

Paryavaran Mitra

Activity Report
(April 2015 to March 2016)

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Introduction:

Paryavaran Mitra is a registered organization (Regd No: E/20934/Ahmedabad) working on socio-environmental issues since 1997. We have been especially active in encouraging public participation in environmental decision making processes in the state of Gujarat. Through Advocacy our core work is to strengthen democratic governance and ensure that citizen's voices especially vulnerable groups are heard and considered by the government in environmental decision making process.

'Paryavaran Mitra' was initiated in 1997 as an enviro-legal cell of Center for Social Justice (JANVIKAS) (<http://janvikas.in/about-us.html>) to advocate for human rights in the face of growing environmental degradation and pollution. Our approach has been to monitor implementation of environmental laws meant for industries and take up issues of human rights and injustice caused by industrial and developmental projects, policy advocacy, and creating awareness and capacity building of local organizations and community-based leaders. Since May 1, 2015, it has become an autonomous institution as a part of decentralization policy of JANVIKAS.

The Goal of Paryavaran Mitra

The goal of Paryavaran Mitra is "To focus on ecological/environmental imbalance due to development projects, social injustice, human rights violations and try to resolve these issues." It acts as a watchdog and pressure group in the formation of policies and implementation of environment acts and rules. We believe in precautionary principle for environmental issues which means – development activities which have potential to pollute natural resources must take measures to protect the environment, and follow rules and regulations to preserve our common assets.

Objectives of Paryavaran Mitra

- To create awareness regarding environmental legislation among people and organizations
- Follow up the implementation of court judgments / directives / guidelines pertaining to the environment / pollution by apex courts of the state and country and create awareness
- Keep an eye on environmental conditions of rural areas and proactively advocate on the issues related to it
- Intervene to establish precedent in rural areas for better implementation of environmental laws & policies
- Networking with local organizations for sensitization on local environmental issues and strengthening them to effectively work towards redressal of environmental issues
- Strengthen public participation in decision making process of local self government

- Setting up of voluntary public systems to act as watchdog for better implementation and observation of environment laws
- Educate / train, sensitize and demystify on issues of environment and industrial pollution – youth, women, voluntary organizations etc and organize interactive programs with academic institutions, experts and other stakeholders working for environment protection

ParyavaranMitra’s primary work areas include Advocacy and Empowering Communities to raise their concerns in Environmental Public Hearing and ensure their concerns are heard and possibly addressed in the plan of industrialization and developmental projects.

Activities in Detail:

1. Intervention in Environmental decision making process

Gujarat has been one of the most economically advanced states of India. Policies, Practices and the undercurrent of entrepreneurship supports the State’s various mechanisms that are channelized towards Industrialization. EIA process is an important component of sound development planning in the process of industrialization. Keeping this in mind, it is our experiences with the implementation of the EIA Notification 2006 and the EPH process that shall be highlighted here.

The term Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) refers to the anticipation of various impacts a project will have on the environment and the local community. It is a decision making tool, which guides decision makers in taking appropriate decisions prior to sanctioning clearance. The EIA Notification falls within the umbrella act – The Environment Protection Act, 1986.

a. Intervention in Public Hearing:

During the period of April 2015 to March 2016, a total of 91 public hearing were organized by Gujarat Pollution Control board. For month-wise public hearing details please see the following table.

Month (2015-16)	Number of EPHs	Our Role
April	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To study draft EIA reports of every project coming up for EPH ➤ To prepare written comments and sent to GPCB as a plausible stakeholder ➤ To inform local people and organizations about upcoming EPHs ➤ To provide information about
May	07	
June	15	
July	08	
August	06	
September	05	
October	09	
November	01	

December	05	possible impact on natural resources ➤ To encourage them to participate in public hearing
January	10	
February	02	
March	09	
Total	91	

b. Monitoring the process of EPH:

ParyavaranMitra acts as a watchdog and closely monitors the process of Environment Clearance and specifically ensures public participation at every step. We also write directly to concern authority regarding any anomaly during the EPH process. Following table gives details of the letter written for various anomalies during the reporting period.

Letter written on	Name of the authority	Subject
30 th April 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Minutes of Environment Public Hearing not uploaded on website within time limit (violation of para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006)for project M/s. Reliance Gas Pipelines Ltd, Navsari
12 th May 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Minutes of Environment Public Hearing not uploaded on website within time limit (violation of para 7, sub-section 7.1, EIA notification 2006)for project M/s. Reliance Gas Pipelines Ltd,Dist. Bharuch
23 rd May 2015	District Collector (Chairman of EPH Committee) Sabarkantha, Himmatnagar cc: Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Regarding violation of EIA notification – Construction started without obtaining EC by M/s. Levin Decor LLP., At: Poglu, Ta: Prantij, Dist: Sabarkantha-
25 th May 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Minutes of Environment Public Hearing not uploaded on website within time limit (violation of para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006) for 3 projects: 1. M/s. Birla Cellulosic., (A unit of Grasim Industries Limited), at Kharach village, Ta. Hansot, Dist. Bharuch

		<p>2. M/s. BroLam Décor. HojiwalaInd. Estate, Village: Sachin, Ta. Choryasi, Dist. Surat</p> <p>3. M/s. Reliance Gas Pipelines Ltd, Dist. Surat</p>
29 th May 2015	To project affected villagers of Sabarkantha	For awareness of project affected villagers giving them information about EPH and impact of upcoming project, M/s. Levin Decor LLP., At: Poglu, Ta: Prantij, Dist: Sabarkantha (EPH date : 29.05.2015)
6 th June 2015	District Collector, Kheda	Regarding discrepancies of issues from minutes of EPH of the project, M/s Cluster Enviro Private Limited. Village: Nagrama, Ta. Matar, Dist.
6 th June 2015	Member secretary, SEIAA, Gujarat	Regarding discrepancies of issues from minutes of EPH of the project, M/s Cluster Enviro Private Limited. Village: Nagrama, Ta. Matar, Dist.
17 th June 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Minutes of Environment Public Hearing not uploaded on website within time limit (violation of para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006) For M/s. Ambuja Cement Ltd. P.O. Ambujanagar, Ta: Kodinar, Dist: Gir- Somnath.
3 rd July 2015	PratapbhaiGohil and other villagers	Letter prepared for affected villagers to raise voice in EPH of project M/S Afcons Infrastructure Limited., at Survey No. 276,265 & 226/1, Village: Katpar, Ta: Mahuva, Dist: Bhavnagar
13 th July 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board Gandhinagar	Minutes of Environment Public Hearing not Uploaded on website within time limit (violation of para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006) for project M/s Afcons Infrastructure Limited., Bhavnagar
July 2015	District Collector (Chairman of EPH Committee) Bhavnagar Cc: Member Secretary	Questions raised during public hearing were not documented in minutes of EPH properly for project M/s Afcons Infrastructure Limited, Bhavnagar (also asked for fair reply and feedback)

	Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	
28 th July 2015	Badribhai Joshi, Bharuch	Sharing information about upcoming EPHs in Bharuch region
4 th August 2015	Member Secretary Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Executive summary (Gujarati) uploaded on GPCB site was not clear for the project, M/s. Aditya coke pvt. Ltd., Kutch.
17 th August, 2015	Shri C. L. Meena, IAS (Retired) chairman, SEAC, Gujarat Cc: To Shri T.P. Singh, Chairman, SEAC, Gujarat	Subject: Regarding discrepancy in EPH of M/S Afcons Infrastructure Limited, at Survey No. 276,265 & 226/1, Village: Katpar, Ta: Mahuva, Dist: Bhavnagar. Reference: letter received from Mr. Pratapbhai Gohil, taluka- Mahuva, district- Bhavnagar.
9 th September, 2015	Shri. Dr. Justice J.N. Bhatt Chairperson, Human Right Commission, Gandhinagar	Request to probe Gas leakage accident at DaniLimda area on 05/09/2015 and compensation to deceased, Nilam Parmar and others
3 rd October 2015	D. Thara (IAS), Commissioner, AMC, Danilimda, Ahmedabad	To take appropriate steps regarding illegal burning of waste at Rudra Square, Judgesbunglow, Ahmedabad (after receiving email from Shri. Margaret Zaveri)
30 th November 2015	Member secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Minutes of EPH of M/S Saurashtra Minerals Private Ltd. (SMPL), Dist. Porbandar not uploaded within time limit (violation as per para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006)
21 st October 2015	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Disposal of industrial effluent in vacant land and Garden within their premises by Eximate Pharmaceutical Company (Complain letter received from Narendrabhai G. Patel on 15/10/2016)
17 March, 2015	Member Secretary, GPCB Gandhinagar	Regarding non-availability of draft EIA report on official website of Airport Authority of India, for Dholera Greenfield International Airport development project
1 st January	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member	Minutes of EPH of M/s.

2016	Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	ArchitOrganosys Ltd., Bhavanagar not uploaded
29 January, 2016	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Minutes of EPH of M/s. Cargo Motors Private Limited., for Development of Nargol Port at Nargol, Valsad uploaded but files not opening.
19 January, 2016	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Minutes not uploaded within time limit for EPH held on January 7, 2016, for Nirma Limited. at Village: Kalatalav, Ta: Bhavnagar, Dist: Bhavnagar.(Violation as per para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006)
19 January, 2016	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Minutes not uploaded within time limit for EPH held for M/S AroChem Industries., at, Khasra Village: Patana Ta: Vallabhipur, Dist: Bhavna (Violation as per para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006
19 January, 2016	Shri. Hardik Shah, Member Secretary, GPCB, Gandhinagar	Minutes not uploaded within time limit for EPH held for M/s. Hindustan Enviro Life Protection Services Limited at Village: Vadgam, Ta: Khambhat, Dist. Anand (Violation as per para 7, sub section 7.1, EIA notification 2006
24 February, 2016	Dr. O.P. Kohli Governor of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Request for presenting CAG Report, which was submitted to government of Gujarat before Legislative Assembly for discussion
24 February, 2016	ShriGanpatVasava Honourable Speaker of Gujarat Legislative Assembly Gandhinagar	Request for Discussion on CAG Report in the Legislative Assembly

2. Publication of magazine “Paryavaran Mitra”

For the purpose of providing the information of environmental law and related topics in simple local language, Paryavaran Mitra is publishing bi-monthly magazine namely “Paryavaran Mitra”. The publication was started in year 1997 and continuously providing environmental information in simple Gujarati language to the interested people of different sections of society. The magazine is accepting voluntary contribution from its readers and reaches through 1500 printed copies – electronic copy is also prepared for new generation readers. bimonthly

- Main topics covered in Issue of March- April 2015
 1. Sampratbharatniparyavaarnijalavanikarvavishv guru bani shake?
 2. Kyoto protocol law
 3. Environmental days
 4. Our seeds- our future
 5. Report of water & electricity schemes of Himachal Pradesh
 6. World Earth Day 2015
 7. Environmental news in Newspaper
 8. Conference on Environmental policy
- Main topics covered in Issue of May- June 2015
 1. Consume it carefully.
 2. Environmental Days
 3. Environmental rating of Thermal power plant
 4. Save the children of the colors used in houses containing toxic lead.
 5. Law & Rights- National Green Tribunal
 6. Importance of Climate Change in Sustainable Development
 7. World Environment Day 2015
 8. Environmental News in Newspaper
 9. Bon Climate Change Conference June 2015- Road to Paris Barriers
- Main topics covered in July- August 2015
 1. Climate Change Action Plan is vanished.
 2. Environment and Cancer
 3. Regional Consultation Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals – Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability in Western India
 4. Environmental Days and its Important
 5. Environmental News in News paper
 6. America Tour – feeling different of Environmental management
 7. Gujarat Assembly Quarries
 8. On the occasion of anticipatory action to prevent dirt from hiking
- Main topics covered in September-October 2015
 1. Improving environmental protection law, give penalty and pollute them.
 2. Environment related days and their importance

3. The usage of plastic is dangerous for environment
 4. Gujarat Assembly Quarries
 5. Environment Conservationists
 6. India's dedication regarding cut down carbon market- need more efforts
 7. Industrial pollution hovers becoming more dangerous solid waste pollution
 8. International Ozone Layer Protection Day
 9. From evoke to confluence " The flow of life" : river
 10. Circulars published by Gujarat Pollution Control Board
 11. Enjoy the festival of Diwali without harming the environment
- Main topics covered in November- December 2015
1. People oriented and instructions of people can prevent pollution.
 2. Postponed the environment public hearing regarding TSDF site
 3. CAG report on Integrated Water resources management
 4. Human Development Report -2015
 5. Environment related days and their importance
 6. Cancel the permission of AdaniHazira port by NGT west zone.
 7. COP 21 climate change Paris Convention
 8. Environment Conservationists
 9. "SapananaVavetarGhanchama"
- Main topics covered in January-February 2016
1. Heedlessness to environmental issues in State budget
 2. Zero grazing land in 2625 villages of Gujarat
 3. Introduction to sustainable development goals
 4. Environmental Budget: Year 2016-17
 5. Assembly question-answers
 6. Environment protectors
 7. Global environment-related days and their importance

3. Nurturing young minds:

We welcome volunteers/interns to support activities in a variety of areas. Volunteers may be involved in one or more ways in spreading environment awareness, engaged in surveys/ action research, designing campaigns, preparing modules for school students, updating website etc.

a. In-house Interns & Volunteers:

During April-March 2016, ParyavaranMitra got interns from different regions and universities. The list of interns is given in the following table.

Name of Intern	Gender	Name of Institute	Course	Internship period
Ms.Nidhi M. Shastri	F	School of Science, Gujarat University	M.Sc. (Climate Change)	15 th May to 25 th June 2015.
Ms.Kinjal S. Rajdip	F	School of Science, Gujarat University	M.Sc. (Botony)	15 th May to 25 th June 2015.
Mr.Sahil Desai	M	School of Liberal Studies pursuing B.A. Hons. in English Literature and Environmental Studies (Minor) from PanditDeendayal Petroleum University (PDPU)	third year (6th semester) of	28 th May to 26 th June 2015.
Mr.Yash Patel	M	School of Liberal Studies pursuing B.A. Hons. in English Literature and Environmental Studies (Minor) from PanditDeendayal Petroleum University (PDPU)	third year (6th semester)	17 th May to 26 th June 2015.
ZakariyaAlbusaidi	M	College of Art and Social Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	Tourism Department,	22 nd July 2015 to 21 st August 2015.
Ahmed Albusaidi	M	College of Art and Social Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	Tourism Department,	22 nd July 2015 to 21 st August 2015.
Ahmed almaqbali	M	College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	student of Law Department,	22 nd July 2015 to 21 st August 2015.
Mazin Al-FadhAl Abdullah Al-Ansari	M	College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	Bachelor of Accounting course,	12 th August 2015 to 21 st August 2015.
Breeze	M	Ocean University of China, Qingdao City, Shandong, CHINA,	student of Computer Science	22 nd July to 13 th August 2015.

		Mainland	course	
Vedant Patel	M	Sir. L. A. Shah Law Collage	Student of law	23rd November - 12th December 2015
Ravi Patel	M	Sir. L. A. Shah Law Collage	Student of law	23rd November - 12th December 2015
KrutikaBaranda	F	Sir. L. A. Shah Law Collage	Student of law	23rd November - 12th December 2015
Sanhita Das	F	BSLS, Faculty of Law,	Student of law	8th August to 7th November 2015
RishabhKapadia	M	GNLU, Gandhinagar	Student of law	30 th November, 2015 to 27 th December, 2015
Del Kusum R.	F	HNGU, Patan	MSW student	21 st Dec, 2015 to 20 th Jan, 2016
SalviChandrika T.	F	HNGU, Patan	MSW student	21 st Dec, 2015 to 20 th Jan, 2016
Patel Snehal	F	HNGU, Patan	MSW student	21 st Dec, 2015 to 20 th Jan, 2016
SukhadiyaHardi B.	F	Dr. S & S. S. Ghandhy Govt. Engineering College, Surat	Student of Environmental Engineering	27th May to 16th June, 2016

b. Supporting Educational Institutes –

During the reporting period, as a part of knowledge partnership we took students from Faculty of Law, Nirma University to attend 3 EPHs to give them exposure through field experiences. The details of which is given in the table below:

9 th July, 2015	EPH	Maheshbhai, Jahnvi Dave with Nirma students	Vatva
24 th July, 2015	EPH	Mahsehbbhai with Nirma students &	Sanand

		our interns	
8 th Sept 2015	EPH	Mahsehbbhai with Nirma students	Anand

c. Knowledge center for students and Researchers:

To enhance awareness about the environmental issues in students other than environmental field we take lectures in various universities. The details of which is provided in the following table:

Date	Subject	Place
20-4-2015	Lecture on Environment at PDPU	Gandhinagar
21-4-2015	Participate in Green audit committee of Nirma	Ahmedabad
28-4-2015 & 30-4-2015	Participated as a Jury on EIA at CEPT	Ahmedabad
15-10-2015	Lecture on solidarity statement	Mandal
29-01-2016	Participated as a panelist for the topic called communication for social impact	MICA, Ahmedabad
05-02-2016	Lecture on Climate Change & Paris agreement	Ahmedabad
20-02-2016	Lecture on EIA challenges & case studied	GPCB, Gandhinagar
21-02-2016	Participated in taking sustainable development & climate change agenda post 2015	Pune
26-02-2016	Participated as a Chief Guest in Karate Belt Gradation Ceremony	Ahmedabad
28-02-2016	Lecture on Eco-advocacy & research	Nadiad

4. Spreading awareness on important days:

a. World Environment day on 5th June 2015:

Paryavaran Mitra with 11 other organizations planned different awareness programmes and actively monitored different activities started under banner of VBV.

b. Celebration of World Ozone Day(23rd September 2015):

GPCB-Ahmedabad Regional Office and Paryavaran Mitra organized an awareness programme on World Ozone Day at Faculty of Law, Nirma University. Various competitions like poster making, face painting, t-shirt painting, slogan writing etc were organized for students on the theme for better understanding of the subject.

5. Sustainable Development Goals:

- Western region consultation for “Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals: Economic, Social & Environmental Sustainability in western India”

In a process to nationalizing SDG at regional level, a western region consultation on “Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals- Economic, Social & Environmental Sustainability in western India” was organized by collective efforts of 11 different organizations namely Beyond Copenhagen, Cecondecon, FPA India, IPPF, Landesa, Pairvi, TWN, Vaagdhara, Vikalp, Wocan&Paryavaran Mitra at Ahmedabad Management Association, Ahmedabad on 6th& 7th July 2015. Around 50 participants were present from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat state.

- Participation in post 2015 process at UN head quarter at New York
Mr. Mahesh Pandya, Director of Paryavaran Mitra participated in post-2015 development agenda negotiation (2nd week -27-31 July 2015) organized at UN head quarter New York for 2 days. (On 30-31 July 2015)

- Participation in COP-21 held in Paris from 25 November -10 December 2015

Mr. Mahesh Pandya, Director of Paryavaran Mitra participated in COP-21 which was held in Paris from November 25th to December 10, 2015.

6. Networking with National and International campaigns:

Paryavaran Mitra have been part of various seminars and programs during the reporting period. The list is given in the table below:

Date	Programme	Attended by	Place
7&8-4-2015	Training to the employees on alliance for peace and justice	Mahesh Pandya	Saputara
15-4-2015	Participation in IIPH-G on public health	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad
18-4-2015	Training given to the	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad

	employees of HDRC & CFD		
4-5-2015	Meeting on land issues at “Marag”	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad
6-5-2015	Discussion on Environmental issues	Mahesh Pandya	Mumbai
8-5-2015	Attended Draft waste rules consultation	Mahesh Pandya	Mumbai
17-05-2015	Chief guest at “Rangmanch”	Mahesh Pandya	Saraspur
25-5-2015	Orator in “Sachchai Gujarat ki” (conference on Gujarat related issues)	Mahesh Pandya	Town Hall Ahmedabad
31-5-2015	Discussion with the Padra paralegal	Mahesh Pandya Mahesh Parmar	Padra
16-5-2015	Public consultation	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad
28-6-2015	Training on RTI at Janpath	Mahesh Parmar&Jahnavi Dave	Ahmedabad
2-6-2015	Meeting with GPCB on CSR	Mahesh Pandya	Gandhinagar
7-6-2015	Honored ceremony of Badrikaka	Mahesh Pandya	bharuch
20-6-2015	CSRprog. organize by surat chamber of commerce	Mahesh Pandya	Surat
23-6-2015	Presentation of land bill ordinance at joint parliamentary committee	Mahesh Pandya	Delhi
25-6-2015	Lecture on high level committee and CAG	Mahesh Pandya	PUCL, Ahmedabad
21/07/2015	Meeting at Washington D.C. with the director of EPA (Environment Protection Agency	Mahesh Pandya	America
22-07-2015	Meeting with SunitabenDube- adviser of World Bank	Mahesh Pandya	America
22-07-2015	Lecture on Effect of Climate Change on India / Gujarat and Government	Mahesh Pandya	George Washington University
28-07-2015	Lecture on Impact of Climate Change in	Mahesh Pandya	Boston Chapter of Association for

	India & Role of Civil Society		India's Development
29-07-2015	Meeting with Mr. Mark & Ms. Avipsa Of Environment Investigation Agency	Mahesh Pandya	Boston
30/31-07-2015	Participation in Post 2015 Inter – Governmental Negotiation Consultation Process of SDG	Mahesh Pandya	United Nations
20-8-2015	Conference on Construction & Demolition waste management organized by AMC	Jahnvi Dave	Ahmedabad
14-09-2015	Discussion on the Common Property Resources with the Director Of Action Aid	Mahesh Pandya	Delhi
15/16-09-2015	Seminar on Climate Change By Laya	Mahesh Pandya	Delhi
26-09-2015	Participation in MahitiAdhikaar Gujarat Pahel	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad
27-09-2015	Participation in Janpath board meeting	Mahesh Pandya	Ahmedabad
27-12-2015	Participated in Public health awareness campaign, saint xevierssocial service society	Mahesh Parmar	Ahmedabad

7. Role as a Watchdog

- a. Letters to authorities: List of some of the important letters written to various authorities is given in table below:

Date	Name of Authority	Issue
21 st May, 2015	District Collector, Ahmedabad And D. Thara (IAS), Commissioner, Ahmedabad	Regarding pollution around Gyaspur village in Ahmedabad District after receiving complain from Ramesh

		RaghubhaiBharvad on 16/05/2015
-	RajubhaiPandit, Bharuch	Letter drafted addressing Sub-divisional Magistrate, Bharuch regarding the prevention of public nuisance under CRPC section -133 against commercial building 7X regarding illegal building and air pollution.
-	Amrutbhai of Majara Village, Prantij, Dist: Sabarkantha	Letter drafted addressing Sub-divisional Magistrate, Prantij, Sabarkantha regarding the prevention of public nuisance under CRPC section -133 against Dejaro-Eco Green PvtLtd. due to air, water, and noise pollution.
4 th September, 2015	D. Thara(IAS), Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner,Ahmedabad	Letter regarding complainreceived from Youth & Women's Association, Saraspur for lack of hygiene due to stray cattle near Urban Health Center, Saraspur
9 th September, 2015	Justice J.N. Bhatt Chairman, State Human Rights Commission,Gandhinagar	Regarding compensation to NilamParmar& others, deceased of of gas leakage accidenton 5 th September, 2015 near Danilimada, Ahmedabad
9 th September,2015	Dr. K. U. Mistry Chairman, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gandhinagar	Regarding gas leakage accident which took place on 5 th September, 2015 near Danilimada, Ahmedabad
11 th September, 2015	Mr. V.S. Gadhavi, Information Commissioner, State Information Commission, Gandhinagar.	Demand to start website of Gujarat climate change department under Right to Information Act - 18 complaint under the emergency.

b. Spreading a voice through media:

Date	Issue	Media
30-09-2015	Discussion on the pollution issue of Kharicut canal	Gujarat Samachar News Channel
11-5-2015	Interview with Sandesh on Calculations of lions	Ahmedabad
11-5-2015	Interview with Nirman on Calculations of lions	Ahmedabd
12-5-2015	Discussion on land bill on GSTV	Ahmedabad
07-09-2015	Discussion on Gas Leakage	Sandesh News Channel
08-09-2015	Discussion on Gas Leakage	VTV & Nirman News Channel

c. Right to Information Act :

Under the RTI act, ParyavaranMitra intervened in different ways to get related information from different authorities.

Date	Name of Authority	Subject	Remarks
29/06/2015	To, Public Information Officer, Agriculture and Co-operation Department, Gandhinagar.	Details of GM Mustard trials that have been undertaken in the state of Gujarat, year by year, from 2004	Mahesh Pandya
3/04/2015	PIO Gujarat Assembly Gandhinagar	Demanding information of the process done for Gujarat Panchayat Commission	Mahesh Pandya
-	PIO Policecommissioner. Office, Ahmedabad	Information regarding Ahmedabad Ellisbridge police station & current working P.I.	Prepared a draft application for asking information to Jayeshbhai R. shah
9 th September 2015	PIO Climate change Department, Gandhinagar	Request to give copy of State Climate Change Plan	
11 th September 2015	Information Commissioner , Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Prepared a draft complaint for asking information regarding uploading information of climate change on the website named GSWAN	
Date : 29 June, 2015	Public Information Officer Agriculture and Co- operation Department 5 th Block, 1 st Floor, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.	Full details of GM Mustard trials that have been undertaken in the state of Gujarat from 2004 till now.	

Information Commissioner order to publish information in Public domain:Gujarat Climate Change Department was started in 2010 but its website was not framed and State Climate Change Action Plan was not formed. The Paryavaran Mitra filed a complaint on subject mentioned above to Information Commission and the Information Commission

then ordered to State Government to frame a website and to publish all the documents in the public domain.

8. Supporting other initiative through active collaboration

a. Knowledge partnership with GPCB

- Educational field visits for students – As a part of knowledge partnership with Gujarat pollution Control Board Gandhinagar, we arranged field visit for students of Faculty of law, Nirma University to make them understand process of Environment Public Hearing. Three field visits were organized during July-September 2015.
- Collaboration in spreading awareness on special days–We initiated and organized programme on 30th Anniversary of World Ozone day.

b. Vatva Bane Vrindavan (VBV)

VBV is campaign to cleaning greening of VatvaGIDC area and this is an initiative started on World Environment Day. Paryavaran Mitra with 11 other organizations planned different awareness programmes and actively monitored different activities started under banner of VBV.

Under the banner of VBV, Paryavaran Mitra was actively participated in below-mentioned programmes:

- Environment day – An awareness programme was organized on eve of world Environment day on 5th June 2015.
- Eco-friendly Ganesha Visarjan – Eco-friendly Ganesh Visarjan facility was organized at Vinzollake on 27th September 2015.