

**KHOJ**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2011-12**

It is our pleasure to bring to you the Annual Report of KHOJ for the year 2011-12.

In the year 2011-12, the major work of KHOJ revolved around the issues of Health and Livelihoods. The work undertaken in the year 2010-11 saw increased push and pressure building on issues of implementation of NREGA and Forest Rights Act. The process saw development of interesting collective efforts in direction of management of forests and developmental issues of the region that we would like to share with all of you, to bring to light the new energy emerging from the Forest Rights process. We would be happy to receive your comments and suggestions.

KHOJ Team

## ***Strengthening the livelihoods of the people through implementation of NREGA, FRA, PESA and BDA***

This programme that has been in operation since the year 2010 and has been focused in reaching out to 40 villages of Dharni, Chikhaldara and Achalpur blocks of Amravati district. The programme was designed to address the issues of livelihood support through implementation of laws like Forest Rights Act, Biological Diversity Act, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act and improved Governance.

**FRA:** Untill this year a total of 16 Community Forest Rights Claims had been filed with Sub District Level Committee, Dharni, however none were recognized until the end of the year.

There was a slight reluctance in communities in filling community claims as they do not see these being recognized. While most of the individual claims have been filed, there are sporadic cases that need help and assistance in completing their claims. There are cases of appeals against the



People of Lawada Van village participating in the Forest survey during micro planning exercise

orders of rejection of individual claims by the Sub Divisional Level Committees that we facilitated during the year.



Gram Sabha at Madizadap village

Micro planning processes were undertaken in 3 villages of Payvihir, Lawada and Nayakheda in order to identify the priorities at the village level. The entire village participated in this process through participatory exercises. This exercise helped in bringing the entire village on one ground regarding various issues facing the village and in deciding what and how they wanted to deal with these in a prioritized way.

### ***Engaging with Governor's office on the issues of Implementation of the Forest Rights Act***

The Community Forest Rights of the people in the districts other than Gadchiroli had not been implemented anywhere. A meeting was organized early in 2012 to discuss these issues with Hon Governor, State of Maharashtra to kindly intervene and expedite the process. It was a result of this effort that the issue was monitored directly by his Office and reviewed at periodic intervals. This facilitated overcoming of issues and concerns at the district level and improving coordinated action across the State.

### ***Facilitating implementation of NREGA in Melghat and Achalpur Area-***

Since the agriculture in this area is predominantly rain fed, hence labour becomes another key source of livelihood. If work is not available in village, people migrate in big numbers to nearby towns for work. In some cases people also migrate to bigger cities. In this context, it is but natural that a large thrust is on effective implementation of NREGA. The process begins with placing demand of various types of work needed in the village, working for creating proper plans and estimates and ensuring that works starts on time. During the last one year, 1605 male and 1347 women from the 3927 households benefitted from NREGA works.

Achalpur	Upatkhedha	8017
Chikhaldara	Bhulori	14305
	Khadimal	47551
	Kohana	15509
	Raipur	39354
Dharni	Ranamalur	29278
	Barugavhan	15454
	Total	169468

The above works have brought an amount of Rs 2,45,72860 in the above Gram Panchayats.

***Community Based Monitoring of Health Services-*** This program supported by NRHM and implemented by State Nodal agency Sathi. KHOJ is the district nodal agency and works together with 2 other partner organizations in the district covering over 6 blocks from the 14 blocks in the district of Amravati.

The activities involved the trainings and meetings of the Community Based Monitoring Committees at PHC/Block and District level, meetings and capacity building of the Village Health Sanitation Committee, Data Gathering and Jan Sunwai of the health issues at block and district level. The essence of this year's intervention was the engagement in the preparation of Health Plans from PHC to District level in order to ensure that the local level issues get highlighted and reflected in the planning at various levels.

Jan Sunwai provided the people an opportunity to deal with the issues they confront on the ground and seek answers to these

**Helpline-** Our office works as a helpline for emergencies in health and in employment. The Office follows up on emergency response through coordination with various district level officials and in ensuring that the rights of the people are ensured and lives are saved.

As far as NREGA is concerned, we generally receive calls regarding non availability of work, non-payment of wages. These are also addressed in consultation with the officials concerned.

***Vocational training for girls*** – In continuity of the Girls Gaining Ground Programme that aimed at working with the young girls a Sewing class was initiated at Bihali village catering to girls engaged in the programme from Bihali and from neighboring villages. Another centre was initiated at Salona village and 19 girls from the village participated in the training exercise.

Around 26 girls benefitted from the intervention at Bihali through a six months course that focused more on practical's but also covered theory. Over 11 girls purchased their own machines and started their own livelihood generation programme, as a result of this training.

***Villages of Payvahir and Nayakheda start taking lead in village planning and governance***

The 2 villages of Achalpur gram Panchyat are demonstrating a new leadership in participatory forest management and governance. They have not only reactivated their joint forest management committee but also taken steps to prevent grazing, trespass into their protected forest. Regular meetings of villagers is being held to discuss the issues of the people and take action. An initial 30 hectares of land was protected from gazing. Soil water conservation works have been undertaken in the village under NREGA thus trying to reinstate the water and soil levels and regenerate the forest that has depleted

over the years. The youths are also assigned duties to prevent fire or illegal entry into the forest area.

### ***Jaitadehi woes find ears with Chief Secretary Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad***



**Meeting of Jaitadehi villagers on alternative land and livelihoods with Govt. Officials**

During the meeting with Chief Secretary, Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad, we raised issues relating to NREGA, Forest, Health and Educational Development in Melghat and sought specific action. Villagers of Jaitadehi village who were ousted due to the construction of a dam shared their story of displacement and from being turned into a labourer from a rich farmer. CS ordered a special meeting by Divisional

Commissioner into the matter. This led to a process of identifying alternative land and means of livelihood

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3. *Bhavishya Alliance*
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#### **List of Trustees**

1. Bandu Sane\*
2. Jagdish Jadhav
3. Purnima Upadhyay\*
4. Vijay Jawlekar
5. Aruna Shete
6. Kishor Talmale
7. Roopasri Sinha

\*Related to each other by marriage and work on Projects of the organization for which they receive honorarium as specified in the projects

#### **List of Team Members working at KHOJ and their monthly honorariums**

1. Bandu Sane – Rs 10000/-
2. Purnima Upadhyay – Rs 15000/-
3. Mahadeo Gillurkar – Rs 7000/-
4. Dashrath Bawankar – Rs 5500/-
5. Sagar Shelke- Rs 3500/-
6. Pratibha Ahake – RS 3500/-
7. Nandkishor Lende – Rs 5500/-
8. Sachin Shejao – Rs 3000/-
9. Ramlal Kale – Rs 3000/-
10. Shivram Kasdekar – Rs 3500/-
11. Ashok Bethekar – Rs 3500/-
12. Purkha Jamunkar- Rs 2600/-
13. Punaji Shelukar Rs 2600/-
14. Ashish Khandezod – Rs 3500/-



**R. K. Bothra & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants

The Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950  
Schedule VIII [ vide Rule 17 (I) ]

Name of the Public Trust: KHOJ  
Registration No: F-19762 (MUM)  
PAN No. AAATK 3173 G  
Date of Settlement: 20/07/1997

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2012					
Funds & Liabilities			Property & Assets		
	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.		Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus:-			Immovable Properties (At Cost) :-		439,545
Balances per last Bal. Sheet	-	-	Plot at Gaurkheda	1	
Adjustment during the year	-	-	Building	602,939	
				602,940	
Other earmarked Funds :-		28,936	Less : Depreciation upto date	163,395	
Depreciation Fund	-	-			356,116
Sinking Fund	-	-	Moveable Properties	356,116	
Reserve Fund	-	-	As per Schedule 'B'		1,000
Any other Fund - Gaurkheda Plot Dev. Fund	28,936		Advances :-		
		466,638	Trustees	1,000	
Loans (Unsecured)	-	-	Others - MTNL		
From Trustees	466,638		Cash and Bank Balances :-	329,658	
From Others (Unconfirmed)	-	-	As per Schedule 'C'		
		406,651			329,658
Liabilities :-					
Sundry Credit Balances (As per Schedule 'A')	315,478				
Sundry Creditors	91,173				
		224,094			
Income & Expenditure Account					
Balances per last Bal. Sheet	471,743				
Less: Deficit as per Income & Expenditure A/c	247,649				
		1,126,319	Total		1,126,319
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>		

The above Balance Sheet, to the best of our belief, contains a true account of the Funds & Liabilities and of the Property & Assets of the Trust.

As per our Audit Report of even date  
For R. K. Bothra & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
FR No. 113941W

For Khoj

Trustee

Place: Mumbai  
Date: June 15, 2012

Partner  
Membership No. 16103  
Place: Mumbai  
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING ON 31ST MARCH, 2012**

Particulars	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Particulars	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
To Establishment Expenses		-	By Interest (Realised)		18,257
To Depreciation		121,100	- Bank Account		
To Expenditure on Objects of the trust		347,206	By Donation		95,300
(a) Religious	-		By Income from Other Sources		107,100
(b) Educational As per Schedule 'A'	-		Vehicle Rent	107,100	
(c) Medical Relief	-				
(d) Relief of Poverty	-		By Deficit carried over to the Balance Sheet		247,649
(e) Other Charitable Objects as per shedule "E"	347,206				
<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>468,306</b>	<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>468,306</b>

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