

# Reimagining Wellbeing: Villages opening spaces for Self-Governance

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[Specially produced for Vikalp Sangam and Kalpavriksh in collaboration with Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi Around the world indigenous people are resisting mainstream development models which have devastated local biodiversity, threatened species with extinction and changed the earth's climate. Many communities are creating transformative alternatives to challenge such ideas of development.](#)

[Korchi taluka in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra State in India, is one such region where the local villages are moving towards social, political, economic and ecological transformation and are re-defining development and wellbeing. This is a story of 90 gram sabhas that, supported by their federation are moving towards social, political, economic and ecological transformation and re-defining development and wellbeing. Recognition of their community right over their traditional forests was one of the important triggers for this process to unfold. Articles written about this process from different perspectives:](#)

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