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Training on leadership and in agricultural best practices was arranged with help from local experts from the community, local government departments, and a local NGO. In the leadership training four Korgar Beel Management Committee (BMC) members and in the other training 20 community members attended. These two trainings were done as per schedule prepared by the BMC. Despite these trainings, community wishes to have more training. The Department of Fisheries was pleased with the activities of the BMC and their enthusiasm and has given fries of some rare fish species to the BMC through local government representative. The BMC has encouraged community to mobilize to access local resources, and to establish their rights to public resources. The local school committee allowed BMC to preserve those fries temporarily in a small pond belonging to the committee. This water body retains water throughout the year. However, community opined that they need permanent sanctuaries to protect fish species.



An awareness campaign through street theatre was performed in the village. Almost all the households attended the show. The drama team was formed with the local artists, team leader has prepared the script for the folk theatre team. Team rehearsed and performed. An informal survey will be done by the BMC in order to know the impact of the street drama.

Resource Management and sanctuary management trainings will be held in January 2007. Local people wanted to save their standing crop and fish from salinity and BMC and the research team is working on the possibility of a temporary water control structure design. If we get some help from the local government, we will try to install this in coming April when low water flows result in the main risk of saline water intrusion during high tides.