Photo-exhibition

This is a set of posters photographically narrating the idea of Vikalp Sangam through examples in various categories. Introduction, Livelihoods 1, 2 and 3, Food & Agriculture 1, 2 and 3, Community-based conservation 1 and 2, Women's Empowerment, Learning and Education 1 and 2, Decentralised Governance, Urban Sustainability 1 and 2, Energy, Ecotourism, Wild Foods, Food at Sangams and About Vikalp Sangam. The same set has been put together as a booklet - Initiatives of an Alternative nature. See the same in Hindi below:

The Beacon

Case studies

**Talks from Vikalp Sangams**

- Localising food at Vikalp Sangam II
- Alternatives: Aspects & Principles - notes as of Feb 2015
  - Ashish Kothari *Thematic Vikalp Sangam on Energy* (electricity) at Bodh Gaya, Bihar. An illustrated webpage. (checked on 19 Sep. 2016)
  - *More Talks from Vikalp Sangams* A series of videos that John D'Souza (CED) has put up on the Vikalp Sangam process. Youth Sangam Videos - also by John D'Souza (CED)

A series of videos by Video Volunteers, depicting some of the stories on the Vikalp Sangam website.

**A series of videos by Video Volunteers**

**Vikalp Sangam Reports**

- *The evolving Alternatives Framework note* (printed booklet Vikalp Sangam: The Search for Alternatives also available)
- *Briefing note Food in Our Lives: Ideas and Initiatives towards an Alternative Food System in India* Handout Note on Vikalp Sangams in English and Hindi (Sep. 2017)

**Vikalp Sangam**

2-page Flyer (A5 size) -

Front

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Back

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VS poster A3 size

**Vikalp Sangam in the News**

- *The Search For Radical Alternatives: Key Elements and Principles* - Kalpavriksh has published this 20-page booklet (also available as hard copy) on the search for radical alternatives, with examples of transformations in India in political, economic, social, cultural and ecological spheres, and how these bring up basic ethical values and principles of a change towards a just and sustainable society. (Hindi version and Telugu version also available.) Printed booklets also available.

**Alternatives Transformation Format**

The motivation behind making the Alternatives Transformation Format is the quest to answer the questions: what is a systemic or transformative alternative, distinct from a change that is merely reformative within the existing system? what are the key elements of such an alternative, and how can one assess which elements are being transformed in an initiative? what about if one element is being transformed, but another remaining the same or regressing? how can those taking part in the change assess for themselves whether their process is holistic, and if not, how to make it so? And in all this, what kinds of worldviews, cosmologies, frameworks of values and ethics underpin such a transformation? This document is arranged according to (a) the key spheres of transformation: political democracy, economic democracy, social justice, cultural and knowledge diversity, and ecological wisdom; (b) the specific elements of which each of these sphere is comprised, and (c) the key indicators to enable assessment of whether positive transformation is taking place in each of these elements. Indicators are oriented more at outcomes than at processes, but the latter can also be built into the assessment as appropriate.