



Surfacing Collective Wisdom

We build the technology that lets community and institutional knowledge surface, travel, and return.

Voice

Place

Document

Platform

“We don't impose knowledge. We surface it, and help it travel.”

Knowledge that matters already exists.

i Commercial AI extracts

An extraction tower: it pulls value from users and optimises for engagement, profit, scale. The user is the product.

ii Most nonprofit AI instructs

An instruction tower: well meant, but top down, experts decide what communities need, then build for them.

iii Public Intelligence surfaces

A horizontal commons: communities already hold what matters, so we surface it and help it travel between them, peer to peer.

“We are midwives, not teachers.”

Wisdom exists, but it can't move.

KNOWLEDGE CAN'T FLOW UP

Asked about forest foods for state nutrition programs, communities didn't just say “include them.” They proposed value-added forms, Mahua laddoos, Kaku powder, that are child-friendly, culturally familiar, and easy for the state to distribute. The wisdom is in that detail, and a tick-box survey strips it away.

1.4 billion people. Most of their knowledge has no channel to flow through.

WISDOM CAN'T TRAVEL ACROSS

Odisha's forest department worked out how to restore both forest incomes and the ecosystem, pairing river desilting with reopened honey-gathering, instead of fencing people out. Every protected reserve in India hits the same wall. But that solution sits in one district's files, and the next reserve starts from scratch.

The same hard-won lessons get learned over and over, and never shared.

We call it Public Intelligence.

Using AI for public good: not private wealth, and not the well-meant, top-down nonprofit model where experts decide what communities need. Hybrid, humble, and oriented to people and places.

i **Augmented, not Artificial**

A tool that unleashes human connection and creativity, not a central oracle that predicts and manages us.

ii **The street corner, not the summit stage**

The application layer is cultural infrastructure, the way the newspaper and the novel were to print. Not frosting on a foundation-model cake.

“Instead of asking which foundation model India will build, we ask: which institutional interfaces will let a Bengaluru ward and a Bundelkhand block learn from each other in weeks, not years?”

Socratus · Public Intelligence

Three sources of wisdom. One commons.

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- I **VoiceReport** · the voice layer
Spoken knowledge. Report anything, from anywhere, in any language.

 - II **LOKA** · the place layer
Geo-spatial knowledge. Any neighbourhood becomes a living archive.

 - III **Mycelium** · the document layer
Written knowledge. Decades of fieldwork, made conversational.

 - IV **Wystem** · the platform that binds them
Connects all three, and surfaces the patterns no single source could see.
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Sense, synthesize, deliberate, design, deploy, learn: the loop closes when local knowledge travels, shapes a decision, and returns in a form people can use.

VoiceReport



Report anything, from anywhere, in any language. Each report is a small act of citizenship; a campaign gathers thousands. Launching one takes four steps.

1 Frame the question Name the wisdom you are looking for: a need, a practice, a place.	2 Choose languages & place Any of 22+ languages and the dialects beyond; any geography.	3 Open the campaign Share a link or handle. Anyone can speak up from a phone.	4 Wisdom synthesises Voices arrive, are transcribed and translated, and become a Data Story you can act on.
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ATMASHAKTI × THE INDIGENOUS YATRA

20K+

voices recorded · land rights, livelihoods, governance · five states

“If we do nothing, within twenty years, along with losing our dance and music, forests are also disappearing.”

S. Guruteli, Malkangiri, Odisha

MELUKOTE VANI · PANDAVAPURA, MANDYA

50+ voices on the question “How can we make our villages wiser?”

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“A farmer should always live with self-respect, never having to bow before anyone. The farmer is the backbone of this country, and should be given the honour and standing that go with it.”

Melukote Vani · Pandavapura, Mandya · translated from Kannada

LOKA



Local Open Knowledge Access. Turn any neighbourhood into a living archive, readable to itself.

“We cannot respond to what you do not notice. We cannot deliberate about what you cannot perceive.”

• Access

Discover and exchange local knowledge: the neighbourhood as a living archive.

• Engagement

A “digital twin” where every marker is a story, a lesson, or a call to action tied to a real place.

• Ease of use

A mobile app that uses AI to organise and connect knowledge, wherever you stand.

Living Culture

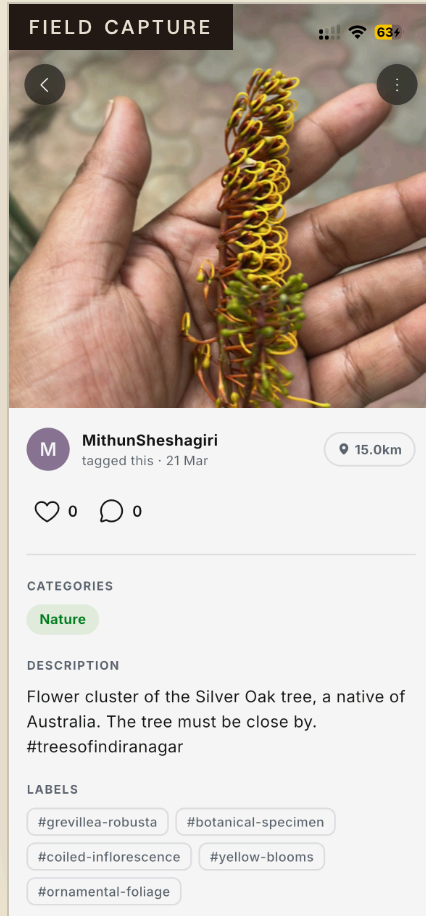
Local Finds

Nature Connect

Hidden Gems

Civic Hazards

Pilots: Bhitarkanika, mapping the national park and its resources · Melukote, promoting local eco-tourism.



AI that enriches what you discover.

A resident photographs a roadside bloom and adds one line: “*Flower cluster of the Silver Oak tree.*” LOKA identifies the species and turns the sighting into a structured, searchable record:

#grevillea-robusta

#botanical-specimen

#coiled-inflorescence

#yellow-blooms

- **Researchers**
Structured biodiversity data from everyday sightings.
- **Travellers**
Understand what is around you, and why it matters.
- **Everyone**
Unravel the world's objects and share what you find.

Mycelium

Knowledge gathered is not knowledge used.

THE PROBLEM

Field notes leave with the staff who hold them. Patterns across years of fieldwork never get synthesised. Reports get filed and forgotten.

HOW MYCELIUM SOLVES IT

Named after the fungal networks that thread a forest with no centre, Mycelium is the engine that reads documents across the ecosystem and weaves them into connective tissue: a living graph where organisations, events, insights, and signals become linked nodes.

ASKED OF AN ORGANISATION'S MEMORY

“What have we learned about women's market access in Odisha?”

Answered from 20 years of fieldwork, not two weeks of document review.

Collective wisdom lives not only in space, scattered across a community today, but in time, across everything an organisation has already learned.



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FEATURE YOUR WORK

353 ORGS

9 SECTORS

236 SIGNALS

+126 THIS WEEK

The knowledge commons of the social sector.

Q Ask the commons or find an organisation, project, or Insight



SIGNALS 236

What the commons is asking for — voiced demands and open questions across organisations.



1 OPEN QUESTION

How can local markets be restructured to support safer, traditional food varieties?

Drawing from Dhi Contempo...



1 VOICED DEMAND

Mitigation and institutional support for human-crocodile conflict in Bhitarkanika National Park

5× voiced



1 OPEN QUESTION

How did the 'recipe' format used by Socratus Foundation and Dhi Contemporary influence audience understanding compared to more traditional report formats?

Drawing from Socratus Foun...



1 VOICED DEMAND

Collaborative technology infrastructure to gather and synthesize citizen voices at scale

5× voiced

NEW HERE?
Take the tour →

INSIGHTS

What the commons has learned so far — articles, recipes, findings, and

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BROWSE ALL →

Wystem

Wisdom + systems. The knowledge commons itself: a container, not a dashboard.

It holds the corpus and integrates every source, voice through VoiceReport, place through LOKA, documents through Mycelium, into one searchable commons, writing **Articles, Recipes, Findings, Data Stories**, each cited to its source.

✓

Every claim has a source

✓

Organisations control what publishes

✓

No anonymous claims

LIVE NOW **353** orgs · **236** signals · **+126**/week

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From one organisation to the whole ecosystem.

Mycelium builds one knowledge graph across every organisation's documents. Wystem surfaces it at three levels, from a single organisation out to the whole ecosystem.

1 Per-organisation

Articles and Recipes drawn from a single organisation's corpus.

2 Signals

The questions and voiced demands the ecosystem is raising. What people are asking for.

3 Cross-org Findings

Patterns that span many organisations, wisdom no single org could see alone, surfaced so the next one never starts from scratch.

SIGNAL · VOICED DEMAND

Safe walkable routes to school and green child-friendly urban play spaces

DEFENCE COLONY · URBAN

VOICED BY Shweta, Student, 7 years



Banyan Tree
An AI-generated illustration, rendered as a naturalist's watercolour field study, in soft washes of sepia and muted green.

Through a representative role-play exercise modeling the daily life of a 7-year-old student, the need for safer, walkable infrastructure was highlighted. The student voices a clear wish for safe and exciting routes to school to avoid forced bus travel, alongside interactive green playgrounds and experiential outdoor education.

WHAT WAS VOICED

- 1 A student living less than 1km from school is forced to travel by bus because urban roads are unsafe and not walkable.
Ask about this
- 2 Explicit wishes were voiced for safe, exciting routes to school, interactive green playgrounds, and urban landscape-based education.

FINDING · ACROSS 4 ORGS

FINDING · METHODOLOGY · 70% CONFIDENCE · 18 JUN 2028

Organizations Train Local Champions to Lead Community Change and Problem-Solving

Puttannaiah Foundation · Socratus Foundation

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Melukote
An AI-generated illustration, rendered as a thin-hung woodblock print, after Hiroshi Teshigahara's atmosphere bhaskari gradients.

Puttannaiah Foundation and several organizations documented by Socratus Foundation, such as Dakshin Foundation and Pratham Education Foundation, train local residents as specialized champions or ambassadors. This approach embeds expertise within the community, making change initiatives more sustainable and locally owned.

A reading: If Puttannaiah Foundation and Socratus Foundation compared notes on their methods for recruiting and training local community



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AUDIO TRANSCRIPTS · OTHER

Central and Eastern India Audio Transcripts Map Tribal Identity Preservation

A dataset of 782 community submissions across Sonbhadra, Alirajpur, Ranchi, and Malkangiri documents acute anxieties over a vanishing twenty-year window for indigenous languages and forest stewardship.

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Madhuca longifolia

An AI-generated illustration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most critical non-obvious finding in the dataset is the profound existential anxiety regarding a "20-year window" for cultural and environmental survival. While respondents take pride in their identity as "nature worshippers" and "land protectors," there is a recurring, specific fear that traditional medicinal knowledge, indigenous

Query Raw Dataset

DIRECT DATA INTERROGATION

I have direct access to the raw dataset behind this insight. Ask me specific questions about the data — exact figures, patterns, or anomalies.

SUGGESTED

What are the main findings from this dataset?

Are there any interesting patterns in the data?

What should the organization do based on these findings?

Ask about the data — metrics, counts, patterns...

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AI generated · Verify facts

From 782 spoken voices to one citable pattern.

782 voice submissions across four states, spoken in Odia and Hindi, transcribed and translated, flowed into Wystem.

It surfaced what no single voice could: communities four states apart independently named the **same 20-year extinction window**, and the same answers, heritage “camps” and ₹20,000 micro-grants for women.

DATA: VOICEREPORT · VOICEREPORT.IN

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Voices become evidence, at scale.

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VOICE TRANSCRIPTSOTHER

Regional Voice Registry Recorded Agricultural and Storage Preferences

A dataset of grassroots voice submissions from Uttar Pradesh and Odisha details local farming practices, grain storage challenges, and capital demands from women's self-help groups.

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Black Gram

An AI-generated illustration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most significant finding is that traditional farming resilience is built on "zero-irrigation" pulse and oilseed cultivation, which farmers

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VOICE TRANSCRIPTS

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VOICE REGISTRYOTHER

Crowdsourced Register Logs Forest Foods for Public Food Programs

A collection of 884 community responses across Odisha and Uttar Pradesh documents traditional forest delicacies like Mahua and Kendu for integration into state nutrition schemes.

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Sal tree

An AI-generated illustration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most significant non-obvious finding is a strong community consensus on the palatability and shelf-stability of forest products.

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VOICE REGISTRY · 884 RESPONSES

Crowdsourced Forest Foods for Public Food Programs

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GRIEVANCE LEDGERCITIZENSHIP

Karnataka Community Register Records Rural Healthcare and Infrastructure Gaps

A localized archive of 14 community submissions from Karnataka highlights a critical 12-kilometer healthcare gap in Sankatamuru alongside urgent rural drainage and road infrastructure demands.

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Mandya

An AI-generated illustration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The primary finding is a sharp geographic and thematic divide: rural feedback (representing 86% of the data) focuses exclusively on tangible

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MELUKOTE VANI · MANDYA

Karnataka Community Register: Rural Healthcare Gaps

Each Data Story is generated by Wystem from a VoiceReport campaign, and credited back to the voices that made it.

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RECIPE · ENVIRONMENT · 4 STEPS · 29 MAY 2026

Calm Dangerous Village Crocodiles by Scolding Them Like Children

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Saltwater Crocodile

An AI-generated illustration.

wildlife_conservation

human_wildlife_conflict

animal_rescue

SITUATIONAL CONTEXT

Human-wildlife conflict is high in coastal areas where large, dangerous estuarine predators wander into densely populated villages. Rescue operations often trigger panic in both the animals and the observing crowds.

STRATEGIC APPROACH

Shift the traditional aggressive rescue method into a parental one. By speaking to and scolding the large predators, handlers project calm, reduce village panic, and treat the animals with respect rather than

Recipe Sources

SCOPED TO SOURCE DOCUMENTS

I can only draw from the specific documents that were used to create this recipe. Ask me about the practices, evidence, or context described.

Ask about the practices in this recipe...

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WHERE THIS RECIPE CAME FROM

Nobody wrote this recipe. The method was already in the fieldwork.

Wystem read **two field documents** from Socratus, found a repeatable method buried inside, and catalogued it: a four-step recipe with context, approach, and steps, **scoped entirely to those two sources**. Now any group facing the same problem can pick it up, instead of starting over.

The method itself: speak to the crocodile, scold it like a child, project calm, and treat the animal with respect rather than lethal force.

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Ethics as design decisions, not statements of intent.

01 Knowledge belongs to its holders

We surface what communities know; we do not improve or instruct them.

02 Voice is testimony, not data

Preserve the texture and lived experience while making it navigable at scale.

03 Inclusion by design

Whoever is hardest to reach should find it easy to be heard. We design with the unheard in mind.

04 Trust is essential

It cannot be manufactured by better algorithms. It has to be earned.

“The willingness to share what you know is the most valuable thing in the system. No amount of engineering can manufacture it.”

What we are carrying.

I Voice

Live VoiceReport campaigns: Atmashakti's Indigenous Yatra and Melukote Vani. Voices recorded to date: 300K across the Melukote constituency, 20K on indigenous rights, 10K commons stewards, 5K climate-atlas panchayats.

II Place

LOKA mobile app with AI-tagged spatial discovery; pilots in Bhitarkanika and Melukote.

III Document & Platform

Wystem live: 353 organisations, 159 projects, 471 published insights, and 236 signals, with continuous synthesis; multilingual across 8 locales.

What we reliably deliver.

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- **Multilingual voice intake**
At scale, across 22+ languages.

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- **Geo-spatial / digital-twin mapping**
Of any place or campaign.

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- **Document → searchable commons**
Articles, Recipes, Findings, Data Stories.
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- **Cross-organisational synthesis**
Patterns no single org could see alone.

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- **Provenance & trust architecture**
Every claim cited; orgs control what publishes.

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- **Full-stack platform & LLM engineering**
The systems behind all of it.
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Shared infrastructure for the sector, a commons your practice helps build and own.



What we need from the ecosystem.

01 Participation

Show up and use the platforms. The commons is only as alive as its use.

02 Collective ownership of the platforms

Hold them as shared infrastructure, not someone else's product.

03 Trust

The consent and relationships that let wisdom travel safely.

04 Support for upkeep

Resources to keep building and maintaining what we all rely on.

In return: your knowledge made searchable, cross-org patterns on demand, voice and geo intake as a shared service, and a public, citable commons in 8+ languages.

“The answers to our hardest problems already exist, with the people living them. Our work is to help that wisdom surface, travel, and be heard.”

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