own core team now. Inputs are going to it on a voluntary basis, including ideation on activities, participation in Sangams such as the one in Kashmir in Oct 2024, and inputs to the formulation of a survey on Well-being in ten villages of Ladakh.



### **C1.c Film on VS**

Srishti Films was contracted to make a film on the VS process. KV provided ideas, contacts, and a story thread for this, and reviews of various cuts of the film. This was finalized and made public in early 2025.

### **C1.d VS South Asia**

Discussions have started on the possibility of expanding the VS process to South Asia; relevant groups are being contacted, and a planning meeting being planned for later in 2025.

### **C1.e Traditional and Other Local Communities Governance Sangam**

The Traditional Governance - Indigenous and Community worldviews and systems Vikalp Sangam was held on 3-5th August, at Tribal Health Initiative, Tamil Nadu. Members of over a dozen Adivasi, pastoral, farmer groups, as also a few civil society groups working with communities, were present at the Sangam. The three days were spent listening and finding commonalities to the process of self governance by communities in Ladakh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, and Madhya Pradesh. The intention of the sangam was to begin to understand these systems, their evolving nature to suit contemporary societies, their interface with modern governance institutions, and how overall governance can be strengthened for the objectives of justice and sustainability.

The days were filled with lots of discussions and also dancing, singing, sharing good food, films, laughter and celebrating the collective. Participation also visited Sittilingi Organic Farmers Association and Tribal Health Initiative Hospital to learn about on ground efforts of THI.

### **C1.f Vikalp Sangam Facilitation Team Meeting**

We concluded the three-day long (7-9th June) Facilitation Team meeting in Pune, where the group discussed the manifesto released by VS, general election results and Vikalp Sangam's role in political context. The group also reflected upon the work Vikalp Sangam has been doing in India and its future vision. We experienced the spectrum of hearty laughter and intense fundamental discussions in this safe space with deep friendships. The facilitation team meets online every month and physically once a year.

### **C1.g National Vikalp Sangam**

We concluded the 10th Anniversary Vikalp Sangam, held in Kachchh on 21-24th November.

- About 130 people including about 85 from outside Kachchh participated, from local communities, academics, activists, legal/media persons, artists, etc.



- Some great discussions on topics like democracy, food/water/agriculture, health, education, livelihoods, etc ... with gender/caste/other discriminations etc as cross-cutting.
- Ceremonial offerings and gift-sharing
- Super Kachchhi/Gujju food (including camel milk kheer and ice cream),
- Hands-on activities like banner-making, wall-painting, pottery, and weaving; a theatre on agriculture; birding; garba
- Trips to 5-6 places where Kachchhi groups are working (pastoralism, wildlife, crafts, livelihoods, urban issues, gender, etc), and so on.

The press release issued on the last day:

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/press-release-national-vikalp-sangam-concludes-with-resolution-to-work-towards-ecological-social-and-economic-justice-for-india-and-for-kachchh/>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/governance/grassroots-movements-unite-for-ecological-and-social-justice-in-kutch>

### **C1.h South Asia Bioregionalism Working Group (SABRWG)**

Discussions on bioregionalism continued in the SABRWG. Specific activities over the year include:

- Physical gathering  
A physical gathering of the group was organized in Bhopal on 6-7 Sept 2024, to review the group's activities, plan for the future, and do a visioning of South Asia from a biocultural regionalism perspective.
- Visioning  
Following up on the visioning exercise mentioned above, a Vision of South Asia in 2100 has been drafted, and is being finalized for publication in 2025.
- Training Course  
A training course on Bioregionalism was organized by ATREE in collaboration with the SABRWG and KV, at Auroville, in March 2025. About 25 participants, mostly youth, participated.

### **C1.i The Alternatives Learning Collective (TALC)**

We convened a group called The Alternatives Learning Collective composed of passionate educator-learners across India who have come together to envision and reimagine education for and on Alternatives in India. Some of these educator-learners are part of formal institutions and informal spaces of learning; and are already offering learning programs and courses in various formats and durations. The vision of the collective is to synergize around



common values, ethics, frameworks and pedagogies, and offer support to each other in contextualizing the courses for various demographics.

### **C1.j Alternative Decentres**

We initiated a process of Alternative Decentres, which are **place-based learning and exchange hubs** co-designed/co-created to support and spread **radical alternatives** to the dominant systems that are ecologically destructive and socially unjust.

Key purposes of an ADC:

- Learning: provide seekers (especially youth) opportunities for conceptual and hands-on engagement with transformative alternatives.
- Cross-linkages: connect multiple grounded initiatives and perspectives, nationally and globally.
- Documentation & expression: develop repositories of alternative place-based knowledge, practices and lived experiences.
- Transformation: enable personal, collective, ecological, political and socio-cultural shifts towards justice.

### **C1.k Green Futures project**

An advisory role continued in the international action research project ‘Green Futures’, by Ruskilde and WITS Universities. This included inputs to ongoing research at VS member sites, to research articles, and participation in a project meeting in South Africa in September 2024.

### **C1.l Vikalp Sangam Website ([www.vikalpsangam.org](http://www.vikalpsangam.org))**

**In the past year, there has been more rigorous upkeep of the backend of the website in an attempt to make it more efficient. This includes changing and/or upgrading to faster plug-ins for statistics, editing, the search function and so on. Regular layout changes are being made like changing the Banner images and links on the Home Page, refreshing the Latest Highlights on the Home Page.**

There has been a steady increase in the visitors and viewership over the months with spikes in engagement through ‘likes’ and ‘comments’ on the stories. There is an increasing interest among the readers of the website to actively contribute to it either by writing stories or translating them.

The attempts to include more regional languages on the website has been materialising. There



are continued attempts to build regional language stories, either originally written or translated. The process of restructuring the website is underway. The goal is to improve navigation, reorganise the menu and include some sections to make the website more accessible to readers, especially new. We also aim to reach out to different kinds of writers to commission stories written specially for Vikalp Sangam. The attempt is to cover categories that are less covered and also spread the net to have stories from various regions.

#### Statistics (April 2024-March 2024):

1. The past one year, we published 103 stories
2. The total number of stories on the website has crossed 2000
3. The visitors increased by 9% (300,376) and views by 10% (362,342)
4. Engagement on the stories through 'likes' has gone up by 77% (83)

#### Statements and Press Releases published:

i) [TOWARDS SECURING HIMALAYA FROM DISASTERS: A DEMAND CHARTER PEOPLE FOR HIMALAYA CAMPAIGN, 2024](#)

(This is not a statement put together by Vikalp Sangam, but we helped amplify it)

ii) [INDIA'S 2024 ELECTION RESULTS SHOULD SPUR A RENEWED MOVEMENT TOWARDS JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY](#)

iii) [IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AVOID CATASTROPHIC SUBMERGENCE IN NARMADA VALLEY](#)

[नर्मदा घाटी में विनाशकारी जलमग्नता से बचने के लिए तत्काल कार्रवाई \(IN HINDI\)](#)

iv) [SOLIDARITY WITH LADAKH'S 'DELHI CHALO' YATRA, DEMANDING CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS](#)

v) [STATEMENT CONDEMNING DETENTION OF LADAKHI PADYATRIS \(MARCHERS\) AT SINGHU BORDER](#)

vi) [25 ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE WESTERN HIMALAYAS RESOLVE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL ISSUES](#)

[पश्चिमी हिमालय के 25 संगठनों ने सामाजिक और पारिस्थितिकी मुद्दों के लिए मिलकर काम करने का संकल्प लिया \(IN HINDI\)](#)



- vii) [NATIONAL VIKALP SANGAM CONCLUDES WITH RESOLUTION TO WORK TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, FOR INDIA AND FOR KACHCHH](#)
- viii) [DECLARATION ON TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS OF INDIA \(IN ENGLISH AND HINDI\)](#)

### **Specially Written Stories in the context of the People’s Manifesto**

- i) [YOUNG HOPE FOR INDIA IN 2024?](#)
- ii) [THE ELECTION HORIZON AND THE RAINBOW](#)
- iii) [WATER AND ELECTIONS: VIKALP SANGAM SETS AN ALTERNATIVE AGENDA FOR WATER](#)

### **Reports published on Vikalp Sangam Website:**

Please find relevant links for the following reports updated on Vikalp Sangam Website:

#### **1. Interfaith Approaches To Global Crises**

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/interfaith-approaches-to-global-crises/>

#### **2. Learning, Collaboration, And Sustainability In The Himalayan Landscapes**

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/learning-collaboration-and-sustainability-in-the-himalayan-landscapes/>

#### **3. Vikalp Sangam On Social Well-Being And Justice**

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-on-social-well-being-and-justice/>

#### **4. National Vikalp Sangam**

<https://vikalpsangam.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/National-Vikalp-Sangam-2024-Report.pdf>

#### **5. Weaving Resilient Futures: Strengthening Livelihoods, Conservation and Community Rights**

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/vikalp-sangam-reports/>



## **C1.m Vikalp Sangam Social Media**

### What have been the objectives?

To enhance outreach of Vikalp Sangam and related material on alternatives, to a wider audience, including and in particular, youth. Main goals and objectives include amplifying and centring stories from grassroots organizations and communities to 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).

To develop camaraderie with core group members. To develop a bonding and get perspective of DBA voices. To explore the relevance of ideas, ideals and principles of Indian thought leaders of the yesteryears, and see live examples of their applications manifesting around us.

### What kind of activities, posts are you doing?

- Putting out stories, news, event-related content (relating to alternatives)
- 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
- Collab posts with different organizations on Instagram
- Insta live on different topics
- We are using Instagram collaborator posts as an opportunity to connect with the General Assembly(GA) and outside GA organisations. We did a collaboration with Grounded Imaginaries, Travellers University (GA member), and There is no Earth B.
- We also try to update social media from the ground by live tweeting and IG live.
- Making sure to post content on important National and International issues
- We also try to post content bilingually, Hindi and English.

The Instagram account has crossed 3050 followers, Reach in last 90 days: 4,991 (Accounts reached) Followers: 1,176 / Non-followers: 3,815

Twitter has reached 1500+ followers, Facebook page has 2.7K likes & 2.8K followers and LinkedIn has 690+ followers.



#### Instagram Live:

- Live from Chipko Protest, Pune (Feb 9th 2024) –  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF2YGfKSDp0/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF2YGfKSDp0/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- A conversation on the book: Just Transformations: Grassroots struggle (Jan'24):  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2hdqVioW93/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2hdqVioW93/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- From Ladakh movement protest (22 April, 2024):  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C6D\\_P5yy6B3/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C6D_P5yy6B3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- The Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust and Kalpavriksh co-organised the 3rd Indus River walk (live video and stories)  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DAV3h2eoz6S/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DAV3h2eoz6S/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- Coverage from the press conference – National Alliance of People's Movement's solidarity press conference at Press Club of India, Delhi
- Western Himalaya Vikalp Sangam (Oct 27-30th)  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBoWFYzSdW7/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBoWFYzSdW7/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==) /  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBpwiHYyBeF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBpwiHYyBeF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- Coverage of Vikalp Yatra, Kerela (Nov 11-16) –  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/DC1WdPpBaqp/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/DC1WdPpBaqp/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- Live conversation with Sandeep Virmani from National Vikalp Sangam (Nov 21-25th), Kachchh –  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DCtE1iNo3yx/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DCtE1iNo3yx/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- Live conversation with Yogendra Yadav from National Vikalp Sangam (Nov 21-25th), Kachchh –  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DCtS27PIGDb/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DCtS27PIGDb/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
- Live conversation with Shubha (Jeevitnadi) and Sanskriti Menon (Centre for Environment Education)  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF2g6n-SP9l/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF2g6n-SP9l/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)



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### **Instagram collaboration posts with:**

- Local Futures Ladakh (GA member)
- South Asia Bioregionalism Working Group
- Margshala (GA member)
- LIB (GA member) on Ladakh movement
- The Himal Collective (Western Himalaya VS groups)
- EventsinBombay and Van.one (non-GA members) - collab on VS story and event
- Pagdandi book store (screening of Churning the Earth)
- Friends of Ladakh + Youth for Himalaya + Endangered Himalaya + Climate Front India and Climate Front Jammu – (all non-GA member) – collaborated on Ladakh situation
- Snow Leopard India (on Indus River Walk reel)
- Moth Creative (an IG handle promoting more than human expressions)
- Travellers University (GA member) – used #VikalpYatra

### **C1.n Other online events**

- From Yesterday, Towards Tomorrow: Vikalp Sangam initiated a new webinar series (in Oct, 2023) named *कल से कल की तरफ / from yesterday, towards tomorrow*, which explores the relevance of ideas, ideals and principles of Indian thought leaders of the yesteryears, and sees live examples of their applications manifesting around us. These will be valuable conversations, especially given the multiple crises India (and the world) is going through right now and attempt to co-create a vision of a collective future. 5 episodes in a year, In 2024 - we organised 3 episodes, quarterly.



	Speaker	Thinker	Moderator	Date	
1	Rajni Bakshi - Ep 1	Gandhi	Arnaz Khan	20 Oct, 2023	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/fhyO55aGEjU?feature=shared">https://www.youtube.com/live/fhyO55aGEjU?feature=shared</a>
2	Ramachandra Guha - Ep 2	Gandhi	Shrishtee Bajpai	26 Oct, 2023	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/xT1SfqH KIHI?feature=shared">https://www.youtube.com/live/xT1SfqH KIHI?feature=shared</a>
3	Adv Nisha Shiurkar	Savitribai Phule	Chandramouli Sharma	11 Jan, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/Wd5JL_hc8ys?si=iZxVgFDJO4JJDLyk">https://www.youtube.com/live/Wd5JL_hc8ys?si=iZxVgFDJO4JJDLyk</a>
4	Mukul Sharma	Ambedkar	Ashish Kothari	30 Mar, 2024	<a href="https://youtube.com/live/DbBXk6As9-g?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/DbBXk6As9-g?feature=share</a>
5	Priyanka +Grijesh	Ambedkar	Meenal Tatpati	29 Aug, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/c4ulyGH8pW0?si=3V-A7vT1Ox5C8TMU">https://www.youtube.com/live/c4ulyGH8pW0?si=3V-A7vT1Ox5C8TMU</a>
6	Aseem Shrivastava	Tagore	Shrishtee Bajpai	18 Feb, 2025	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/OyjTx6vZtMI?feature=shared">https://www.youtube.com/live/OyjTx6vZtMI?feature=shared</a>

- Webinar – PUCL-NAPM-VS (24 March, 2024): <https://www.youtube.com/live/xx-zYD4hZus?si=e5jNvNIVBsMZk-WM>
- Webinar – Ladakhi Women Speak (6th April, 2024) <https://www.youtube.com/live/4uLUBPiaVBg?feature=shared>
- Webinar – Discussion on The Nicobar Betrayal (book published by Frontline) (10th Aug, 2024) <https://youtu.be/G8kOKH6CQmo?feature=shared>
- Celebratory/Awareness post on important days: Year Recap of VS' work, Wetlands Day (Feb 02), World NGO Day (Feb 28), Women's Day (Mar 08), Bicycle Day, Environment Day (June 05), Rivers Day etc.
- Promotion of World Social Forum (Kathmandu, Nepal) collaboration events and sessions

**YouTube channel** is encouraging (Live telecast of Webinars + Recording of IG live later gets uploaded on YT) - with 1.37K subscribers





## C.2 Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

**Project No.** 321-900-1956 ZG ZG

**Project Title:** Documentation and Outreach in Democratic Conservation Governance and Socio-ecological Transformation

**Coordinator:** Milind Wani

**Thematic:** Alternatives

**Support Project Team:** Arnaz Khan, Radhika Mule, Pooja Kishnani, Sushama Gaikwad (Library)

**Others involved:** Govind Khalsode (Admin staff), Prajakta Kulkarni (Accts staff), Shubhangi Gadekar (Accts staff).

**Associates (External):** Siddharth (PipalTree- Fireflies Intercultural Centre Bangalore), Abhyraj Naik, Urmi Chanda, Aspi Mistry

**Year of commencement:** March 2024

**Year of completion:** February 2027

**Total funds sanctioned:** INR 51,60,279/-

**Funding agency:** Misereor

### C2.a People in Conservation

- One issue each of the English and Hindi version was produced and disseminated by September 2024. The issue saw a merging of the thematic of nature conservation and role of education (See at the links [https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Hindi-Vol.-13-No.1\\_Final-for-Web.pdf](https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Hindi-Vol.-13-No.1_Final-for-Web.pdf) and [https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Eng.-Vol-13\\_Issue-1\\_Final-for-Web.pdf](https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Eng.-Vol-13_Issue-1_Final-for-Web.pdf))
- One issue each of the English and hindi version has been produced and disseminated by February 2025. The issue is merging the thematic of nature conservation and role of art in socio-ecological transformation. ([https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Eng.-Vol-13\\_Issue-2\\_Final-for-Web.pdf](https://kalpavriksh.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Eng.-Vol-13_Issue-2_Final-for-Web.pdf)).



## **C2.b REDWeb (Radical Ecological Democracy website)**

Project Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Project Team: Pallav Das, Pooja Kishinani

Year of Commencement: 2014

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Funds sanctioned: Part of Activity D2 (Documentation and Outreach Centre)

Funding agency: Misereor

### **Featuring alternatives from around the world**

The year 2024-25 brought a plethora of new perspectives on alternatives to the RED website. After a brief hiatus in the previous year, where we focused on restructuring the website to increase its accessibility and visual appeal to invite new readers, we published articles more frequently and consistently this year. We maintained a steady rhythm of publishing two to three articles a month, platforming a range of themes from marine bioregionalism and Indigenous cosmovisions to analyses of local elections in Turkey and international climate finance at COP29.

We featured 23 inspiring stories, critical analyses, book reviews, interviews, perspectives from the ground, on-the-ground initiatives, and reflections from authors, educators, thinkers, journalists, scholar-activists, movement-builders and practitioners from the following countries - India, South Africa, Colombia, Nepal, Italy, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, China, Russia, Mexico, and occupied Kurdish territory. The stories primarily represented three main geographical regions - South and Central Asia, Europe, and Latin America. While this captures the international spirit of the RED publication, we aim to consciously bring more perspectives from Africa, Southeast Asia, and Oceania in the upcoming year. Given below are REDWeb statistics for 2024-25:

- Number of stories published – 23
- Range of viewership for an article in this period – 700 to 2400
- Average viewership per article – 1093
- Total readership – 25,159
- Average monthly readership - 2096
- Articles fall broadly into three categories:
- Alternatives – 12
- Political/Social/Economic Analysis – 7



- Environmental Issues – 4
- Increase in per-article readership between 2023 and 2024 – 13.8%

### **List of RED Articles (April 2024 - February 2025) supported by Misereor**

1. [Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao... Hope comes from the young for a world-weary Socialist](#) by Milind Wani (April 2024)
2. [The experience of Los Panchos and the autonomous community of Acapatzingo in Mexico City](#) by Carlos Tornel (April 2024)
3. [What if A.I. is able to make us more responsible? A review of “After the Internet” book by Tiziana Terranova](#) by Mitja Stefancic (April 2024)
4. [A Tribute to A.T. Ariyaratne](#) by Quincy Saul (May 2024)
5. [Beauty & Fashion: The rise of the fashion industry in the 20th century \(part 2\)](#) by Alessandra Monaco (June 2024)
6. [‘Another World is Possible’: Reflections on the World Social Forum in Nepal](#) by Quincy Saul (June 2024)
7. [Local elections in Turkey: moving with and towards radical democracy](#) by Ayfer Ekin (July 2024)
8. [Beauty and Fashion: Imagining Alternatives \(part 3\)](#) by Alessandra Monaco (August 2024)
9. [Almanac of the Future: Bet on a future with a future](#) by Jorge Krekeler (August 2024)
10. [Tides of Thought: Integrating Science and Spirit in Marine Bioregionalism](#) by John Kurien, D. Nandakumar and Nalini Nayak (September 2024)
11. [Walking in Peace with the Earth: Prerequisite for Peace among humans](#) by Alberto Acosta and Enrique Viale (September 2024)
12. [Bioregionalism Satsang](#) by Dipak Gyawali (October 2024)
13. [In Tune with Gaia: Remembering Stephan Harding](#) by Chaitali Chaudhari (October 2024)



14. [Peace with nature? COP16 in Cali and the defense of biodiversity](#) by Miriam Lang (October 2024)
15. [COP29 – Rethinking Climate Finance Responsibility](#) by Fausto Corvino (November 2024)
16. [Natural Law and the Jaba Sé: Kogi Cosmovision for an Interconnected World](#) by Aili Pyhälä (November 2024)
17. [Scaling out a pluriversality of alternative futures: the case of Vikalp Sangam](#) by Emilia Lewartowska and Lone Riisgaard (November 2024)
18. [COP29: Why the ‘sandwich’ approach to climate finance is an affront to climate justice](#) by Fausto Corvino (December 2024)
19. [Working class life: Emerging Alternatives in Russia. An interview with sociologist Alexandrina Vanke](#) by Mitja Stefancic (January 2025)
20. [Slow Fiber: Shaping a Conscious Relationship with Fashion](#) by Dario Casalini (January 2025)
21. [The flower of transformation blooms in South Africa](#) by Ashish Kothari (February 2025)
22. [Decoupling ‘The Good Life’ from Capitalism](#) by Miho Soon (February 2025)
23. [“I am Sakine Cansiz!”: Remembering the life of a revolutionary](#) by NecibeQerendaxi (February 2025)

## **C2.c Gatherings**

### **A Vikalp Sangam on Social Wellbeing and Justice**

This happened from 23-26 January 2025 in the Fireflies Ashram at Bangalore. The sub-themes of this addressed in the Vikalpa Sangam were how to build social & spiritual well-being, resilience and responses to issues of Climate justice and interfaith dialogue, both of which have impact on social wellbeing and justice. A kind of “Buddha Diplomacy”, a beautiful term coined by the Honorable Prime Minister, needs to be deployed across communities of different faiths to ensure peace and avoid conflict. The Sangam was an attempt to move in this direction. This was attended by around 22 activists. The questions this Vikalp Sangam tried to address were:

- How do we address the serious challenge posed by the climate crisis?



- How to build socio-cultural resilience in order to face the crises/issues related to climate and inter-faith conflict/justice?
- What role can spiritual resilience play in order to help face the crises/issues related to climate and inter-faith conflict/justice?
- What needs to be done to protect, deepen, strengthen and harness the democratic traditions of the country in order to address the above concerns?

This was supported by Misereor. This was attended by 22 participants. Outputs for the reporting period March 2024 – February 2025: A report on the Vikal Sangam can be read from here: [Vikalp Sangam on Social Well-being and Justice](#)

### **Collaboration with Pipal Tree**

Kalpavriksh in collaboration with Pipal Tree Trust held a strategy meeting in October 2024 (16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>) to explore inter-faith approaches to addressing challenges of social wellbeing, ecological sustainability, social justice and democracy in India by interrogating the potential of plural religious traditions for social and individual transformations. The idea was to discuss **long term** plans for the next few years for initiating conversations that could help address the afore-mentioned concerns and issues. For this we had invited social “influencers” such as: scholars, theologians, intellectuals, thinkers, academics, religious teachers, journalists, activists, cultural practitioners and experts in their chosen field of work. The strategy meeting was attended by 15 participants and was supported by the Heinrich Boell Stiftung, India Centre .

Outputs for the reporting period March 2024 – February 2025: A report on the strategy meeting can be read from here: [Interfaith Approaches to Global Crises](#)



### C3. Global Tapestry Of Alternatives

**Project Coordinator:** Shrishtee Bajpai

**Initial Team:** Ashish kothari, Shrishtee Bajpai, Sujatha Padmanabhan and Milind Wani.

**Current Team:** Ashish Kothari, Mugdha Trifaley

**Year of Commencement:** 2018

**Year of Completion:** ongoing

GTA which Vikalp Sangam is part of is continuously expanding its activities. Following have been the key highlights from the past year.

2024 was a very full year of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives, with periodicals, webinar series, an encounter of the Weavers in South East Asia, and the taking forward of multiple thematic and working groups (such as on Democracy, Solidarity Economies, and Learning) emerging from the physical Assembly in Kenya August last year.

We initiated the webinar series '[Climate Change Fiction and its Potential for Transformation](#)', focussing on how climate change fiction has come to the fore in recent times as an offshoot of science/speculative fiction, as a way of coming to terms with the reality of global warming and climate change and the likely repercussions for vulnerable species and communities most likely to be affected in the near future; specifically, we amplified voices from South Asia in particular, seeking to find the interface between fiction, academia and activism.

A webinar series that has emerged from these five episodes is the '[More than Human: Creative Expressions](#)' series, which features people connecting to other species and the rest of nature in spiritual, artistic, creative, and visceral ways; and it hopes that we can collectively unravel tools for modern times that can help us rekindle our relationship with the rest of nature in meaningful ways. We have had three episodes of this series so far.

We have had a robust process on Radical Democracy and Autonomy, which we plan to expand for the next three years; as a part of this, we are planning a gathering in South Africa early next year of communities that are practicing Radical Democracy on the ground. Leading up to this gathering we are holding three webinars on [Voices from Asia, Latin America, and Africa](#) as well.

The [periodicals](#) this year have been on Weaving, reflections on the Assembly, and on Energy. These periodicals have featured a variety of submissions, from poetry to reflections and book reviews as well. These periodicals are a welcome addition to the documentation and amplifications of alternatives within the GTA.

The GTA Assembly has met every three months this year, deepening our bonds of solidarity and navigating the state of the world (and especially in the context of this year having so many elections across the world) together.



Revival of Adelante: GTA had a few years back initiated a platform, Adelante, with several other global networks. This went dormant for a while, but has now been revived with most of the original collaborators.

Dictionary of terms: As a contribution to greater cross-cultural understanding, a Dictionary of terms relating to alternatives is being put together, starting with 25-30 terms, to be expanded later to many more.

Planning for COP30: The Climate COP30 will take place in Brazil in November 2025; GTA proposes to organize some events there, for which a planning group has been set up.

Finally, we published a multitude of articles and materials on the GTA, including the report '[Articulating Crisis and Creating Radical Alternatives: Insights from Weavers of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives](https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/reports/articulating_visual:index)'. This report traces the history and experiences of the GTA process, drawing from in-depth reflections from the GTA facilitation team as well as contributions from Weavers and Endorsers to the process. The graphic version of the report can be found here: [https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/reports/articulating\\_visual:index](https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/reports/articulating_visual:index)

### **C3.a Interweaving- MASSA and Vikalp Sangam**

Vikalp Sangam facilitation team member, Shrishtee Bajpai participated and shared about their work at the annual meeting of Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in South East Asia (MASSA), in Pangandaran, West Java, Indonesia from 21st to 24th October 2024. The meeting was hosted by Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP), a people's network that has worked tirelessly on peasant issues and environmental conservation in Indonesia with special emphasis on strengthening grassroots democracy. The spirited exchanges highlighted the need for cross border solidarity in building alternatives and reviving a sense of collective beyond the nation state borders. The participants joined from various parts of SouthEast Asia including Vietnam, Philippines, Cambodia, Malaysia, Timor Leste, Indonesia, and other parts like India, Mexico, South Africa among others.

### **C3.b The Global Confluence on Radical Democracy, Autonomy, and Self-Determination**

[The Global Confluence on Radical Democracy, Autonomy, and Self-Determination](https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/events/radasd:report) held in Port Edward, South Africa from February 2 to 6, 2025, was organised by Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA), in collaboration with WoMin Alliance, Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC), Academy of Democratic Modernity (ADM), and Jineoloji Academy. Together, these organisations provided both the theoretical and practical frameworks for the meeting, guiding the discussions and ensuring a multiregional focused discussions on grassroots and community-led alternative practices to the intersecting polycrises facing the world. The meeting brought together 44 participants from 20 countries, representing 34 communities across the Global South, mostly from Latin America, Asia and Africa. The primary goal was to forge deeper connections between local and global movements, share strategies, and strengthen collective power to confront the multifaceted crises that are increasingly defining our world. <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/events/radasd:report>



## PART II: PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

### A. Kalpavriksh Publications and Outputs

#### A.1 Published Books and Reports

- Ila, the Mongoose by Abhisekha K
- What Am I Good At? by Rahul Pradhan
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Trilok Singh Rana, farmer and expert birder of Shankhdhura village (Munsiari region, Uttarakhand), member of Himal Prakriti, on how he transformed from being a worker breaking stones to a trekking and nature guide, and expert birder. Sarmoli village (Munsiari), 25.5.2024

त्रिलोक सिंह राणा, शंखधुरा गांव (मुनस्यारी क्षेत्र, उत्तराखंड) का किसान और पक्षी विशेषज्ञ, हिमालय प्रकृति के सदस्य, ने बताया कि कैसे वह पत्थर तोड़ने वाले एक कार्यकर्ता से ट्रेकिंग और प्रकृति मार्गदर्शक, और पक्षी विशेषज्ञ बने। सरमोली गांव (मुनस्यारी) में 'हिमालय कलासूत्र' कार्यक्रम के अवसर पर, 25.5.2024

**Deepak Pachhai, nature guide, on Himalaya youth** दीपक पछाई, प्रकृति मार्गदर्शक, हिमालय युवा के मिसाल

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X54MOGdOjko>

Deepak Pachhai, nature guide and birder with Himal Prakriti and a Kalpavriksh fellow in Sarmoli village, Munsiari (Uttarakhand) on why and how he became a naturalist and guide, and how youth in the Himalaya do not have to migrate out to find meaningful livelihoods. Conversation with Ashish Kothari in Sarmoli, on the occasion of the Himal Kalasutra festival. 25.5.2024

दीपक पछाई, सरमोली गांव, मुनस्यारी (उत्तराखंड) के वासी, प्रकृति गाइड, हिमालय प्रकृति के सदस्य व कल्पवृक्ष के फेलो, बताते हुए कि वह क्यों और कैसे प्रकृतिवादी और गाइड बन गए, और कैसे हिमालय में युवाओं को सार्थक आजीविका खोजने के लिए पलायन नहीं करना ज़रूरी है। हिमालय कलासूत्र उत्सव के अवसर पर सरमोली में अशीष कोठारी से बातचीत। 25.5.2024

**Chandan Kumar/Pawan Kurunga, nature guides, Uttarakhand** चन्दन कुमार / पवन कुरुंगा, नेचर गाइड, उत्तराखण्ड

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNZazDaNdDw>

Chandan Kumar and Pawan Kurunga of Himalayan Shepherd, a youth group in Munsiari creating livelihood options linked to nature, on their activities linked to nature guiding, awareness for youth, and citizens' science. Interview by Ashish Kothari, Sarmoli, during the Himal Kalasutra festival, 22.5.2024.

मुनस्यारी में एक युवा समूह 'हिमालयन शेफर्ड' के चंदन कुमार और पवन कुरुंगा, प्रकृति से जुड़े वैकल्पिक आजीविका पर बात करते हुए। इसमें शामिल हैं प्रकृति मार्गदर्शन, युवाओं के लिए जागरूकता और नागरिक विज्ञान से जुड़ी गतिविधियाँ। हिमालय कलासूत्र उत्सव के दौरान अशीष कोठारी द्वारा सरमोली में साक्षात्कार, 22.5.2024।

**Ashish Pangtey, homestay owner, Uttarakhand** आशीष पांगटी, होमस्टे चालक, उत्तराखण्ड

<https://youtu.be/BMI-m2FT1gA>

Ashish Pangtey, homestay owner, nature-lover, member of Voice of Strays (for dogs), on why he came back from a job outside to his land in Munsiari (Uttarakhand), why he will now stay on, and how the mountains can provide livelihood opportunities for youth. Interview by Ashish Kothari, during Himal Kalasutra festival, Sarmoli, 21.5.2024 आशीष पांगटी, होमस्टे मालिक, प्रकृति-प्रेमी, वॉयस ऑफ स्ट्रेज़ (कुत्तों के लिए) के सदस्य, इस पर कि वह मुनस्यारी (उत्तराखंड), बाहर की नौकरी छोड़कर अपना जमीन पर वापस क्यों आए, अब वह क्यों यहीं रहेंगे, और कैसे पहाड़ युवाओं के लिए आजीविका के अवसर प्रदान कर सकते हैं। अशीष कोठारी द्वारा साक्षात्कार, हिमालय कलासूत्र उत्सव, सरमोली, के दौरान, 21.5.2024



**Nonhle Mbuthuma, Amadiba Crisis Committee, South Africa**

<https://youtu.be/S9VMSh29tvI>

On the history and current phase of the struggle to save Indigenous lands from mining and other threats, October 2024

**Lonwabo Dlamini, Amadiba youth, South Africa**

<https://youtu.be/UTW9emqhEus>

Youth activist and ecotourism entrepreneur, of the Amadiba community, he speaks on why as a young person he has stayed back in his village and is part of the struggle to save their lands from destructive ‘development, October 2024

**Charles Simane, Climate Justice Charter Movement (CJCM), South Africa**

[https://youtu.be/2\\_S6zyOpvsE](https://youtu.be/2_S6zyOpvsE)

Charles Simane, Membership Secretary in the National Convening Committee of South Africa's CJCM, gives a history of the movement, its various dimensions and processes, and its future plans. Interview by Ashish Kothari, at WITS University, 30.9.2024.

**Awande Buthulezi, Climate Justice Charter Movement (CJCM), South Africa**

<https://youtu.be/tlDeJxGPTkY>

Member of the National Coordination Committee of the CJCM, researcher with the Cooperative and Policy Alternatives Centre (COPAC), talks about the movement and why/how it is heading towards the making of a South Africa Climate Justice Deal. Conversation with Ashish Kothari, Johannesburg, 7.10.2024.

**Davine Witbooi, environmental activist, South Africa**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnzaeS95O7A&t=5s>

Farmer, human rights and environmental activist, feminist, and mother, in Lutzville, a small town in the western Cape province of South Africa, Davine talks about why and how women are leading the struggle against violence of various kinds: domestic, state-sponsored, and corporate, including mining and oil/gas exploration. Interview by Ashish Kothari in Cape Town, 15 October 2024.



## PART III: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

### Apr-24

- 6: Vikalp Sangam-PUCL-NAPM webinar ‘Ladakh Women Speak’
- 6: Climate Fiction in South Asia webinar series (KV & GTA), Ep. 3, ‘Marine Ecosystems and Climate Fiction from South Asia’
- 12: Presentation on Eco-swaraj at Youth Alliance’s EarthShastra course, Chirag (Nainital) – Ashish
- 16: Presentation on Ladakh situation at ‘Ladakhcha Haka’ session, NAPM, Friends of Ladakh and Lokshahi Utsav Manch, Pune – Ashish
- 18: Presentation on Ladakh situation to NAPM – Ashish
- 21 – Panel discussion, Manuscripts to Marketplace-Strategies for crafting best-sellers” organised by Enlit Kids (Sujatha)
- 22-28: Solidarity visits to Ladakh protest site, Leh – Ashish
- 24: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to University of Ghent – Ashish
- 30: GTA Assembly #12

### May-24

- 1: Panelist in ‘Human Rights in Societies Beyond Growth’, University of Essex – Ashish
- 2: Panelist in ‘From Doughnuts to Degrowth: Alternatives in Action’, University of Bristol – Ashish
- 11: Climate Fiction in South Asia webinar series, episode 4, ‘Conversation with Amitav Ghosh’
- 21-24: Helping organize, and/or participate in, Birding and Butterfly festival, and food festival, at Himal Kalasutra, Munsiri – Ashish

### Jun-24

- 1: Night ride in old city, as part of Pune Cycle Week and World Cycle Day – Ashish
- 4: Conversation with Bayo Akomolafe, ‘The World is Not Enough’, Democracy and Belonging Forum – Ashish
- 7-9: VS Facilitation Team meet, Pune
- 11: Climate Fiction in South Asia webinar series, episode 5, ‘Future of Climate Change in S. Asia’
- 19 - Nagaland Community Conserved Area Forum (NCCAF) state-level meeting at Clark Theological College, Mokokchung, themed “Camaraderie towards Safeguarding our Biodiversity,” organised by Kenono Foundation, Lemsachenlok, Kalpavriksh, and North East Network, with financial support from TNC. (Tanya, Neema, Rudrath)
- 20: VS General Assembly statement on 2024 India elections
- 22 - Session on Why Are You So Colourful at Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar (Tanya)



- 23 - Session on The Monster Who Could Not Climb a Tree at Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar (Tanya)
- Session on The Monster Who Could Not Climb a Tree at Bookaroo Litfest, Srinagar (Tanya)

### **Jul-24**

- 2-4: Global Well-being Economy, Costa Rica, org. by Well-being Ecology Alliance, Terra Valiente, Costa Rica – Ashish
- 11: Panelist on session on G20, by Centre for Financial Accountability\
- 12: Presentation on ‘Governance in Territories of Life’, to ICCA Consortium L. America
- 14 - Presentation in Pune on Bhorgad fort of Bhorgiri (Parvata)
- 16: Panelist on ‘Theorizing Post-development, Practicing Post-development, Kassel University – Ashish
- 28: Moderate IMPRI webinar on 2024 Interim Budget
- 29: GTA Assembly #13
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### **Aug-24**

- 3-5: Traditional Governance Vikalp Sangam, Sittilingi (TN) – Chandramouli, Shrishtee, Ashish, Neema, Akshay
- 12: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to ‘Decolonial and Post-colonial Ecologies’, Univ. of Oregon – Ashish
- 14: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to ‘und jetz’ Conference for Young Germans, gASTWERKe – Ashish
- 23: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to ‘Conservation Leadership’ course, Nature Conservation Foundation – Ashish
- 25: Screening of ‘Churning the Earth’ film, Pagdandi, Pune – Aanchal, Arnaz, Shrishtee, Ashish
- 27-29 Commons Convening organised by Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) at Delhi (Rudrath)
- 28: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to ‘From Dakar to Johannesburg: Climate Crisis, Migration and Transformative Solutions’, Rosa Luxemburg South Africa – Ashish
- 29: ‘Kal se Kal Tak’ webinar series, Ep. 4, ‘Ambedkar’s Vision in Contemporary India – Reclaiming Justice’ -several members
- 29: ‘More than Human Creative Expressions’ webinar series (KV and GTA), Ep. 1, Alyen Foning
- 30: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, Sociology Dept, Pune University, Pune – Ashish

### **Sep-24**



- 1: Chair panel discussion on ‘Transforming Climate Litigation: Role of MK Ranjitsinh vs. Union of India in Shaping India’s Climate Policy’, IMPRI – Ashish
- 4: VS General Assembly statement on Detention of Ladakhi Padayatris (Marchers) at Singhu Border
- 6-7: South Asia Bioregionalism Working Group physical gathering, Bhopal – Arnaz, Ashish, Shrishtee
- 6: Screening of ‘Churning the Earth’ film to SA Bioregionalism WG meeting participants, Bhopal
- 11-13: KV AGBM, Pune
- 19 - Session on People and Wildlife, MatriKiran School, Gurugram (Sujatha)
- 19 – Session on Something To Chew On, MatriKiran School, Gurugram (Sujatha)
- 20 – Session on Miracle on Sunderbaag Street, MatriKiran School, Gurugram (Sujatha)
- 20 – Session on Ghost of the Mountains, MatriKiran School, Gurugram (Sujatha)
- 21: Presentation on ‘Livelihoods, Jobs, Environment’ (in Hindi) for Loktantrik Rashtra Nirman Abhiyan symposium – Ashish
- 25-30: ‘Green Futures’ (Ruskilde Univ) project meeting, S. Africa – Ashish

#### Oct-24

- 2: Eco-swaraj, Conservation and Development presentation, WITS University – Ashish
- 4: Podcast conversation ‘Pluriversal Pathways out of Global Crises’, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung South Africa, Johannesburg – Ashish
- 15: Presentation on ‘Food Sovereignty & Eco-swaraj in South Asia’, at Food as Commons seminar, S. Africa Food Sovereignty Campaign, Cape Town – Ashish
- 16-18 - Secretariat meeting of ICCA Consortium in Colombia (Tanya, Neema, Rudrath)
- 21-27 CoP16 of Convention on Biological Diversity (Tanya, Neema, Rudrath)
- 23: Presentation on ‘Eco-swaraj’, in ‘Local Environmental Democracy and Green Transitions’ workshop, Geneva Graduate Institute and IIM Bangalore – Ashish
- 23 - Presented the CCA Portal at a side event on Women Gender and Citizen Science at CoP16, Colombia
- 27-30: West Himalaya Vikalp Sangam, Sagg Ecovillage, Kashmir – Aanchal, Ashish, Pradeep

#### Nov-24

- 5: Meeting on Alternatives Courses, Munjal Univ campus, Haryana – Pooja, Ashish,
- 5: Screening of ‘Churning the Earth’ film & panel discussion, Munjal Univ - Ashish
- 6: Presentation on Eco-swaraj at Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Delhi – Ashish
- 9: Presentation on Radical Democracy and Food Sovereignty, to FoodWize – Ashish



- 11-13 Maharashtra state level youth workshop at Kothrud, Pune (Subhash)
- 12: Presentation on Eco-swaraj to Development & Justice course, University of Edinburgh – Ashish
- 13: ‘Shero’ reading at Sanskriti School, Pune – Ashish
- 13 - Session on Shero to the Rescue, Epicurious Festival, Sanskriti School Pune (Ashish)
- 13 - Session on People and Wildlife, Epicurious Festival, Sanskriti School Pune (Sujatha)
- 14: Presentation on Eco-swaraj and Decolonising Knowledge, to Delft University – Ashish
- 14 - Two sessions on People and Wildlife, Epicurious Festival, Sanskriti School Pune (Sujatha)
- 14-19 “Earth Parliament” at Wardha (Pradeep, Seema, Parvata)
- 15: GTA Assembly #15
- 17: Moderate GTA Radical Democracy & Autonomy webinar series, Ep. 1, Voices from Asia
- 20: Keynote presentation on Radical Conservation and Well-being, to Conservation Social Science Conference, SSWG and Society for Conservation Biology – Ashish
- 21-24: National Vikalp Sangam, Bhuj – several members
- 25: Vikalp Sangam General Assembly, Bhuj – several members

#### Dec-24

- 2: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, to Degrowth Masters – Ashish
- 5: Panelist on ‘Lets Talk Nature’ symposium, Principles for Responsible Management Education programme of SP Jain Institute of Management & Research – Ashish
- 5-6 - Book display and interactions with people and organisations engaged in education, at Wipro Teaching Learning Materials Mela
- 6 - Master Class session on ‘Nature education and contextual TLM’ at the 21st Wipro Education Partners’ Forum, Bengaluru (Sujatha)
- 9: Panelist on ‘What about the Right to Development’, WWF’s Spotlight Series on Rights and Conservation – Ashish
- 12: Birding trip to Bhigwan – Arnaz, Shrishtee, Ashish
- 14 – Author Session Shero to the Rescue, for the International Getlitt Reading Olympiad, an online session, (Ashish)
- 16: GTA Radical Democracy & Autonomy webinar series, Ep. 2, Voices from Latin America
- 21: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, at Ecological Society course, Pune – Ashish
- 27: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, to ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education – Ashish



## Jan-25

- 8: Presentation on Eco-swaraj and Pluriversal Well-being, to 'Good Life, Good Society and Evolutionary Flourishing' seminar
- 11 - Release of three Kalpavriksh titles in Funky Rainbow, Bengaluru (Tanya, Sujatha)
- 16: Presentation on Earthy Governance and Inter-species Justice, Teachers Against Climate Crisis, GTA & KV – Shrishtee, Ashish
- 21: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, to Prayas staff, Pune – Ashish
- 21: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, at 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Possibility Studies Network – Ashish
- 23: GTA-REDWeb-VS webinar 'Tearing Down the Straitjacket: Reimagining Fashion and Beauty in 21<sup>st</sup> Century'
- 27: 'More than Human Creative Expressions' webinar series (KV and GTA), Ep. 2, Sumana Roy

## Feb-25

- 2-6: Global Confluence on Radical Democracy, Autonomy and Self-Determination, GTA, Port Edward, South Africa – Shrishtee, Ashish
- 7-9: GTA Facilitation Team physical meeting, Port Edward, South Africa – Shrishtee, Ashish
- 8 – Session on The Miracle at Sunderbaag Street, Kathakaar Lit Fest, Pune (Aanchal)
- 10: GTA meeting with South African civil society organisations, Durban – Shrishtee, Ashish
- 18: 'Kal se Kal Tak' webinar series, Ep. 6 on Tagore
- 20: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, to Political Ecology Masters, Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar – Ashish
- 21: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, to 'Decolonising Climate Change' course, Univ. of Freiburg – Ashish
- 21: Presentation on Vikalp Sangam and Flower of Transformation, to Uttarakhand Vikalp Sangam, of West Himalaya VS process – Ashish
- 21-24 Uttarakhand Vikalp Sangam (Pradeep)
- 23: Birding and river walk with Pune River Revival and Jeevit Nadi, Ramnadi-Mula confluence, Pune – Aanchal, Ashish
- 24-25 - Presented CCA Portal at a meeting on Orans organised by KRPAVIS at Alwar (Tanya)
- 25: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy to UK Civil Service Climate and Environment Network – Ashish
- 27: GTA Assembly #15



## Mar-25

- 1-2: Panelist in opening session, and participation in National Convention ‘Defending Democracy: Constitutional Justice to Climate Justice’ of National Alliance of People’s Movements – Ashish, Aanchal
- 8: Presentation on ‘Fashioning the Flower of Transformation’, at Wardrobe Crisis Academy course ‘Co-creation with Artisans’ – Ashish
- 12-13: Presentation on Eco-swaraj, and use of Alternatives Transformation Format, with Textile Design Masters students, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad – Ashish
- 13: Screening of ‘Churning the Earth’ film, NID, Ahmedabad – Ashish
- 21: Release of ‘Sandhani: Weaving Transformations in Kachchh’, and discussions on follow-up actions by weavers and Khamir, Bhuj – Ashish
- 23: Moderate webinar on ‘Abdullah Ocalan’s Call for Peace & Democratic Society’, GTA
- 24: Presentation on Bioregionalism in South Asia, to r3.0
- 25: Presentation on ‘भारतीय पर्यावरण आंदोलन: सांस्कृतिक, सामाजिक पृष्ठभूमि व इतिहास’, Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies – Ashish
- 28-30: Presentations & moderation at Course on Bioregionalism, Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville, by ATREE/KV/ South Asia Bioregionalism WG – Ashish
- 39: Screening of ‘Churning the Earth’ film, Auroville - Ashish



## PART IV: LIST OF KALPAVRIKSH MEMBERS

1. Aanchal
2. Akshay Chettri
3. Arnaz Khan
4. Arshiya Bose
5. Arpita Lulla
6. Ashish Kothari
7. Ishika Patodi
8. Meenal Ulhas Tatpati
9. Milind Wani
10. Mugdha Trifaley
11. Neema Pathak Broome
12. Neeraj Vagholikar
13. Pallav Das
14. Pankaj Sekhsaria
15. Parvata Vanghare
16. Pradeep Chavan
17. Radhika Mulay
18. Roshni Kutty
19. Rudrath Avinashi
20. Seema Kakade
21. Sharmila Deo
22. Shrishtee Bajpai
23. Shruti Ajit
24. Shyamoli Chaudhuri
25. Sneha Gutgutia
26. Subhash Dolas
27. Sujatha Padmanabhan
28. Sunita Rao
29. Tanya Majmudar
30. Tejaswini Apte-Rahm
31. Vandana Singh
32. Vasudha Varadharajan
33. Vipul Sangoi
34. Yashodhara Kundaji
35. Aanchal Sondhi
36. R. Prabhakar Rao
37. Sanjay Sondhi
38. Seema Bhatt



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## PART V: LIST OF DONORS AND FUNDERS (FY 2024-25)

### **Funders**

1. Heinrich Boell Stiftung
2. MISEREOR
3. The Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust
4. Paul Hamlyn Foundation
5. Tere Des Hommes –
6. Foundation for Ecological Securities (FES)
7. Sir Dorabji TATA Trust –
8. University of Kassel
9. Unitarian Universalist Association (Holdeen India Program)
10. The Nature Conservancy
11. War on want
12. Tides Foundation

### **Donors**

#### PA Update

1. S.R.Rajagopal

#### Conservation and Livelihood

1. Gwasinlo Thong
2. Neema Pathak Broome

#### Alternative Work

1. Delfina Kanchana Sundar
2. Paranjoy Thakurta
3. Anuradha Arjunwadkar



## PART VI: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**KALPAVRIKSH**  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As on 31st March 2025

SN	Particulars	Sch	(Rs) As on 31st March '25	(Rs) As on 31st March '24
<b>A</b>	<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
I.	Trust Fund		2,26,314	2,26,314
II.	General Fund			
	Opening balance		40,57,286	30,59,566
	Add: Surplus for the year		8,89,820	9,97,720
	Closing balance		49,47,106	40,57,286
III.	Restricted Funds			
	Conditional Donations and Grants	1	50,59,038	59,59,637
IV.	Current Liabilities & Provisions	6	9,02,998	5,76,450
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,11,35,456</b>	<b>1,08,19,687</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Application of Funds</b>			
V.	Fixed Assets	2	4,37,808	3,02,549
VI.	Bank FDs & Interest Accrued	3	29,68,800	23,61,767
VII.	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	6	77,28,848	81,55,370
VIII.	Notes to Accounts	7		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,11,35,456</b>	<b>1,08,19,686</b>

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**KALPAVRIKSH**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the financial year 2024-25**

(Amount in INR)

SN	Particulars	Total Amount FY 24-25	Total Amount FY 23-24
<b>A.</b>	<b>Income</b>		
1	Grants utilised	3,38,57,643	2,49,23,624
2	Other Income		
i	- Interest on Saving and FDs	2,54,837	2,28,478
ii	- Membership Fees	29,250	27,750
iii	- Scrap Sales	-	1,000
iv	- Royalty Received	45,283	28,242
v	- Donation Received	1,500	-
vi	- Sale of awareness books	14,43,979	12,98,753
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,56,32,492</b>	<b>2,65,07,847</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>		
vi	Staff Payments and Benefits	17,42,893	19,24,346
vii	Honorarium & Professional Fees (Sch4)	1,99,85,447	1,31,95,715
viii	Events, Meeting and Workshop Expenses	13,71,814	11,70,029
ix	Rent, Rates and Taxes	5,70,172	4,70,442
x	Communication Expenses	2,615	12,81,964
xi	Printing and Stationary	9,81,015	12,10,900
xii	Electricity expenses	21,360	19,975
xiii	Travelling and conveyance expenses	54,89,020	44,57,670
xiv	Remuneration to Auditors	60,000	60,000
xv	Other Expenses (Sch 5)	40,95,622	8,65,930
xvi	Expenses on Books (Sch 6)	2,42,426	5,02,712
xvii	Repairs and Maintenance	89,155	2,94,491
xviii	Depreciation for the year	91,134	55,955
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,47,42,673</b>	<b>2,55,10,129</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit) (A - B)</b>	<b>8,89,819</b>	<b>9,97,718</b>

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