

Videos for Vikalp Sangam, by Video Volunteers

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These 20 videos were made specially for Vikalp Sangam They are short videos by community members on *alternative initiatives* that attempt to integrate ecological sustainability, economic democracy, social justice, cultural diversity and democratic governance. Videos created by [Video Volunteers](#). The first two are stories that have won [CMS](#) awards in the following categories : ---

[Livelihoods - Seeds of Life: A Quiet Revolution is Underway at the Foothills of Niyamgiri](#)

With help of local organisations, the Panga Kondhs have gone back to traditional, organic, mixed farming methods. Even the forests are benefitting. Read a related story : [Riches of the Soil - the Wealth in Local Knowledge Systems](#) ---

Sustainable Technologies -

Solar Energy, a Cash Crop for Gujarat Farmers

Until 2012-13, Dhundi, a village in Gujarat's Kheda district, was unelectrified. Today they sell solar energy to the state grid. Read the story of this initiative: Six Farmers in a Gujarat Village Join to Trap the Sun

Community Voices powered by Lalit Lokvani in Uttar Pradesh

"Radio is such a medium that even while cooking we can listen to the news, music and folk songs." shares a happy listener of Lalit Lokvani. --- [Fishing for Green Solutions to Climate Change in Goa](#)

Greenhouse gases are a top contributing cause of climate change. Parag Modi's locally rooted composting initiative is saving thousands of kilos of waste from going into landfills and generating methane. --- **"Only 1% of Garbage is Trash": Clinton Vaz Shows the Way to a Zero-Waste Goa**

In the latest state budget announced last Saturday, the government of Goa has promised to invest nearly two thousand crores for waste management. One man shows how, in the long run, getting the community on board is more sustainable than investing in expensive technology. ---

The Journey of Baiga Tribe from Malnourishment to Food Security

One man's efforts to bring back traditional crops and methods of cultivation has ensured land rights and food security for an indigenous tribe.

Under the Shade of Imlee Mahua: Students Embrace Alternate Education Model in Chhattisgarh

In a remote corner of Bastar, Chhattisgarh, the Imlee Mahua School is bringing alternative education to those who need the most. ---

A Movement for Child Rights in Uttar Pradesh by Children

Varanasi's weaving community's children are becoming the bastions of child rights in Uttar Pradesh as they fight against child labour and early marriage. ---

Narmada Jeevan Shalas Bring Hope for Children Affected by the Sardar Sarovar Project

Across banks of Narmada, Adivasi children can now count on Jeevan Shalas for a better future despite the government's failure to provide them with education.

Gram Dhara Chitrotsav – An Organic Festival Celebrating Life

An organic festival, Gram Dhara Chitrotsav, literally an arts festival for village and earth is India's first Land Art Festival in Nagpur. ---

Children of Mumbai Slums Gang Up for Urban Development

Self-motivated children from Mumbai Slums' lead the path to bring urban development to their localities

"We played on an undeveloped piece of land earlier. We would get hurt because of the stray objects and also be embarrassed to call our friends to play in our 'playground' because they would call our playground dirty!"

A Retired Postmaster Revives Traditional Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh

As the government stubbornly sticks to promoting expensive genetically modified seeds for corporate profits, one man has started a quiet revolution, reviving traditional agriculture in Madhya Pradesh, a state with one of the highest numbers of farmer suicides. --- **Community run schools in Jammu & Kashmir** Since the Jammu & Kashmir state had been paralysed by protests as well as by strikes imposed, many schools were shut down. In the midst of the civil unrest, some concerned citizens of the state have initiated community run schools to ensure that the children are not deprived of education. ---

[Jharcraft - an ailing art that needs revival](#)

Jharcraft was established with a mission to change lives through the creation of new opportunities that would effectively, efficiently, and positively affect the lives of a large number of people across the state. However of late Jharcraft's support to craftspersons appears to have declined considerably.

Art Room - a space for expression

Art Room utilizes the medium of art to empower children and women of marginalized communities. It believes that exploring, expressing and exchanging ideas through art creates confidence and stimulates personal growth.

How Mahua seeds made rural women independent

"Now we step out of our homes confidently. This is our achievement".

This statement sums up the spirit of euphoria of the members of "Bansidhara Producer Group Of Women", a Self Help Group formed in Bijgori village of Odisha.

Football as a tool to advance sexual and reproductive health of women

Work of Mahila Swarojgar Samiti in UP. Through learning to play football, the girls' bodies are energised and it also plays a crucial role in shaping their sexuality.

Doctor on Call – Medical phone service in Chhattisgarh

Swasthya Swara is non-profit, mobile based platform that aims at using voice portals to revive local medicinal knowledge. It aims to address rural community health issues and at the same time help in protection and distribution of ancient knowledge of local healers and other traditional practitioners. Read a story on this initiative - [Swasthya Swara : A Unique Community Health Solution](#)

Rooftop rainwater harvesting makes life easier

Badlao means Change. The Badlao Foundation is committed to bring about fundamental changes in the lives of the excluded people--- Dalits, OBC, Minorities, and Tribals --- and ensure economic freedom for a happier future. Through various initiatives like rooftop rainwater harvesting, installing rooftop solar panels, the foundation is trying to strengthen the capabilities of an individual and the community. **Read a story on this initiative - [Roof Top Water Harvesting Structure : A Source of Income with Nutrition](#)**

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Persons with Autism in India Find Hope in Dehradun

Arunima, a Dehradun -based model day care centre finds innovative, intuitive approaches for people who suffer from Autism in India

Read a story on this initiative -

Arunima: Joy Possible

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